

**Agape House of Worship**  
**Midweek Service: Bible Study**

**Topic: Lessons from the life of Gideon**  
**Part 2: The Process (From Fear to Faith)**  
**Text: Judges 7**

**Date: April 14, 2021**  
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**Key verse: Judges 7:9** *“That night the Lord said, “Get up! Go down into the Midianite camp, for I have given you victory over them!” (NLT)*

The calling of God upon our life is a call to victory. We answer this call by Faith (Romans 10:9), and we can only fulfill this call by growing in our Faith. Faith in who God is and what He has promised us is the key to our victory in this world. Faith is defined as complete trust of confidence in someone or something.

- **Hebrews 1:1-2** “Now faith is confidence in what we hope for and assurance about what we do not see. 2 This is what the ancients were commended for” (NIV)
- **Hebrews 11:6** “And without faith it is impossible to please God, because anyone who comes to him must believe that he exists and that he rewards those who earnestly seek him.” (NIV)
- **1 John 5:4-5** *“For every child of God defeats this evil world, and we achieve this victory through our faith. 5 And who can win this battle against the world? Only those who believe that Jesus is the Son of God.” (NLT)*

God has given each and every one of us a key assignment to win souls into His Kingdom, we have been commissioned to depopulate the kingdom of darkness and populate God’s Kingdom. Just like the Midianites were tormenting the Israelites, the enemy is still tormenting people in our world today. You and I are like Gideon that God has called and chosen to set the captives free, bind up the broken hearted and deliver the world out of darkness into the light.

- **Matthew 28:18-20** *“Then Jesus came to them and said, “All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. 19 Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, 20 and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely, I am with you always, to the very end of the age.”(NIV)*
- **Isaiah 61:1-3** *“The Spirit of the Sovereign Lord is upon me, for the Lord has anointed me to bring good news to the poor. He has sent me to comfort the brokenhearted and to proclaim that captives will be released, and prisoners will be freed. 2 He has sent me to tell those who mourn that the time of the Lord’s favor has come, and with it, the day of God’s anger against their enemies. To all who mourn in Israel, He will give a crown of beauty for ashes, a joyous blessing instead of mourning, festive praise instead of despair. In their righteousness, they will be like great oaks that the Lord has planted for his own glory” (NLT)*

**Question:** How have you been responding to God’s mandate to preach the good news?

**The Process:** How God continued to work with Gideon as He grew in Faith

### **God's Plan – Judges 7:1-8**

- God has a clear plan, He may not reveal it fully to you, but you must always remember God has a good plan for you. Your role is to seek to know this plan and obey His plan, Jeremiah 11:29.
- God reduced the men that will go in battle with Gideon from 32,000 soldiers to 300 men. God used less than 1 % of the soldier to fight against the Midianites.

### **God's Presence – Judges 7:9-10**

- God knows the assignment is bigger than you, so He will always be near to guide you, only you must choose to stay in His presence. God will remind you of His promise as you abide in His presence. **Judges 7:9**

***Question:** What does the illustration of the barley bread in the dream mean?*

### **God's Provision – Judges 7:11-15**

- God will always give provision for the vision, resources for the assignment He has given you. God's Provisions comes through people, counsel, open doors, money, wisdom and intel.
- God will give you a support system people like Purah, friends, armor bearers, family, partners, mentors, to help you walk through the lonely difficult moments of your assignment. **Judges 7:10**

***Question:** Do you have a support system? Are you supporting someone else in fulfilling their God given assignment? Is God calling you to be a backbone to someone?*

### **God's Power – Judges 7:16-25**

God's power to defeat the enemy is released when we move in confidence (faith) in obedience to what He has instructed us to do and when we do it in orderliness and in unity.

- God gave Gideon confidence; He rose up to the occasion, Judges 7:17
- Gideon positioned his men for battle with a clear strategy, Judges 7:19-21
- God raised more people to defeat the enemies of Israel, Judges 7:23-25

### **Conclusion**

**Judges 7:15** “And so it was, when Gideon heard the telling of the dream and its interpretation, that he worshiped. He returned to the camp of Israel, and said, “Arise, for the Lord has delivered the camp of Midian into your hand.” (NLT)

Surrender to God's Process, Believe God's Plan, Keep the Faith, Take Action!

God just needs you to start the Fire! How the Victory will be completely won is totally in God's hand. It's time to SHIFT your focus from fear, Arise in Faith and do what God says about you!

**Life Application** – Think of an area in your life, where God is calling you into action, pray for a good support system, pray for an increased faith, move in Faith.

**For next week April 21 Bible Study – Read Judges 8**