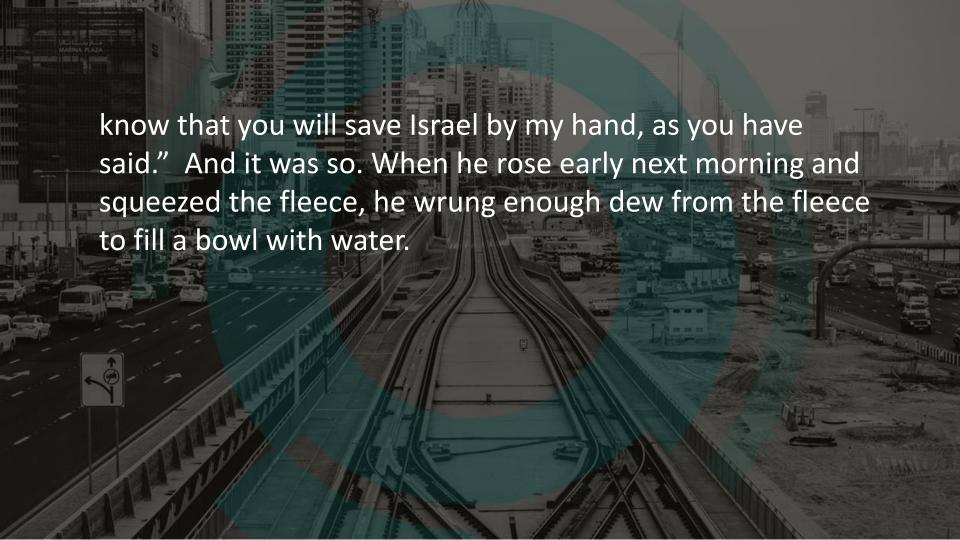




Judges 6:34–38 (ESV)

But the Spirit of the Lord clothed Gideon, and he sounded the trumpet, and the Abiezrites were called out to follow him. And he sent messengers throughout all Manasseh, and they too were called out to follow him. And he sent messengers to Asher, Zebulun, and Naphtali, and they went up to meet them. Then Gideon said to God, "If you will save Israel by my hand, as you have said, behold, I am laying a fleece of wool on the threshing floor. If there is dew on the fleece alone, and it is dry on all the ground, then I shall



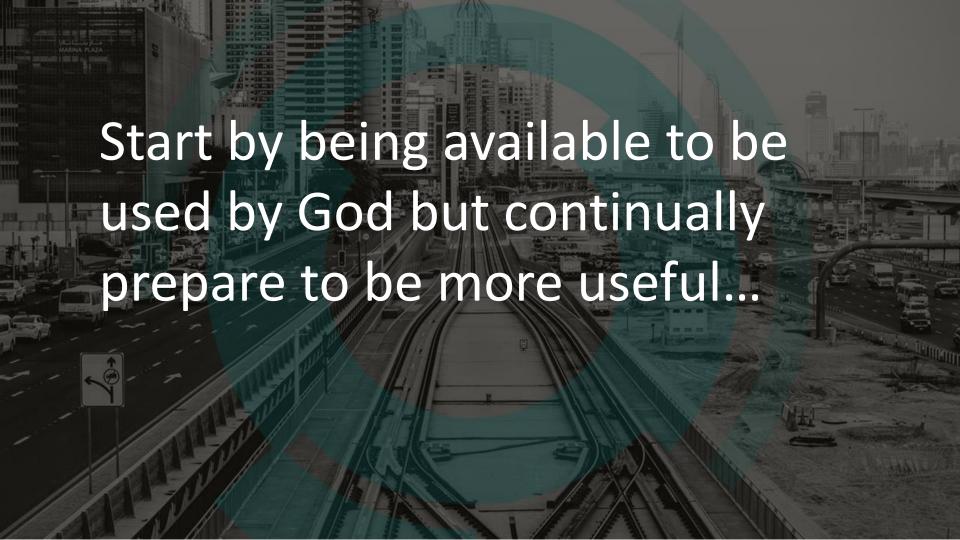


Judges 7:1-8 (ESV)

Then Gideon and all the people who were with him rose early and encamped beside the spring of Harod. And the camp of Midian was north of them, by the hill of Moreh, in the valley. The Lord said to Gideon, "The people with you are too many for me to give the Midianites into their hand, lest Israel boast over me, saying, 'My own hand has saved me.' Now therefore proclaim in the ears of the people, saying, 'Whoever is fearful and trembling, let him return home and hurry away from Mount Gilead." Then 22,000

the people returned, and 10,000 remained. And the Lord said to Gideon, "The people are still too many. Take them down to the water, and I will test them for you there, and anyone of whom I say to you, 'This one shall go with you,' shall go with you, and anyone of whom I say to you, 'This one shall not go with you,' shall not go." So he brought the people down to the water. And the Lord said to Gideon, "Every one who laps the water with his tongue, as a dog laps, you shall set by himself. Likewise, every one who kneels down to drink." And the number of those who

lapped, putting their hands to their mouths, was 300 men, but all the rest of the people knelt down to drink water. And the Lord said to Gideon, "With the 300 men who lapped I will save you and give the Midianites into your hand, and let all the others go every man to his home." So the people took provisions in their hands, and their trumpets. And he sent all the rest of Israel every man to his tent, but retained the 300 men. And the camp of Midian was below him in the valley.





Judges 7:16-22 (ESV)

And he divided the 300 men into three companies and put trumpets into the hands of all of them and empty jars, with torches inside the jars. And he said to them, "Look at me, and do likewise. When I come to the outskirts of the camp, do as I do. When I blow the trumpet, I and all who are with me, then blow the trumpets also on every side of all the camp and shout, 'For the Lord and for Gideon.' " So Gideon and the hundred men who were with him came to the outskirts of the camp at the beginning of the middle watch, when they had just set the watch. And they blew the trumpets and smashed the jars that were in their hands. Then the three companies blew the trumpets and broke the jars. They held in their left hands the torches, and in their right hands the trumpets to blow. And they cried out, "A sword for the Lord and for Gideon!" Every man stood in his place around the camp, and all the army ran. They cried out and fled. When they blew the 300 trumpets, the Lord set every man's sword against his comrade and against all the army. And the army fled...



Weekly small group notes from Sunday Sermon (Duration - 1 to 1.5hrs)

- 1. Welcome: Introduce SG to visitors and ask group to share on the following: Has obedience to God ever led to bigger challenges in your life?
- 2. Worship together: 1 or 2 Worship Songs / open SG in prayer asking the Father to strengthen our resolve to see the Kingdom come even when situations seem intimidating? SG Questions: (let 2 or 3 people answer a specific question and give everyone a turn)
 - a) Testing God: Read Judges 6:34-38, Was it right for Gideon to doubt God even after the people came out to follow Him and God Spoke to Him twice before?
 - b) God's Strategy: Read Judges 7:1-8, 1)Considering they were faced with 135000 opponents why did God reduce Israel's army even more? 2) Considering that God only chose the 300 that was tested, can we be more useful to God by allowing Him to grow us through testing? What is a test you currently need to pass?
 - c) The Result: Read Judges 7:16-22, 120 000 of the enemy perished on that day, bigger than any modern day war one day casualty. In translating it to our lives can obedience to God and discipline have a similar or bigger harvest in souls? Are you excited about that?
- 4. Quote: Start by being available to be used by God but continually prepare to be more useful...

 Take some time in individual prayer and ask God for a vision that is bigger than our understanding for the Kingdom. Share the dream with one another and pray for God to come and establish His Kingdom through each individual and through us corporately as a church!