

God and Gideon

Time For Action Judges 6:33-39; 7:1-25

I. A Reluctant Warrior (Judges 6:33-40)

A. "If" (Judges 6:36-38)

B. One more time (Judges 6:39-40)

1. Knew it might anger God (Judges 6:39)

2. Had already seen miracle of fire (Judges 6:21)

C. Had all the facts he needed

D. Fear

1. Demands a sign

2. Clogs the wheel of progress (Bridgeton Mill)

E. Today we don't need signs

1. Indwelt Holy Spirit

2. The complete Word of God

F. Lean on me (Judges 7:1-8)

1. 32,000 – 10,000 – 300

2. Now there will be no doubt

II. A Revealing Dream (Judges 7:9)

A. The battle is already won (Judges 7:9)

B. Do not fear (Judges 7:10-11)

C. The dream itself (Judges 7:12-14)

Barley the roughest, cheapest, least desirable bread

D. Clarity (Judges 7:15)

III. A Rousing Victory (Judges 7:16-25)

A. A tiny army (Judges 7:16)

B. Unusual weapons (Judges 7:16)

C. Strange instructions (Judges 7:17-20)

D. Confusion in the camp

E. Victory

1. The odds are never too great for God

2. God does not need us but He allows us to serve Him

3. God uses broken things (II Corinthians 4:5-10)

a. Placed the lamp in the pitcher to hide the light so they could sneak up

b. At proper time the pitcher was broken – the light became visible

c. The light could only be seen when the pitcher was broken