

## ***I R One!!***

We must grasp words like unity, oneness, together, agreement, single, no division, no discord, etc. God's nature, characteristic in this has never changed. In Him there is never any division or disunity. And we should be exactly the same, especially when it comes to HIS WORD!

John 10:30 I and *my* Father are one. (the three in ONE)

Gen 2:24 Therefore shall a man leave his father and his mother, and shall cleave unto his wife: and they shall be one flesh.

1Co 6:17 But he that is joined unto the Lord is one spirit.

The purpose of God in dealing with and using Gideon was for salvation of a nation.

The principal is the same for any individual.

The restoration of mankind back into relationship with the Father

### **Dormant truth**

Dormant: inactive, hibernation

Truth we know but do not do, Truth we have forgotten, let slip, disregarded, or simply chose to stop.

Faith is the key. Do we believe God or not? But our beliefs must go beyond just believing. We must have faith.

Faith works by love, and to have faith we must hear God's word, and to stay in God's flow, we must do God's word.

Gideon knew about God. He knew of the miracles that had been told by the fathers.

But now he was in fear and doubt and believed God has forsaken them.

The Midianites had taken everything from them and did so for seven years.

Has the devil stole from you and has it been long enough?

What are we going to do about his thievery? It is time to take back what has been stolen.

### **Gideon had an encounter with God**

1. An angel appeared to him and talked with him
2. Gideon prepared a present for him
3. Gideon put food on the rock as instructed
4. The angel touched it with his staff fire consumed it.
5. The angel disappeared.

We need an encounter with God. We need a personal one on one encounter with God Almighty.

### **There was sin in the camp**

What brought about the captivity and problems that Gideon and his nation were having.

Judges 6:1 The children of Israel did evil in the sight of the Lord. There was sin in the camp.

They began again to disobey God. – Worship of other God's, Idolatry, marriage outside of Israel, and so forth.

Why is it that we will so easily worship a false but not the true one.

We must get sin out of our lives

### **God always has a plan and purpose**

The first act that God required of Gideon was to tear down the altar of Baal and to replace it with the altar of God.

1. Tear down the altar that his father built – His dad was not a godly person.  
Religious activities, thoughts, reasoning's. Traditions which block God's word.
2. Cut down the image of the false God.  
Is there any picture in your life that is not God. Cut it down. Throw it out.
3. Build an altar of God right on top of the spot of the false one.
4. Build it in the proper arrangement.

God always has an order, His order of doing things.

5. Offer a burnt sacrifice on the altar  
We are the sacrifice that we have to give in this season.
6. Use the wood from the false image for the fire.  
Fire both destroys and it purifies.

### **The Team**

The next thing that God required of Gideon was qualify who went to battle with him.

Gideon started with 32,000, which he gathered in his own power and ability.

God told him that this was too many because he did not want Israel thinking they did this on their own. 7:2

1. God has a number in mind.
2. God has a certain type of individual in mind.
3. He disqualified those in fear, and those who did not maintain their position.
4. God desired that only He get the glory for the victory.

We must be careful who we hang with, who speaks into our life, who we believe and who influences us.

1Co 1:10 Now I beseech you, brethren, by the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, that ye all speak the same thing, and *that* there be **no divisions among you**; but *that* ye be **perfectly joined together** in the same mind and in the same judgment. (HOW we must all have the same information – The Word of God)

God chose men who were warriors, who were watchful and alert. They were those who would not break rank, and would follow orders without exception.

### **God dealt with Gideon's fear**

Jdg 7:9 And it came to pass the same night, that the **LORD said unto him**, Arise, get thee down unto the host; for I have delivered it into thine hand.

Jdg 7:10 But if thou fear to go down, go thou with Phurah thy servant down to the host:

Jdg 7:11 And **thou shalt hear what they say**; and **afterward** shall thine hands **be strengthened** to go down unto the host.

Jdg 7:15 And it was so, **when Gideon heard** the telling of the dream, and the interpretation thereof, that he **worshipped**, and returned into the host of Israel, **and said, Arise; for the LORD hath delivered** into your hand the host of Midian.

### **The Sword of the Lord and of Gideon**

What does this statement mean?

The Sword is the word of God. So the sword of the Lord is His word for this moment, this time, this situation.

The Sword of Gideon is Gideon's word for the moment, the time, the situation.

When these two words or actions come together in perfect union and harmony, the end result is total and complete victory.

### **The trumpet and the light**

The trumpet and the shout represented the voice of the people and the voice of God in unison

The broken jars represented our lives given to God and from the brokenness before God light springs forth.

Light is the power of God inside, His word brings that light forth for life and victory.

Today the call is for everyone to step up to the line and let God flow to you and through you so that a nation, or single life can be saved, delivered and transformed.