

Gideon Springs – Ein Herod  
*Conquering Faith*  
(Judges 7:1-7)

~ INTRO ~

OK... LET'S START WITH... **The Big Picture:**

- *We're never too small to be used by God!*

IN (Judges 6:15)... GIDEON SAYS TO GOD...

*"How can I rescue Israel?  
My clan is the weakest in the whole tribe of Manasseh,  
and I am the least in my entire family!"*

BUT... GOD TELLS GIDEON... *"I will be with you..."* (v.16)

GANG... THAT'S THE **KEY** TO THIS STORY...

- It's the key to our faith – *God is with us!*

~ TEACHING ~

NOW... WE VISIT GIDEON'S SPRING...

- To evoke conquering faith.

REMEMBER... BACK IN THE BOOK OF (Joshua)...

- **GOD**... led His people into the land of promise...
  - As they trusted in His power & presence.

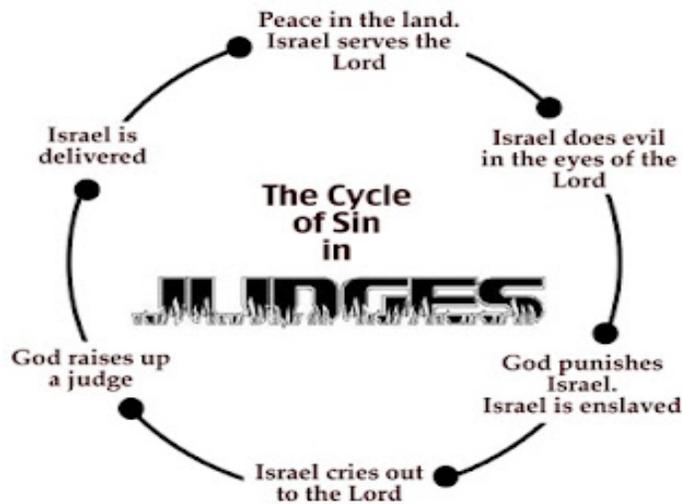
HOWEVER...IN (Judges)...

- The scene was different as His people were defeated...
  - Over & over because they rebelled against God...
    - And pushed Him away!

SOME HAVE SAID...

- There's a cycle of sin seen in (Judges):

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THIS MAKES ME THINK OF...

- The bad habits we wrestle with.
  - God has sanctifying struggles...
    - That He wants us to grow beyond.

WE'VE BEEN SET FREE...

- From the power & penalty of sin in Jesus.

AND THE GOOD NEWS IS – *God is with us!*

NOW...

- Gideon complained...
  - *“If the Lord is with us, why has all this happened... ?”*
    - (Judges 6:13)

I'VE NOTICED IN MY LIFE...

- That God often puts me thru the valley of testing...
  - Before allowing me to reach the mountain top of victory.

WHY?

- Because my faith needs strengthening.

GIDEON...

- Was going to lead God's people into victory...
  - But his faith needed to be anchored in God alone.

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SO... GIDEON ASKED GOD...

- To strengthen his faith by showing him (2) signs...
  - With a wet & dry fleece (Judges 6:36-40).

THEN GOD TESTED GIDEON...

- By reducing his army from 32,000 to 10,000 to 300.

RIGHT HERE IN THIS PLACE...

- God tested the 300-men He would use to bring victory.

THIS MAKE ME WONDER...

- What He's doing in your life!?!

**~ TWO TAKE AWAY LESSONS ~**

- 1) We're not to trust in the size of our churches...
  - Rather we're to keep our faith focused on the promises of God!
    - God is still doing great things.
- 2) Advancing the mission of faith requires us to walk by faith.
  - (Joshua 23:10) "*One man of you shall chase a thousand, for the LORD your God is He who fights for you...*"

IF WE DO THE MATH...

- (300 Gideons men x 1,000 (God's promise) = 300,000)
  - There was only 135,000 total Midianites.

WHAT'S THE POINT...

- God has us covered more than we realize!!!

**~ IN CLOSING ~**

(1 Sam. 14:6) says...

*"There is no restraint to the Lord to save by many or by few."*

Because when God is on our side, who can be against us.

AMEN!