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Gideon - Strength in Weakness (Judges 7:1-8:3)

I. God Reduces Gideon's troops (7:1-8)

- A. Gideon is leading his army well
- B. God intends to receive all the glory from this victory
- C. God sends home the trembling
- D. God sends home the kneelers
- E. God's power is made perfect in our weakness (cf. 2 Cor. 12:9)

II. God Provides Reassurance to Gideon (vv. 9-15)

- A. Prompted by God, not by Gideon
- B. Gideon is strengthened by what he hears
- C. Gideon worshiped the Lord
- D. Gideon rallied his men for the attack

III. Victory Over the Enemy (vv. 16-25)

- A. The plan of attack
- B. God steps into the battle
- C. Gideon and his men pursue the enemy forces
- D. Gideon enlists the help of surrounding tribes

IV. A Revolt Avoided (8:1-3)

Lessons:

- 1) We need to be reminded of the gospel message and of God's provision for us so that we may be bold in our witness and not flee from the fight when facing adversity because of our faith in Christ.
- 2) We need to be reminded of our absolute weakness when it comes to spiritual battles and the work of the Lord.
- 3) God can and does use weak and fearful servants to accomplish His will.
- 4) A leader must be a worshiper, must lead by example, and must be careful to ensure that God receives credit for all that is accomplished.