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## God the world is an awfully big place

God on a good Sunday we are lucky if we have 40 people

God when we have something for outreach, we are lucky if we have 10 or 12

God are you sure you wanted me to send those 31,700 people home?





## Fear is a Two-way Street

The Midianites are just as afraid of upcoming battle

They are not afraid of Gideon, they are afraid of Gideon's God

As Christians we live in a lot of fear of the world

We never stop to consider the world is afraid also







## Today's Lesson

God's way looks different from our way Size Does NOT Matter!

Many times we use small as a crutch or an excuse (Judges 6:15)

Often small means we go into survival mode and just do enough to get by (Judges 6:11)

God did not need a huge army but he did need willing people that were committed to doing it HIS way



## Our Focus

God's way looks different from our way We want to take of the mask of confidence in SIZE and see the face of willing workers for God



## The God Sized Ministry

Early in the morning, Jerub-Baal (that is, Gideon) and all his men camped at the spring of Harod. The camp of Midian was north of them in the valley near the hill of Moreh. The Lord said to Gideon, "You have too many men. I cannot deliver Midian into their hands, or Israel would boast against me, 'My own strength has saved me.' Now announce to the army, 'Anyone who trembles with fear may turn back and leave Mount Gilead." So, twenty-two thousand men left, while ten thousand remained.

**Judges 7:1-3** 



He was a Master Motivator

He Got with the Plan

In between the fleece and the ephod Gideon paints a picture-perfect image of what it means to follow God

And while preparing for this battle he took a God's way or the highway approach





## It's Too Big!

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#### How big is too big?

Anytime a ministry becomes self-sustaining it's too big



When every decision comes down to nickels and noses it's too big





## It's Too Big!

It did not say Gideon could not win with 32,000 soldiers it said God could not deliver with 32,000

When we are self-sustaining God never gets the glory

When everything makes sense then we take the credit









## What God Seeks

Not Afraid at the Task at Hand

He did not say they had to be fearless

"Trembling with Fear"

If your fear is your focus go home

If you don't think it's possible, thanks for playing

If you are full of fear, you're going to say NO!







# 69% of the army left







in a meaningful way, and encouraging them to live in a growing relationship with Him.

How many people would we have left?

Would you still be here?







## It's Still 100 Big! Judges 7:4-8















### Put them too the test

The test is simple, take them to the water and see how they drink

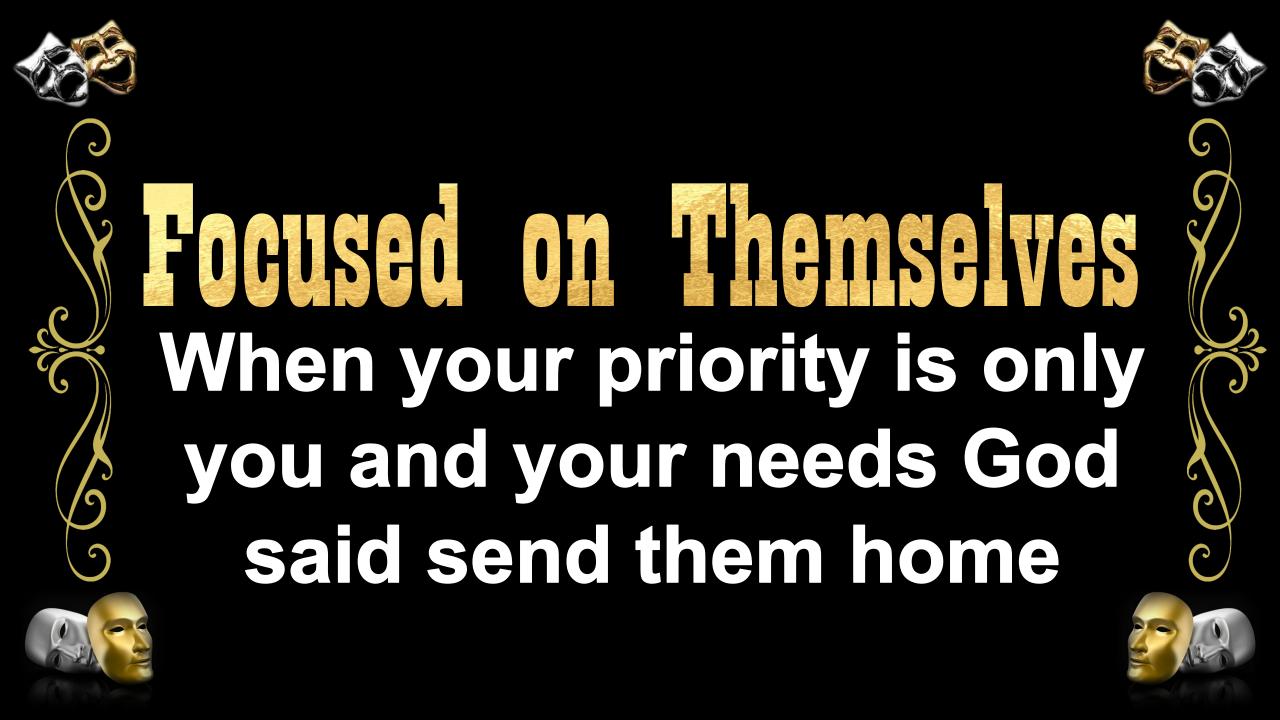
Camp 1: The first camp was those that got on their hands and knees to drink like a dog (97%)

