



DGM Message Summary: A Trumpet, a Pitcher, and a Torch

Takeaway: After seven years of oppression, God raises Gideon to lead the Israelites into battle with the Midianites. Never judge yourself based on your circumstance, but instead judge yourself based on the power God has given you to overcome your circumstance.

Scriptural References:

- Judges 6:1-19
- Judges 7:1-21

Key Points:

- Like many of us, the children of Israel had an off and on relationship with God.
- The Israelites committed evil acts in the eyes of the Lord, and God gave them into the hands of the Midianites.
- God rarely has to strike His own people. All He has to do is simply lift His hand of protection and let those who hate us do it for Him.
- If you insist on living without God, God will eventually accommodate you.
- The Midianites set up a base of operation around Israel and oppressed and intimidated the Israelites for seven years.
- Sometimes God has to allow us to hit rock bottom because that's the only time we will look up and cry out to the Lord.
- After seven years, the Israelites cried out to God.
- For many of us, God is waiting for us to cry out to Him. Sometimes God allows certain people to remain in our lives to get us to cry out to Him.
- God released a Word through a prophet after the children of Israel prayed.
- God reminded the Israelites that He had delivered them from bondage and they were in their situation because their own doing and stubbornness.
- When God decided to raise up Gideon to lead the children of Israel, Gideon was in a hole hiding from the Midianites like the other Israelites.
- Like many of us, Gideon wasn't living his dream because he was too busy living his fears until his encounter with God.
- Gideon judged himself based on the hole that he was in, but God judged him based on the hole He gave him power to get out.
- Many of us assess ourselves on our circumstance, but God sees you based on the circumstance He gave you power to overcome and get over and put behind.
- Gideon accused God of abandoning His people, but actually God's people abandoned Him.
- The only reason God gave you the life you have is because He already made you strong enough to live it.

- After you have prayed to God, look into your heart for the answer. God has already provided the answer, but there's a part that you have to play.
- Gideon's problem was not the lack of ability, but a lack of confidence. The problem is not how others see us, but how we see ourselves.
- God assured Gideon that He would be with him. That's all the assurance you need is to know that God is with you.
- "We have to become the change we wish to see," – Ghandi. Gideon had to become more than he thought he was and God showed him who he could be. Once he saw it, he stepped into it.
- If a person's heart is not in it, cut them loose because they will poison everyone who remains.
- Sometimes a subtraction is really an addition. Sometimes to move forward, you have to let some people leave out of your life.
- When you make obedience to God your #1 priority, you don't have to worry about any other number. No other number matters. It's not numerical, but spiritual.
- The sounds you make at midnight matter. Your victory is voice activated. God is waiting for a certain sound.
- God instructed the Israelites to blow the trumpets. When they blew the trumpets, there was an air of expectancy.
- God instructed the Israelites to crush the pitchers under their feet indicating the Midianites would no longer hold or keep them. Some things won't change in your life until you put your foot down.
- They held the torches in their hands representing clinging to God's Word which was a light unto their feet.
- They cried out and made sounds of victory instead of despair. You must decide to put your foot down and have an air of expectation to make the devil cower and run. You must keep the Word of God in your hand and let it guide you.
- What sounds are you making in your life? What you say has the power to unlock things.