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Gideon Bible Study
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Gideon is among a nation of people who have stopped moving forward.

The best way to study a biblical character or book is to observe the entire context in which it is set.

“Then the sons of Israel did what was evil in the sight of the Lord; and the Lord gave them into the hands of Midian seven years.” Judges 6:1

NIV includes the word again.

“In those days there was no king in Israel; everyone did what was right in his own eyes.” Judges 21:25

God raises up a group of people called judges.

Judges’ role: they were called by God and empowered by God to unite the people of God to stand against the enemies of God.

How and why did God’s people who have the favor of God and are in a covenant relationship with God get to a position of such devastation and oppression?
1. They did not know the Lord: there was a problem with the ___information___ that was in their ___heads___.

   a. Their parents didn’t do the ___teaching___.

   b. The ___young___ people didn’t want to ___listen___.

2. There was a problem also with their hearts: their ___hearts___ hadn’t been stirred for ___passion___ with Him.

3. As a result: their hands aren’t ___doing___ the ___right___ thing.
DISTINGUISHING CHARACTERISTICS OF THE MIDIANITES:

You know you are dealing with the Midianites when the trouble is coming from the most __unexpected__ place.

You know you are dealing with the Midianites because just when you get your __head__ above __water__, that problem __resurfaces__ again.

WHAT SHOULD YOU EXPECT WHEN YOU'RE EXPECTING?

1. The crisis is not __powerful__ enough to place you out of the __reach__ of God.

   Isaiah 59:1

2. The crisis does __position__ you for your __calling__.

   Judges 6:12-13

God is more interested in changing your __heart__ than He is your __circumstances__.

   Luke 19:17

   Hebrews 11:32-34
Judges 6:12

No matter how you feel, what the Scripture says about you is true.

1 Peter 2:9

3. Your crisis does not dictate your capability.

Judges 6:11-12, 14

The angel of the LORD came (v. 11), appeared (v. 12), looked (v. 14).
They have given Gideon a new name: Jerubbaal means the ___Baal___ fighter__.

You are not the ___same___ person___ you used to be.

Philippians 1:6

Challenge: keep a ___record___ of the ___work___ God has been doing.

Judges 7:1

Harod means to ___tremble___, ___fear__.

___Environment___ matters.

___Posture___ is everything.

How you start at the ___beginning___ has every bearing on how it’s going to ___finish___ in the ___end__.

Where you choose to ___stand___ determines the ___vantage___ ___point___ from which you take in the enemy’s attacks on your life.

Judges 7:2

You have ___too___ ___many___ for Me to give Midian into your hand.
1. You are not the ___same___ ___person___ you used to be.

2. You have no business ___going___ where you used to go.

3. You don’t ___need___ everything you thought you would ___need___.

   2 Corinthians 12:9

NOTE: *Saul and his army camped at Mt. Gilboa (1 Sam. 28:4) by “the spring which is in Jezreel” (1 Sam. 29:1). According to The Anchor Bible Dictionary, this spring would have been the same as the one Gideon and his men used.

(From Logos Bible Software ed. 5, Bellingham, WA. “Elika” from The Anchor Yale Bible Dictionary.)
Our God is _patient_. He’s _long_ - _suffering_.

Ephesians 3:20

“It is His patience that _held_ our sinful hands and led us to the doorstep of His _mercy_ that we might enter in."

Exodus 34:6/Nahum 1:3

1 Timothy 1:16

1 Timothy 1:15

1. He _Saved_ Me

1 Peter 3:20

Genesis 18:26-33

Jonah 3:4

Titus 2:11-12

2 Peter 3:9

Genesis 4:26

Judges 17:6

1 Timothy 1:13-14
2. He Changes Me

2 Thessalonians 2:13
1 Timothy 1:12

1. He Saved Me (Justification)

2. He Changes Me (Sanctification)

3. He Positioned Me (Location)

“God does not choose a person because He is worthy but by His choosing of him He makes him worthy.” Augustine

4. He Strengthened Me (Fortification)
Romans 10:17
Judges 7:15

1. Begin the Battle on ____Your____ ____Knees____.
   Joshua 6:20
   Judges 7:15

2. Face the Battle from a ____Stance____ of ____Victory____.
   Judges 7:16
   Ephesians 2:10

3. Advance into the Battle from Your ____Assigned____ ____Place____.
   Judges 7:16
   Judges 7:21
   1 Corinthians 12
   Judges 7:19
4. Approach the Battle at just the **Right** **Time**.

Judges 7:20

5. You Win the Battle by Using the **Right** **Weapons**.

Judges 7:21-22
Deuteronomy 17:14-15
Joshua 24:15

1. Who or what has ___authority___ in my life?
Judges 8:22

2. Who have I been giving the ___credit___?
Psalm 75:6
Deuteronomy 6:10-12
Judges 8:23
1 Corinthians 2:1-5

3. Do you ___deflect___ glory back to God?
Judges 8:24-25
Deuteronomy 20:13-14
1 Chronicles 26:27
4. Are we keeping anything that ___belongs___ to God?

Judges 8:27: “It became a ___snare___ to Gideon and his household.”