

Giddy With Gideon

Judges 7:19-22 AMPC

[19] So Gideon and the 100 men who were with him came to the outskirts of the camp at the beginning of the middle watch, when the guards had just been changed, and they blew the trumpets and smashed the pitchers that were in their hands. [20] And the three companies blew the trumpets and shattered the pitchers, holding the torches in their left hands, and in their right hands the trumpets to blow [leaving no chance to use swords], and they cried, The sword for the Lord and Gideon! [21] They stood every man in his place round about the camp, and all the [Midianite] army ran-they cried out and fled. [22] When [Gideon's men] blew the 300 trumpets, the Lord set every [Midianites] sword against his comrade and against all the army, and the army fled as far as Beth-shittah toward Zererah, as far as the border of Abel-meholah by Tabbath.

This local assembly is in the same position Gideon and Israel were in.

We have had our Superintendent, Prophet Lane, Prophet Dominguez, and Apostle Jeffers all say to this church, God is using this church to influence our district, city, and state! God keeps speaking this to each of us in times of great unrest and uncertainty all around us! Like Gideon, God is challenging everyone of us through our personal financial and relationship vulnerabilities.

Asteroid Florence was a three mile rock passes 4.4 million miles from Earth in September of 2017. Another asteroid called 2018GE3 came 119,500 miles from Earth in April 2018. The earth's axis of rotation is tilted 23 and half degrees relative to the perpendicular of the Earth's planet of orbit. This causes our four seasons. If the earth was tilted in any degrees to the wrong angle we would burn up or freeze. We live everyday in many different levels of vulnerabilities we are not conscience about. We are inches away from having no air on earth! So we must allow God to have His way in our lives when we are feeling vulnerable, because this is when He desires to move the most in your life.

God seeks to challenge and stretch you while you face vulnerabilities to perform great things for you personally. But, you must first face the Midianites and Amalekites of Gideon. You see, your words, thoughts, and decisions impacts an atmosphere. This is why we must allow the Holy Ghost to challenge us with new growth mindsets. There is a constant interchange, transaction, and energy taking place at every level. From the solar activity surrounding the earth to the subatomic particles that make up every living cell. Every breath you take, every bite you eat, involves energy exchange that results in transformation. We are energy conductors converting energy from one form to another.

This God is concerned with how you talk to yourself privately. This is why daily prayer is so critical for growing your self image. This is why He gives us a symbolic palanquin bed of walking with His love everyday, because only love motivates you to be vulnerable. Gideon was very, very vulnerable trying to obey God.

Judges 6:1-6 AMPC

[1] But the Israelites did evil in the sight of the Lord, and the Lord gave them into the hand of Midian for seven years. [2] And the hand of Midian prevailed against Israel. Because of Midian the Israelites made themselves the dens which are in the mountains and the caves and the strongholds. [3] For whenever Israel had sown their seed, the Midianites and the Amalekites and the people of the east came up against them. [4] They would encamp against them and destroy the crops as far as Gaza and leave no nourishment for Israel, and no ox or sheep or donkey. [5] For they came

up with their cattle and their tents, and they came like locusts for multitude; both they and their camels could not be counted. So they wasted the land as they entered it. [6] And Israel was greatly impoverished because of the Midianites, and the Israelites cried to the Lord.

Judges 6:11-12 AMPC

[11] Now the Angel of the Lord came and sat under the oak (terebinth) at Ophrah, which belonged to Joash the Abiezrite, and his son Gideon was beating wheat in the winepress to hide it from the Midianites. [12] And the Angel of the Lord appeared to him and said to him, The Lord is with you, you mighty man of [fearless] courage.

The angel speaks to the shadow of Gideon's future when he calls him a mighty man of valor, because Gideon was nothing but fearless in this process. Just like you and me, he kept talking negative with God in verses 13-17 of Judges 12. Just like you do when you cannot control your circumstances. Gideon was hiding his harvest from the Midianites and Amalekites. The word Midian means strife and oppression. Midian took Joseph into slavery. Midian and Moab ganged up on Israel with Balaam in **Numbers 22:4-7**.

