

## GOD IS LOOKING FOR A FEW GOOD WARRIORS.

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### Judges 7:1-2-LB

1 Jerubbaal (that is, Gideon—his other name) and his army got an early start and went as far as the spring of Harod. The armies of Midian were camped north of them, down in the valley beside the hill of Moreh.

2 The Lord then said to Gideon, “There are too many of you! I can’t let all of you fight the Midianites, for then the people of Israel will boast to me that they saved themselves by their own strength!

### 1. God makes ordinary people into extraordinary people.

### Acts 19:11-AMP

11 And God did unusual and extraordinary miracles by the hands of Paul,...

### Judges 7:3-LB

3 Send home any of your men who are *timid and frightened*. So twenty-two thousand of them left, and only ten thousand remained who were willing to fight.

### 2 Timothy 1:7-AMP

7 For God did not give us a spirit of timidity (of cowardice, of craven and cringing and fawning fear), but [*He has given us a spirit*] of power and of love and of calm and well-balanced mind and discipline and self-control.

### 2. God is looking for people who will choose Him over choosing self.

### Philippians 4:13-AMP

13 I have strength for all things in Christ Who empowers me [*I am ready for anything and equal to anything through Him Who infuses inner strength into me; I am self-sufficient in Christ's sufficiency*].

### Judges 7:5-7-LB

So Gideon assembled them at the water. There the Lord told him, “Divide them into two groups decided by the way they drink. In Group 1 will be all the men who cup the water in their hands to get it to their mouths and lap it like dogs. In Group 2 will be those who kneel, with their mouths in the stream.” Only three hundred of the men drank from their hands; all the others drank with their mouths to the stream. 7 “I’ll conquer the Midianites with these three hundred!” the Lord told Gideon. “Send all the others home!”

### 1 Corinthians 16:13-AMP

13 *Be alert and on your guard*; stand firm in your faith *Act like men and be courageous; grow in strength!*

Passion – 13 Remember to stay alert and hold firmly to all that you believe. Be mighty and full of courage.

### Colossians 4:2-AMP

*Be earnest and unwearied and steadfast in your prayer [life], being [both] alert and intent in [your praying]* with thanksgiving.

### 3. God is *not* looking for people who are perfect, but He is looking for those who are willing to be obedient to Him.

### 1 Peter 1:2-AMP

2 Who were chosen and foreknown by God the Father and consecrated (sanctified, made holy) by the Spirit *to be obedient to Jesus Christ (the Messiah)...*

### 2 Corinthians 3:5-Passion

*5 Yet we don't see ourselves as capable enough to do anything in our own strength*, for our *true competence flows from God's empowering presence*.

6 He alone makes us adequate ministers who are focused on an entirely new covenant. Our ministry is not based on the letter of the law *but through the power of the Spirit*.