

Gideon: When life is bigger than you. Jed Manimtim, Executive Pastor of Ministry

MARCH 24, 2019

AT A LOSS FOR WORDS Judges 7:1-9

V. 1 — I his is (Recap: Gideon asked for a sign and got the assurance he needed.)
vv. 2-3 – This is getting (The Midianite army is comprised of 135,000 people, deduced from 8:10.)
vv. 4-9 – This is officially (An army reduced to 300 means that they are outnumbered 450 to 1.)
Did you notice that Gideon's recorded?
When life's obstacles leave you at a loss for words:
1. Begin by your, but in trust that you'll discover 2 Cor. 12:8-10; Matt. 5:3-11; Psalm 70:4-5
2. Remember that deliverance is about the, and He has Judges 7:2; 2
3. Be inspired by the examples set before you to Heb. 10:36-39; 11:32-34; 12:1-2

TALK IT OVER

Talking through the message during the week can really help clarify the things that God is teaching you and let others learn from your experiences. Get with someone this week and talk about your answers to the following questions:

What thought from the message was most helpful to you?

If you've heard this story before, how have you had the army of 300 previously described? Why is it important to remember the compass set forth by what God says in Judges 7:2?

How would you have felt if you were Gideon or a warrior in Gideon's army? (If you're unsure about Gideon's feelings, read ahead to Judges 7:10-11, which is part of Britt's sermon next week.)

What are some obstacles in your life or in the life of someone you know that initially left you "at a loss for words"?

How do we normally deal with obstacles that feel overwhelming? In what ways have you experienced God's power and strength when you've affirmed your weakness?

How is our understanding of life widened when we consider that God's salvation is an act of ongoing deliverance?

Reflect on Gideon's example to endure, based on how he described in the context of Hebrews 11-12. How does he ultimately point to Christ and what do we learn from those examples of endurance?



Gideon: When life is bigger than you. Jed Manimtim, Executive Pastor of Ministry

AT A LOSS FOR WORDS

MARCH 24, 2019

AT A LOSS FOR WORDS Judges 7:1-9

v. 1 – This is UNDERSTANDABLE.

(Recap: Gideon asked for a sign and got the assurance he needed.)

vv. 2-3 – This is getting UNCOMFORTABLE. (The Midianite army is comprised of 135,000 people, deduced from 8:10.)

vv. 4-9 – This is officially UNBELIEVABLE. (An army reduced to 300 means that they are outnumbered 450 to 1.)

Did you notice that Gideon's WORDS AREN'T recorded?

When life's obstacles leave you at a loss for words:

- 1. Begin by AFFIRMING your WEAKNESS, but in trust that you'll discover HIS POWER. 2 Cor. 12:8-10; Matt. 5:3-11; Psalm 70:4-5
- 2. Remember that deliverance is about the DELIVERER, and He has SPOKEN. Judges 7:2; 2 Cor. 1:8-9; Heb. 1:1-2
- 3. Be inspired by the examples set before you to ENDURE. Heb. 10:36-39; 11:32-34; 12:1-2

TALK IT OVER

Talking through the message during the week can really help clarify the things that God is teaching you and let others learn from your experiences. Get with someone this week and talk about your answers to the following questions:

What thought from the message was most helpful to you?

If you've heard this story before, how have you had the army of 300 previously described? Why is it important to remember the compass set forth by what God says in Judges 7:2?

How would you have felt if you were Gideon or a warrior in Gideon's army? (If you're unsure about Gideon's feelings, read ahead to Judges 7:10-11, which is part of Britt's sermon next week.)

What are some obstacles in your life or in the life of someone you know that initially left you "at a loss for words"?

How do we normally deal with obstacles that feel overwhelming? In what ways have you experienced God's power and strength when you've affirmed your weakness?

How is our understanding of life widened when we consider that God's salvation is an act of ongoing deliverance?

Reflect on Gideon's example to endure, based on how he described in the context of Hebrews 11-12. How does he ultimately point to Christ and what do we learn from those examples of endurance?