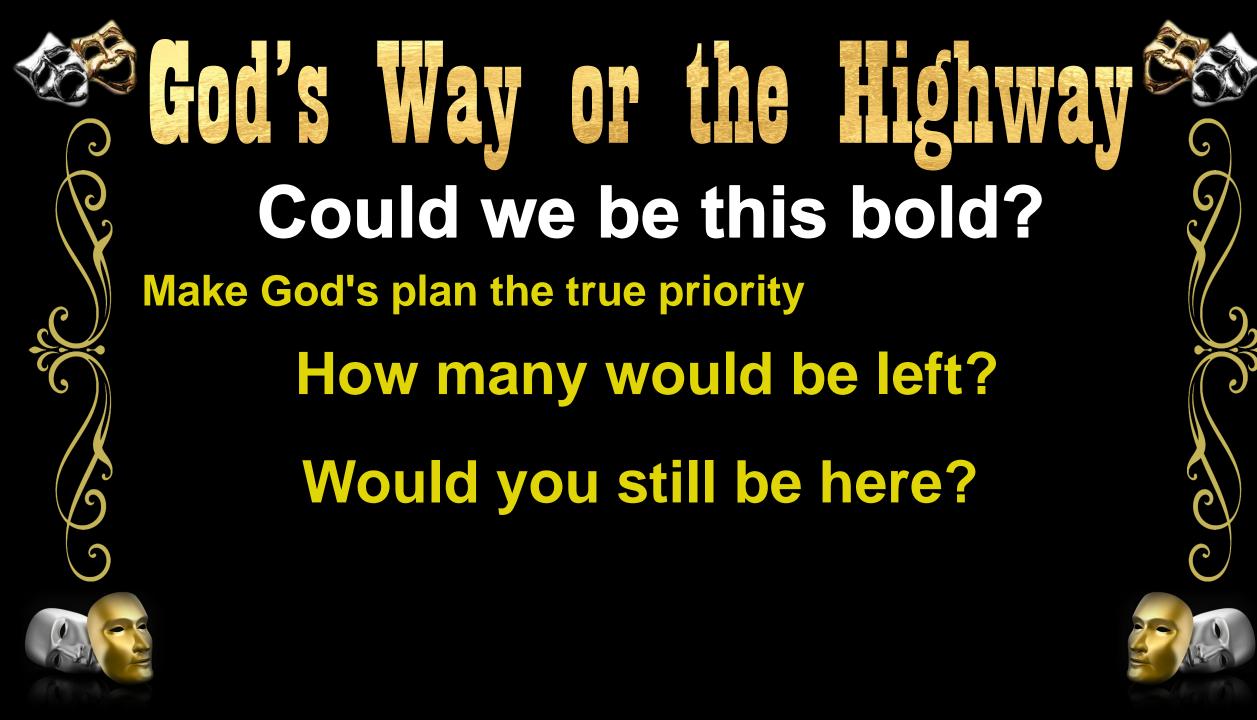
Camp 2: Were those that cupped the water and brought it to their mouth (3%)











## Get Up

When Gideon heard the account of the dream and its interpretation, he bowed in worship. He returned to Israel's camp and said, "Get up, for the Lord has handed the Midianite camp over to you."

Judges 7:14

How many people will be there?

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