

# SERMON OUTLINE Judges 7

The Insignificance of Man for God's Glory and Victory

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## ***INTRODUCTION***

## ***BACKGROUND ON JUDGES***

### ***JUDGES 7:1-8 HOW DO WE GET TO 300 MEN?***

### ***JUDGES 7:9-15 GIDEON IS GIVEN ONE FINAL ENCOURAGEMENT BEFORE THE BATTLE***

### ***JUDGES 7:16-18 GIDEON PREPARES HIS MEN FOR BATTLE***

### ***JUDGES 7:19-25 GIDEON AND HIS MEN ARE GIVEN COMPLETE VICTORY***

# SERMON DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

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## MAIN POINT

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In the book of Judges we see time and again the people of Israel sinning against God, Israel is oppressed by another nation and Israel cries out for deliverance. Time and again God delivers His people using men called Judges. There was nothing out of the ordinary about these men, they were simply willing to be obedient to God and be used by Him to ultimately see God's Glory and Victory come about. They are not essential to the victory but through their obedience they are given the privilege of seeing God's sovereignty and power bring about victory through them.

## DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

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1. What were your thoughts on the text/sermon? What most stood out? How was it helpful? Confusing?
2. Before you heard this sermon what did you think of when you thought of the book of Judges? Did the way you think of it change at all? If so, how?
3. Can you see yourself crying out to God out of pain instead of repentance as Israel did? We know that God hears the cries of His people just as a loving Father hears the cries of his children and responds to them. Does knowing this provide encouragement for you?
4. Have you ever missed the truth of Judges? Did you see the "Judges" as a sort of superhero sent to save the day instead of ordinary men who were simply willing to be used by God? Do you see that no man is essential to God accomplishing what He wills?
5. If you were one of the 32,000 men getting ready to face Midian what would have been going through your mind as you knew you would be facing 135,000 men? Almost 4 Midianites to 1 Israelite, would you want to play basketball with the normal 5 on your team but 20 on the other team?
6. What would be going through your mind if you were one of the 300 the army was paired down to? Would you be obedient when faced with those odds?
7. Our mission to reach the lost seems quite insurmountable at times, can the example of 300 ordinary men and their leader Gideon's simple obedience to all-mighty God be an encouragement to us?
8. Can you clearly and confidently see that it was only through God that victory was given?
9. In what way/s did the sermon help you see the greatness of God?

## AREAS OF APPLICATION

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10. Ask one godly person who knows you well to share an area in your life that you might not see very well.
11. Find someone to share the Gospel with, we do not grant harvest but we are commanded to be seed planters.
12. Do you have areas in your life that you struggle to let go of and trust God? Find someone to ask to pray for you in this and check in with you.
13. Have you been burdened to serve in a greater way at Grace? Speak to one of the elders about that burden and how you can be plugged in.

## PRAYER POINTS

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14. Adoration. Praise God for being a loving Father even when we least deserved it.
15. Confess. Confess any areas you are failing to be obedient to the Lord and surrender to Him.
16. Thanksgiving. Thank God for His provision in your life. For work, for shelter, for sustenance, for your church.
17. Supplication. Ask God to give you a heart of boldness, that you would be bold and obedient to Him in your faithfulness to sharing God's Word with others.