

# Judges

Strength in Weakness

**Fearful  
Choices**

# Judges 5:31

31) ... and the land had rest **forty years**.

# Judges 6:1

- 1) The **people of Israel did what was evil in the sight of the LORD**, and the LORD gave them into the hand of Midian seven years.

# Judges 6:12

- 12) And the angel of the LORD appeared to him and said to him, “The LORD is with you, **O mighty man of valor.**”

# Judges 6:15

- 15) And he said to him, “Please, Lord, how can I save Israel? Behold, **my clan is the weakest** in Manasseh, and **I am the least** in my father’s house.”

# Judges 6:27

- 27) So Gideon took ten men of his servants and did as the LORD had told him. But **because he was too afraid** of his family and the men of the town to do it by day, he did it by night.

# Judges 6:13

- 13) And Gideon said to him, “Please, sir, if the LORD is with us, **why then has all this happened to us?** And where are all his wonderful deeds that our fathers recounted to us, saying, ‘Did not the LORD bring us up from Egypt?’ But now the LORD has forsaken us and given us into the hand of Midian.”

# Judges 6:14

- 14) And the LORD turned to him and said,  
“**Go in this might of yours** and save  
Israel from the hand of Midian; **do not I  
send you?**”



# Judges 6:19

- 19) So Gideon went into his house and prepared a **young goat** and unleavened cakes from an ephah of flour. The meat he put in a basket, and the broth he put in a pot, and brought them to him under the terebinth and presented them.

## Leviticus 4:22-23

- 22) **When a leader sins**, doing unintentionally any one of all the things that by the commandments of the LORD his God ought not to be done, and realizes his guilt,
- 23) or the sin which he has committed is made known to him, **he shall bring as his offering a goat**, a male without blemish,

# Judges 6:21

- 21) Then the angel of the LORD reached out the tip of the staff that was in his hand and touched the meat and the unleavened cakes. And **fire sprang up from the rock and consumed the meat and the unleavened cakes.** And the angel of the LORD vanished from his sight.

# Judges 6:33

33) Now **all the Midianites and the Amalekites and the people of the East came together**, and they crossed the Jordan and encamped in the Valley of Jezreel.

# Judges 6:34

- 34) **But the Spirit of the LORD clothed Gideon**, and he sounded the trumpet, and the Abiezrites were called out to follow him.

## Judges 6:36-38

- 36) Then Gideon said to God, “If you will save Israel by my hand, as you have said,
- 37) behold, I am laying a fleece of wool on the threshing floor. If there is dew on the fleece alone, and it is dry on all the ground, then I shall know that you will save Israel by my hand, as you have said.”
- 38) **And it was so.** When he rose early next morning and squeezed the fleece, he wrung enough dew from the fleece to fill a bowl with water.

## Judges 6:39-40

- 39) Then Gideon said to God, “Let not your anger burn against me; let me speak just once more. Please let me test just once more with the fleece. Please let it be dry on the fleece only, and on all the ground let there be dew.”
- 40) And **God did so** that night; and it was dry on the fleece only, and on all the ground there was dew.

# Judges 7:2-3

- 2) The LORD said to Gideon, “The people with you are **too many for me to give the Midianites into their hand**, lest Israel boast over me, saying, ‘**My own hand has saved me.**’
- 3) Now therefore proclaim in the ears of the people, saying, ‘**Whoever is fearful and trembling, let him return home and hurry away from Mount Gilead.**’” Then **22,000** of the people returned, and **10,000** remained.



# Judges 7:4

- 4) And the LORD said to Gideon, “**The people are still too many.** Take them down to the water, and I will test them for you there, and anyone of whom I say to you, ‘This one shall go with you,’ shall go with you, and anyone of whom I say to you, ‘This one shall not go with you,’ shall not go.”

# Judges 7:15

- 15) As soon as Gideon heard the telling of the dream and its interpretation, he **worshiped**. And he returned to the camp of Israel and said, “Arise, for the LORD has given the host of Midian into your hand.”

# Judges 7:17

- 17) And he said to them, “**Look at me, and do likewise.** When I come to the outskirts of the camp, do as I do.

# Judges 7:20

- 20) Then the three companies blew the trumpets and broke the jars. They held in their left hands the torches, and in their right hands the trumpets to blow. And they cried out, **“A sword for the LORD and for Gideon!”**

# 1<sup>st</sup> Corinthians 2:1-5

- 1) And I, when I came to you, brothers, did not come proclaiming to you the testimony of God with lofty speech or wisdom.
- 2) For I decided to know nothing among you except Jesus Christ and him crucified.
- 3) And I was with you in **weakness** and in **fear** and much **trembling**,

# 1<sup>st</sup> Corinthians 2:1-5

- 4) and my speech and my message were not in plausible words of wisdom, but in demonstration of the Spirit and of power,
- 5) so that your faith might not rest in the wisdom of men **but in the power of God.**

# Isaiah 40:28-31

- 28) Have you not known? Have you not heard? The LORD is the everlasting God, the Creator of the ends of the earth. He does not faint or grow weary; his understanding is unsearchable.
- 29) **He gives power to the faint, and to him who has no might he increases strength.**
- 30) Even youths shall faint and be weary, and young men shall fall exhausted;

# Isaiah 40:28-31

- 31) **but they who wait for the LORD shall renew their strength**; they shall mount up with wings like eagles; they shall run and not be weary; they shall walk and not faint.