Midian, to you and I, represents spiritual forces seeking to use oppression and strife from the brethren when you are trying to win souls and mentor people. Amalek means-allies to Israel's enemies. Amalek begins with the Hebrew letter Ayin, symbolizing the word eye. It parallels a word in Hebrew, safe keepings, meaning doubt or the eye of doubt, or a severed eye. The other part of this word in Hebrew is raham. It means haughty. If you put this together Amalek means spiritual blindness acting arrogant. Amalek demonstrated a serious lack of fearing God. So that which is spiritually blind and strife and oppression are the 2018 Midianites and Amalekites trying to steal your harvest of new growth mindsets. Every time like Gideon you try to be productive with a spiritual harvest of soul winning or getting a daily prayer life or mentoring someone, here comes your Midianites and Amalekites. Stealing your spiritual harvest through the strife of other saints and relatives, or by a generational blindness God is now saying its time to confront-MIGHTY MAN AND WOMAN OF VALOR! Because it's our vulnerability through love you will never get your harvest back. The harvest in your finances the devil keeps stealing so you cannot be obedient in paying your tithes. The harvest of conquering that private generational area your Amalekites force has you running back into a cave. **Duet. 25:17-19** commands we must fight these personal Amalekites stealing our harvest from every time a preacher or guest speaker prophesies over us. Haman who attacked Esther was from the Amalekites. He is after your harvest of intimacy and worship in your daily private life.

LET ME TELL YOU WHY WE MUST FACE OUR VULNERABILITIES NOW!

Because God told Gideon go and destroy your forefathers idols before I defeat the Amalekites and Midianites. Gideon had to confront some family customs, traditions, and cultures that were hindering his growth mindset.

Judges 6:27-30 AMPC

[27] Then Gideon took ten men of his servants and did as the Lord had told him, but because he was too afraid of his father's household and the men of the city to do it by day, he did it by night. [28] And when the men of the city arose early in the morning, behold, the altar of Baal was cast down, and the Asherah was cut down that was beside it, and the second bull was offered on the altar which had been built. [29] And they said to one another, Who has done this thing? And when they searched and asked, they were told, Gideon son of Joash has done this thing. [30] Then the men of the city commanded Joash, Bring out your son, that he may die, for he has pulled down the altar of Baal and cut down the Asherah beside it.

Gideon had to follow some crazy suicide orders to organize the possessing of the Dakota street property.

Judges 7:2-3 AMPC

[2] The Lord said to Gideon, The people who are with you are too many for Me to give the Midianites into their hands, lest Israel boast about themselves against Me, saying, My own hand has delivered me. [3] So now proclaim in the ears of the men, saying, Whoever is fearful and trembling, let him turn back and depart from Mount Gilead. And 22,000 of the men returned, but 10,000 remained.

Really God???? Then God says you still have too many men to defeat 120,000 men! Now you see why you must learn vulnerability. It is by love and not your skill set will you even get prophetic marching orders through prayer. If this story is not comical enough for fearful Gideon now the Lord says go and get a trumpet, a torch, and a pitcher and use that for a weapon.

Judges 7:20-21 AMPC

[20] And the three companies blew the trumpets and shattered the pitchers, holding the torches in their left hands, and in their right hands the trumpets to blow [leaving no chance to use swords], and they cried, The sword for the Lord and Gideon! [21] They stood every man in his place round about the camp, and all the [Midianite] army ran-they cried out and fled.

The trumpet represents here for you-the release of the divine word and spirit of God. It is releasing itself as a proclamation. Like in **Rev. 1:10, 2 Chron. 29:26,** and **Ezra 3:10.**

It represents a war like manifestation of God in wrath against the growth and enlarging of our borders. It is a warning against our enemies. The trumpet represents a joyful break through for God's people. This comes by worship. **Lev. 25:9** and in the Book of Joel. The torch represents God Himself showing up in visual form. Both for love and judgment. We see this in **Gen. 15:10, Judges 7:16, 20.** Gideon's enemies were terrified because they saw 300 torches thinking each torch represents a captain of an army. One captain represents an army of 30 to 50,000 soldiers. The Amalekites and Midianites thought they were surrounded by 900 million soldiers. The pitcher represents you and me in need of remaining empty when God is trying to do a new thing through us. This is spiritual poverty getting rid of strong opinions that don't line up with God's word. This is keeping a fresh hunger for God because you are not full of constant anxieties and hypertension and the junk entertainment of your environment. We must be vulnerable empty pitchers for the torch of the Lord who is blowing his trumpet for us to face our Amalekites and Midianites tonight.

