

*How To Do \_\_\_\_\_ With \_\_\_\_\_*

**Judges 6-7; Selected Scriptures**

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**1. Trust God when what He \_\_\_\_\_ doesn't make \_\_\_\_\_ with how you \_\_\_\_\_.**

**Judges 6:11-16 (NKJV)** - Now the Angel of the Lord came and sat under the terebinth tree which *was* in Ophrah, which *belonged* to Joash the Abiezrite, while his son Gideon threshed wheat in the winepress, in order to hide it from the Midianites. <sup>12</sup> And the Angel of the Lord appeared to him, and said to him, "The Lord is with you, you mighty man of valor!" <sup>13</sup> Gideon said to Him, "O my lord, if the Lord is with us, why then has all this happened to us? And where are all His miracles which our fathers told us about, saying, 'Did not the Lord bring us up from Egypt?' But now the Lord has forsaken us and delivered us into the hands of the Midianites." <sup>14</sup> Then the Lord turned to him and said, "Go in this might of yours, and you shall save Israel from the hand of the Midianites. Have I not sent you?" <sup>15</sup> So he said to Him, "O my Lord, how can I save Israel? Indeed my clan is the weakest in Manasseh, and I am the least in my father's house." <sup>16</sup> And the Lord said to him, "Surely I will be with you, and you shall defeat the Midianites as one man."

**Judges 6:1-6 (NKJV)** - Then the children of Israel did evil in the sight of the Lord. So the Lord delivered them into the hand of Midian for seven years, <sup>2</sup> and the hand of Midian prevailed against Israel. Because of the Midianites, the children of Israel made for themselves the dens, the caves, and the strongholds which *are* in the mountains. <sup>3</sup> So it was, whenever Israel had sown, Midianites would come up; also Amalekites and the people of the East would come up against them. <sup>4</sup> Then they would encamp against them and destroy the produce of the earth as far as Gaza, and leave no sustenance for Israel, neither sheep nor ox nor donkey. <sup>5</sup> For they would come up with their livestock and their tents, coming in as numerous as locusts; both they and their camels were without number; and they would enter the land to destroy it. <sup>6</sup> So Israel was greatly impoverished because of the Midianites, and the children of Israel cried out to the Lord.

**Gideon - his name means \_\_\_\_\_.**

**2. Trust God when He \_\_\_\_\_ WHO and WHAT you \_\_\_\_\_ you \_\_\_\_\_.**

**Judges 7:1-7 (NKJV)** - Then Jerubbaal (that *is*, Gideon) and all the people who *were* with him rose early and encamped beside the well of Harod, so that the camp of the Midianites was on the north side of them by the hill of Moreh in the valley. <sup>2</sup> And the Lord said to Gideon, "The people who *are* with you *are* too many for Me to give the Midianites into their hands, lest Israel claim glory for itself against Me, saying, 'My own hand has saved me.' <sup>3</sup> Now therefore, proclaim in the hearing of the people, saying, 'Whoever *is* fearful and afraid, let him turn and depart at once from Mount Gilead.' " And twenty-two thousand of the people returned, and ten thousand remained. <sup>4</sup> But the Lord said to Gideon, "The people *are* still *too* many; bring them down to the water, and I will test them for you there. Then it will be, *that* of whom I say to you, 'This one shall go with you,' the same shall go with you; and of whomever I say to you, 'This one shall not go with you,' the same shall not go." <sup>5</sup> So he brought the people down to the water. And the Lord said to Gideon, "Everyone who laps from the water with his tongue, as a dog laps, you shall set apart by himself; likewise everyone who gets down on his knees to drink." <sup>6</sup> And the number of those who lapped, putting their hand to their mouth, was three hundred men; but all the rest of the people got down on their knees to drink water. <sup>7</sup> Then the Lord said to Gideon, "By the three hundred men who lapped I will save you, and deliver the Midianites into your hand. Let all the *other* people go, every man to his place."

Camped at the Well of **Harod** - `Eyn Charod, Hebrew **5878**, Strong's `Eyn Charod, *ane khar-ode*;

**3. Trust God to \_\_\_\_\_ what you \_\_\_\_\_ to \_\_\_\_\_ when you need to know it.**

**Judges 7:8-14 (NKJV)** - So the people took provisions and their trumpets in their hands. And he sent away all *the rest of* Israel, every man to his tent, and retained those three hundred men. Now the camp of Midian was below him in the valley. <sup>9</sup> It happened on the same night that the Lord said to him, "Arise, go down against

the camp, for I have delivered it into your hand. <sup>10</sup> *But if you are afraid* to go down, go down to the camp with Purah your servant, <sup>11</sup> and you shall hear what they say; and afterward your hands shall be strengthened to go down against the camp." Then he went down with Purah his servant to the outpost of the armed men who *were* in the camp. <sup>12</sup> Now the Midianites and Amalekites, all the people of the East, were lying in the valley as numerous as locusts; and their camels *were* without number, as the sand by the seashore in multitude. <sup>13</sup> And when Gideon had come, there was a man telling a dream to his companion. He said, "I have had a dream: *To my* surprise, a loaf of barley bread tumbled into the camp of Midian; it came to a tent and struck it so that it fell and overturned, and the tent collapsed." <sup>14</sup> Then his companion answered and said, "This *is* nothing else but the sword of Gideon the son of Joash, a man of Israel! Into his hand God has delivered Midian and the whole camp."

4. **Trust God to \_\_\_\_\_ for \_\_\_\_\_ what you can't do for**

**Judges 7:15-22 (NKJV)** - And so it was, when Gideon heard the telling of the dream and its interpretation, that he worshiped. He returned to the camp of Israel, and said, "Arise, for the Lord has delivered the camp of Midian into your hand." <sup>16</sup> Then he divided the three hundred men *into* three companies, and he put a trumpet into every man's hand, with empty pitchers, and torches inside the pitchers. <sup>17</sup> And he said to them, "Look at me and do likewise; watch, and when I come to the edge of the camp you shall do as I do: <sup>18</sup> When I blow the trumpet, I and all who *are* with me, then you also blow the trumpets on every side of the whole camp, and say, '*The sword of* the Lord and of Gideon!' " <sup>19</sup> So Gideon and the hundred men who *were* with him came to the outpost of the camp at the beginning of the middle watch, just as they had posted the watch; and they blew the trumpets and broke the pitchers that *were* in their hands. <sup>20</sup> Then the three companies blew the trumpets and broke the pitchers--they held the torches in their left hands and the trumpets in their right hands for blowing--and they cried, "The sword of the Lord and of Gideon!" <sup>21</sup> And every man stood in his place all around the camp; and the whole army ran and cried out and fled. <sup>22</sup> When the three hundred blew the trumpets, the Lord set every man's sword against his companion throughout the whole camp;

and the army fled to Beth Acacia, toward Zererah, as far as the border of Abel Meholah, by Tabbath.

**Questions to Consider**

1. Has someone ever told you something positive about yourself that you found hard to believe? Explain.
2. When have you ever faced a challenge that seemed too big for you to handle?
3. When have you ever been part of an amazing or unlikely victory? Explain.
4. How can you draw encouragement from the Lord during difficult times in your life?
5. Have you ever needed a lot of reassurance before you would obey God? Explain.
6. In what ways has the Lord reassured you that you were doing what was right?
7. What does this passage teach you about the kind of people God uses to fulfill His purposes?
8. How can you depend more on God's strength in the challenges you face?
9. What do you think is the best thing to do when you're afraid and you don't know what to do?
10. What can you do today to give The Lord glory for victories you have experienced in your life?