

**The Many
MASKS
of Gideon**



The Battle

Gideon and the hundred men with him reached the edge of the camp at the beginning of the middle watch, just after they had changed the guard. They blew their trumpets and broke the jars that were in their hands. The three companies blew the trumpets and smashed the jars. Grasping the torches in their left hands and holding in their right hands the trumpets they were to blow, they shouted, "A sword for the Lord and for Gideon!"

Judges 7:19-20



Lesson's Learned



God Desires a Faithful Relationship

God sees you differently then you see yourself

Getting right with God starts with getting the house in order

Faith is about following not signs

God's way looks different from our way



God's Battle Plan





Properly Distributed




Dividing the three hundred men into three companies (v. 16)

You can't put all your resources in one place

We must be sure that in our God sized ministry we cover all the bases



That means while we have but one goal, share Jesus, we can't be in the same place all the time






Leaders Needed

**To divide into three groups
meant Gideon had to find at
least two additional leaders**





Properly Equipped



**He placed trumpets and empty jars
in the hands of all of them, with
torches inside.**

(v. 16)





Properly Equipped



They did not get sword to fight with

They did not get a shield to defend with

Nobody refused to participate

There were no bystanders

**Now you know why God had
to God size the army**



A Trumpet



“When you enter into battle in your land against an adversary who is attacking you, sound short blasts on the trumpets, and you will be remembered before the Lord your God and be saved from your enemies.”

Numbers 10:9

A Clay Jar

Now we have this treasure in clay jars, so that this extraordinary power may be from God and not from us.

They were plain **They were common**

Ultimately, they were to be broken



A Torch




While you have the light, believe in the light so that you may become children of light.” Jesus said this, then went away and hid from them.

Reality though in this plan they were literally carrying light





Proper Instruction



“Watch me,” he told them. “Follow my lead. When I get to the edge of the camp, do exactly as I do. When I and all who are with me blow our trumpets, then from all around the camp blow yours and shout, ‘For the Lord and for Gideon.’”

(v. 17-18)





Proper Instruction



Follow Me

Do exactly as I do

Wait for Me

Leadership

**How do you know you are a leader;
somebody is following you!**



Do What?



Blow your trumpet: Announce God has arrived. (2 Corinthians 4:5)

Break your jar: Release the light (Acts 26:16-18)

Hold High Your Light and Let it Shine (2 Corinthians 4:6)

Shout to God! (Psalm 100:1)







**It's Time to
Join the Battle**



God Showed Up!



All the Midianites ran, crying out as they fled. When the three hundred trumpets sounded, the Lord caused the men throughout the camp to turn on each other with their swords. The army fled to Beth Shittah toward Zererah as far as the border of Abel Meholah near Tabbath.



Judges 7:21-22






Will God Show Up?




Too often in our vision we are trying to pick a fight when God just wants us to say He is here!

And way too often we want to minister in quiet because we are just convinced God will show up





Will God Show Up?



Then Jesus came to them and said, “All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Therefore, go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. **And surely, I am with you always, to the very end of the age.”**

Matthew 28:18-20





Who is Gideon?





Who are You?