Gideon is among a nation of people who have stopped

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

“Then the sons of Israel did _________ ________ ________ 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 _________

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

God raises up a group of people called ________.

Judges’ role: they were ________ by God and __________
by God to ________________ the people of God to
______________ 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
______________ and ______________?
1. They did not know the Lord: there was a problem with the __________ that was in their __________.
   
a. Their parents didn’t do the ____________.
   
b. The ____________ people didn’t want to ____________.
   
2. There was a problem also with their hearts: their __________ hadn’t been stirred for __________ with Him.
   
3. As a result: their hands aren’t __________ the __________ thing.
DISTINGUISHING CHARACTERISTICS OF THE MIDIANITES:

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

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

WHAT SHOULD YOU EXPECT WHEN YOU’RE EXPECTING?

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

   Isaiah 59:1

2. The crisis does _____________ you for your _____________.

   Judges 6:12-13

God is more interested in changing your _____________ than He is your _____________.

   Luke 19:17

   Hebrews 11:32-34
WHAT TO EXPECT WHEN YOU’RE EXPECTING

Judges 6:12

No matter how you feel, what the _____________ says about you is ____________.

1 Peter 2:9

3. Your crisis does not ______________ your ______________.

Judges 6:11-12, 14

The angel of the LORD _____________ (v. 11), _____________ (v. 12), _____________ (v. 14).
They have given Gideon a new name: Jerubbaal means the ______________ ________________.

You are not the ______________ ________________ you used to be.

*Philippians 1:6*

Challenge: keep a ______________ of the ______________ God has been doing.

*Judges 7:1*

Harod means to ______________, ______________.

______________ matters.

______________ is everything.

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

Where you choose to ______________ determines the ______________ ________________ from which you take in the enemy’s attacks on your life.

*Judges 7:2*
A BRAND-NEW IDENTITY

You have __________ __________ for Me to give Midian into your hand.

1. You are not the __________ __________ you used to be.

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

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

   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 __________. He’s _______________—______________.

Ephesians 3:20

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

Exodus 34:6/Nahum 1:3

1 Timothy 1:16

1 Timothy 1:15

1. He _________ 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 ____________ Me

2 Thessalonians 2:13

1 Timothy 1:12

1. He Saved Me (Justification)

2. He Changes Me (Sanctification)

3. He ____________ Me (Location)

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

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

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

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

3. Advance into the Battle from Your __________ __________.
   Judges 7:16
   Judges 7:21
   1 Corinthians 12
   Judges 7:19
HOW TO WIN A BATTLE

4. Approach the Battle at just the ______________ _________.
   Judges 7:20

5. You Win the Battle by Using the ______________ _____________.
   Judges 7:21-22
Deuteronomy 17:14-15
Joshua 24:15

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

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

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

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