

# 30 DAYS THROUGH THE BIBLE

## Gideon Faith is the Victory

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...every child of God is able to defeat the world. And we win the victory over the world by means of our faith. **1 John 5:4** (GNB)

### 1. TO WIN THE WAR I MUST WIN THE BATTLE \_\_\_\_\_.

A battle to believe what God says about...

- **Who** \_\_\_\_\_.

The angel of the LORD ...sat down...where...Gideon was threshing wheat in a winepress to keep it from the Midianites. <sup>12</sup> When the angel...appeared to Gideon, he said, "The LORD is with you, mighty warrior." **Judges 6:11, 12**

- **What** \_\_\_\_\_.

The LORD turned to him and said, "Go in the strength you have and save Israel out of Midian's hand. Am I not sending you?" <sup>15</sup> "Pardon me, my lord," Gideon replied, "but how can I save Israel? My clan is the weakest in Manasseh, and I am the least in my family."<sup>16</sup> The LORD answered, "I will be with you, and you will strike down all the Midianites, leaving none alive." **Judges 6:14-16**

- **What** \_\_\_\_\_.

"Pardon me, my lord," Gideon replied, "but if the LORD is with us, why has all this happened to us? Where are all his wonders that our ancestors told us about when they said, 'Didn't the LORD bring us up out of Egypt?' But now the LORD has abandoned us and given us into the hand of Midian." **Judges 6:13**

Gideon said to God, "If you will save Israel by my hand as you have promised—<sup>37</sup> look, I will place a wool fleece on the threshing floor. If there is dew only on the fleece and all the ground is dry, then I will know that you will save Israel by my hand, as you said."<sup>38</sup> And that is what happened. Gideon rose early the next day; he squeezed the fleece and wrung out the dew—a bowlful of water. <sup>39</sup> Then Gideon said to God, "Do not be angry with me. Let me make just one more request. Allow me one more test with the fleece, but this time make the fleece dry and let the ground be covered with dew."<sup>40</sup> That night God did so. Only the fleece was dry; all the ground was covered with dew. **Judges 6:36-40**

- **The secret to victory? I must** \_\_\_\_\_!

### 2. TO WIN THE WAR I MUST WIN THE BATTLE \_\_\_\_\_.

- **You may be called to be a** \_\_\_\_\_  
**but you are not called to be a** \_\_\_\_\_.

That same night the LORD said to him, "Take the second bull from your father's herd, the one seven years old. Tear down your father's altar to Baal and cut down the Asherah pole beside it. <sup>26</sup> Then build a proper kind

of altar to the LORD your God on the top of this height. Using the wood of the Asherah pole that you cut down, offer the second bull as a burnt offering." <sup>27</sup> So Gideon took ten of his servants and did as the LORD told him. But because he was afraid of his family and the townspeople, he did it at night rather than in the daytime. <sup>28</sup> In the morning when the people of the town got up, there was Baal's altar, demolished, with the Asherah pole beside it cut down and the second bull sacrificed on the newly built altar! <sup>29</sup> They asked each other, "Who did this?" When they carefully investigated, they were told, "Gideon son of Joash did it." <sup>30</sup> The people of the town demanded of Joash, "Bring out your son. He must die, because he has broken down Baal's altar and cut down the Asherah pole beside it." **Judges 6:25-30**

- **The secret to victory?** \_\_\_\_\_!

So Gideon and his army got up early and went as far as the spring of Harod. The armies of Midian were camped north of them in the valley near the hill of Moreh. <sup>2</sup> The LORD said to Gideon, "You have too many warriors with you. If I let all of you fight the Midianites, the Israelites will boast to Me that they saved themselves by their own strength. <sup>3</sup> Therefore, tell the people, 'Whoever is timid or afraid may leave this mountain and go home.'" So 22,000 of them went home, leaving only 10,000 who were willing to fight. <sup>4</sup> But the LORD told Gideon, "There are still too many! Bring them down to the spring, and I will test them to determine who will go with you and who will not." <sup>5</sup> When Gideon took his warriors down to the water, the LORD told him, "Divide the men into two groups. In one group put all those who cup water in their hands and lap it up with their tongues like dogs. In the other group put all those who kneel down and drink with their mouths in the stream." <sup>6</sup> Only 300 of the men drank from their hands. All the others got down on their knees and drank with their mouths in the stream. <sup>7</sup> The LORD told Gideon, "With these 300 men I will rescue you and give you victory over the Midianites. Send all the others home." <sup>8</sup> So Gideon collected the provisions and rams' horns of the other warriors and sent them home. But he kept the 300 men with him. The Midianite camp was in the valley just below Gideon. <sup>9</sup> That night the LORD said, "Get up! Go down into the Midianite camp, for I have given you victory over them!" <sup>10</sup> But if you are afraid to attack, go down to the camp with your servant Purah. <sup>11</sup> Listen to what the Midianites are saying, and you will be greatly encouraged. Then you will be eager to attack." So Gideon took Purah and went down to the edge of the enemy camp. **Judges 7:1-10**

- **If I supply the** \_\_\_\_\_ **God will supply the** \_\_\_\_\_.

### 3. THE BATTLE I \_\_\_\_\_.

"Watch me," he told them. "Follow my lead. When I get to the edge of the camp, do exactly as I do. <sup>18</sup> When I and all who are with me blow our trumpets, then from all around the camp blow yours and shout, 'For the LORD and for Gideon.'" <sup>19</sup> Gideon and the hundred men with him reached the edge of the camp at the beginning of the middle watch, just after they had changed the guard. They blew their trumpets and broke the jars that were in their hands. <sup>20</sup> The three companies blew the trumpets and smashed the jars. Grasping the torches in their left hands and holding in their right hands the trumpets they were to blow, they shouted, "A sword for the LORD and for Gideon!" <sup>21</sup> While each man held his position around the camp, all the Midianites ran, crying out as they fled. **Judges 7:17-21**

- **The secret to victory?** \_\_\_\_\_!

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