SO HOW DO YOU PROPOSE I DO THIS?

Read **Song of Solomon 8:5-8,** the Message version

**Who is this I see coming up from the country,
arm in arm with her lover?**

The Man

***I found you under the apricot tree,
and woke you up to love.***

Your mother went into labor under that tree,

and under that very tree she bore you. (This is soul winning)

The Woman

6-8

Hang my locket around your neck,
wear my ring on your finger.

Love is invincible facing danger and death.

Passion laughs at the terrors of hell.

The fire of love stops at nothing—
it sweeps everything before it.

Flood waters can't drown love,
torrents of rain can't put it out.

Love can't be bought, love can't be sold—

- A. The man Solomon or Jesus Christ is approaching us to awaken to a new horizon or new dimension of Love.
- B. Both for this service and in the season of expansion we are facing.
- C. Notice in verse five, love is in reproduction for both souls and the maturing of relational love one to another.

VERSE SIX

- A. Take my selfish stiff neck attitudes and hang them on your neck so I can flow and operate into your love today. This is a prayer to pray right now!
- B. I give you my ring to wear. So you can empower me through intercession tongues the grace to be honest with myself when I am falling short in covenant love with my brothers and sisters.
- C. Let the power of your covenant love be released today for healing and deliverance and souls to be saved.
- D. Your finger signifies covenant marriage protection when I pray.
- E. Only you can transform me to love like you love.
- F. So when I release my faith in tongues of love I decree and declare fear has to stand down to the operation of the Holy Ghost today.

Because love is invincible to the fear of death.

VERSE SEVEN

- ❖ Now my passion with this kind of love causes God to laugh at the terrors of Hell.
- ❖ I will press and praise my way through the impossible walls I now face.
- ❖ God is laughing at the intimidation of the enemy against Hilo's covenant people.
- ❖ We stop at nothing today!
- ❖ We call out for the north to give up!
- ❖ South give up!

- ❖ West give up!
- ❖ East give up!
- ❖ We stop at nothing today!
- ❖ In the power of agreement we release intercession corporately for the passion of love to sweep through our homes and church today!

IN JESUS NAME!

- *Draw well from the wells of salvation*- this means press and seek change in your life through the love and joy of His presence and not from negative self will motivation.
- Gideon conquering his lack of honesty facing the Amalekites and Midianites through prayer and intimacy with God.
- God laughs at the terror of Hell so you can relax and see your Amalekites the way God sees them!
- God got giddy and called His leader Gideon
- Can God increase your capacity for serving and long suffering without you becoming like a bear with a headache waking up during hibernation.
- It's your passion after God's passion that causes God to laugh at your Amalekites tonight.
- But like Gideon and like Jacob you may have to get honest and start wrestling with your Amalekites stealing your self image.
- This keeps you from being authentic with yourself when hurting and lonely.
- Like the blue Morpho butterfly in the cocoon stages. (Gideon's cave)
- Cocoon stages is a time we wrestle with our authentic self.
- Like Jacob did with the angel.
- Jacob was wrestling to become authentic with himself.
- Becoming authentic through the wrestling of prayer can be violent and uncomfortable.
- It's also a time of vulnerability to the enemy round you. Who seeks to distract and to attack your self worth during this time.
- But like the Morpho butterfly God has a plan for protecting us. Amazingly, blue morphos have developed a way to protect themselves from predators even in their vulnerable chrysalis stage. The chrysalis of this butterfly emits a repulsive ultrasonic sound when touched, which drives predators away.

Like Gideon desires some persistency in our worship and in our tongues of prayer.

- Confront your vulnerabilities with Gideons attitude of fearless worship
- I have my torch.
- I have my pitcher.
- And I have my trumpet.
- Now let's step into the prophecies given to this church with our pursuit after God tonight right now!
- It's time to treat, down Gideons, forefathers, idols. right now.
- Decree, God can still do what He promised despite the fact I got no money and no resources.

- God will give me a soul.
- God will help me win my family.
- God. Will heal my home.
- God will save my children.
- God will open new doors for my promotion.
- But you need to go back to Song of Solomon and confront all your vulnerabilities through love.

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