

# The Sword of Gideon

**TEXT:** Judges. 6:11-16

**INTRODUCTION:**

- A. **Heb. 11:32-34.** A GENUINE HERO OF FAITH.
- B. GIDEON EXCHANGED HIS FEARFUL HEART FOR TRUST IN GOD'S POWER.
- C. SOME VALUABLE LESSONS FOR US.

**I. Judges 6:1-6 GOD USES TRIAL TO GET OUR ATTENTION**

(Prov. 3:11-12; Jas. 1:1-2).

**II. Judges 6:11-12. GOD ALWAYS SEES MORE THAN WE DO**

– “thou mighty man of valor”

- A. WE ALL HAVE VALUE (1 Tim. 1:15-16; Luke 8:9-14; Matt. 8:10-13).
- B. GOD FINDS US USEFUL (Phil. 2:12-13; 4:13) GIVES US STRENGTH(1 Cor. 15:58).
- C. JESUS IS WITH US WHEN WE DO RIGHT (Matt. 18:20; Phil. 4:4-5).
- D. THE UNSEEN DANGER (1 Pet. 5:8; 2 Cor. 11:14-15; 2:11).
- E. THE UNSEEN REWARD (Col. 3:1-2; 2 Cor. 5:1; Heb. 11:8-10).

**III. Judges 6:25-32. INTEGRITY IS VITAL** (Psa. 26:1; Matt. 6:1).

**IV. Judges 6:33-40. GOD'S LOVE BRINGS US PATIENCE**

(Phil. 3:12, 13-14) **FOR OUR GROWTH** (2 Pet. 3:9, 15) & **SIN.**

**V. Judges 7:1-8. ANY NUMBER + GOD = SUCCESS**

(Luke 18:27; 2 Cor. 12:9).

**VI. Judges 7:9-25. GOD GIVES ASSURANCE.**

(1 John 5:11-12; 1 Cor. 10:13; 1 John 1:9; 5:4).

**VII. Judges 8:1. EXPECT CRITICISM, DEAL WITH IT GRACEFULLY**

(Prov. 15:1).

**VIII. Judges 8:4-21. FINISH STRONG**

(Gal. 6:9; 2 Cor. 1:1, 16; Heb. 4:13; 12:1-3).

**VII. Judges 8:22-23. ALWAYS GIVE GOD THE CREDIT.**

**CONCLUSION:** Judges 8:24-35.

- A. THE END OF GIDEON'S LIFE SERVES AS A WARNING.
- B. WE CAN BE OF GOOD USE TO GOD IF WE LEARN TO TRUST HIM