

Ivy Baptist Church
Bible Study
“A Step Beyond: Having Faith Beyond our Comfort Zone: Pt. 3”
February 15, 2023

Goals for the Series:

1. To STRETCH our FAITH!
2. Personal reflection: What REALLY prevents our faith from growing?

Question to Consider:

- Do we trust God MORE based on our CURRENT circumstances (if things are good vs bad, etc.)? Why or why not?

P’s Faith Model:



Today’s Text: Judges 7:1-9

Keys in Judges 7:1-9:

- Vs. 2: God told Gideon he has too many men to the fight!
- Vs. 3: Anyone who is scared go home! 22,000 LEFT and went home! 10,000 LEFT!
- Vs. 4: God told Gideon you STILL have too many men!

Keys in Judges 7:1-9:

- Vs. 5: God told Gideon to take the men down by the brook
- Those who lap the water as a dog drinks are the ones that can go with you to war!
- Vs. 6: 300 soldiers drank the water as a dog

How Gideon's Faith was STRETCHED!

- Vs. 1: Gideon had 32,000 soldiers to go to war!
- Vs. 6: Gideon had 300 soldiers to go to war!
- **Key: Most of us find comfort and strength in LARGER NUMBERS!**
- Vs. 8: Gideon's 300 soldiers DIDN'T HAVE ANY WEAPONS TO FIGHT!
- THEY ONLY HAD TRUMPETS!
- How do you go and fight with the WRONG weapons????

Why is God doing this???

- Soldiers from 32,000 to 300
- Fighting with Trumpets?
- Vs. 2: If you win with what you had you will take credit for it!
- **This war is about WHAT GOD CAN DO!!!**

Keys in Judges 7:15-25:

- How Gideon's men achieved victory
- Vs. 19-21: With trumpets, glass jars and torches!
- Vs. 22-25: The trumpets caused the enemy to Turn on each other!

Final Thoughts:

1. With God WE HAVE ENOUGH!!!
2. The lack is so HE CAN GET THE GLORY WHEN IT HAPPENS!
3. Our comfort is in HIS WORD NOT our numbers!!!

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