

Gideon's Helpful Handbook on High-Flying Victory
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I. Even the greatest of victories can be derailed by

- A. God was _____ the Israelites
(Hebrews 12:6)

"Unless our suffering leads to repentance, it accomplishes no lasting good; and unless our repentance is evidence of a holy desire to turn from sin, not just escape from pain, repentance is only remorse." ~ Warren W. Wiersbe

- B. The Israelites did evil in the eyes of the _____, 2:11; 3:7&12; 4:1; 6:1; 10:6; 13:1

II. _____ knows us!

[Psalm 103:14](#) For He knows our frame;
He remembers that we are dust.

- A. To _____ up his faith, vs. 8,9
B. To _____ his fears, vs. 12,14
C. To _____ immaturity, vs. 16a
D. To _____ away his insecurities, vs. 16b

"God can strike some pretty straight licks with some pretty crooked sticks."
~ Dr. Carl Deimer

- E. To _____ his confidence, vs. 17-19
F. To _____ his doubts, vs. 36-40- God gave two
more signs

III. You have to be in it to win it!

- A. Get _____ the game!

"At the time, Gideon was fearful, and he was hiding from his enemy. These details didn't matter to God. God saw his potential and called him to something great. In the same way, our current circumstances never cause God to lose sight of our potential. He sees us for who we can be. He knows what He has planted in our hearts and minds." ~ Tom Mullins

- B. What's _____ perspective? From _____ are you watching the game?

IV. Develop a no excuses mentality, vs. 11b & 15b

- A. Gideon misunderstood _____ God works, vs. 14
B. Availability is the issue ... not _____

V. It's not about _____, vs. 7:2-8

- A. What were their implements of _____?
• Trumpets, empty _____, and torches!
B. We focus on the _____, God focuses on the _____

[1 Samuel 16:7](#) But the Lord said to Samuel, "Do not consider his appearance or his height, for I have rejected him. The Lord does not look at the things man looks at. Man looks at the outward appearance, but the Lord looks at the heart."

VI. Keep your _____ on God, vs. 15

- God _____ Gideon three times that He would give Israel _____ (6:14,16; 7:7).
- God _____ Gideon by giving him three special signs: fire from the rock (6:19-21), the wet fleece (6:36-38), and the dry fleece (6:39-40).

[John 15:5-6](#) Remain in me, and I will remain in you. No branch can bear fruit by itself; it must remain in the vine. Neither can you bear fruit unless you remain in me. "I am the vine; you are the branches. If a man remains in me and I in him, he will bear much fruit; apart from me you can do nothing.

Action Points

1. What must I confess? _____

2. Am I comforted by the fact that God knows me? _____

3. Am I in it to win it? Why or why not? _____

4. What are some excuses I am hanging onto? _____

5. Am I trusting in self or God? _____

6. Where is my focus? _____
