

Judges 6:33-8:35**Key Verse: 7:7**

1. Read 6:33-40. What was the situation of Israel? (6:1-33) What happened when the Spirit of the Lord came upon Gideon? What two signs did Gideon ask for? (36-39) What was God's gracious answer?
2. Read 7:1-7. How and why did God reduce Israel's army? (Dt 20:8) Why was it better that the victory came from God's clear rescue? (Zech 4:6) What kind of people is God looking for to fulfill his purpose? Are you ready for the battle?
3. Read 7:8-25. What event happened to encourage Gideon and Purah? (9-14) How did he respond and begin the battle? Describe Gideon's strategy and how it worked out. What principle do we learn when God's mission is overwhelming? (1Sa 4:16)
4. Read 8:1-35. How did Gideon deal with the complaints of the Ephraimites? Which two tribes did not help? How did Gideon deal with them after the battle? What is the significance of Gideon refusing to become king? What problem did his Ephod create? How were the Israelites like 'amnesia patients'?