

Coward - one who lacks the courage to do or endure dangerous or unpleasant things

A man's greatest fear is failure, but a man's greatest pain is regret!

Judges 6:11-12 NLT

Then the angel of the Lord came and sat beneath the great tree at Ophrah, which belonged to Joash of the clan of Abiezer. Gideon son of Joash was threshing wheat at the bottom of a winepress to hide the grain from the Midianites. The angel of the Lord appeared to him and said, "**Mighty hero**, the Lord is with you!"

God always sees more in you, than you see in you!

Judges 6:13-16 NLT

"Sir," Gideon replied, "if the Lord is with us, why has all this happened to us? And where are all the miracles our ancestors told us about? Didn't they say, 'The Lord brought us up out of Egypt'? But now **the Lord has abandoned us** and handed us over to the Midianites."

Then the Lord turned to him and said, "Go with **the strength you have**, and rescue Israel from the Midianites. I am sending you!"

"But Lord," Gideon replied, "how can I rescue Israel? My clan is the **weakest** in the whole tribe of Manasseh, and I am the **least** in my entire family!" The Lord said to him, "I will be with you. And you will destroy the Midianites as if you were **fighting against one man**."

Be honest with God

Believe in your strength

Trust in God's preparation

Judges 7:2 NLT

The Lord said to Gideon, "You have too many warriors with you. If I let all of you fight the Midianites, the Israelites will boast to me that they saved themselves by their own strength."

Judges 7:12-14 NLT

The armies of Midian, Amalek, and the people of the east had settled in the valley like a swarm of locusts. Their camels were like grains of sand on the seashore—too many to count! Gideon crept up just as a man was telling his companion about a dream. The man said, "I had this dream, and in my dream a loaf of barley bread came tumbling down into the Midianite camp. It hit a tent, turned it over, and knocked it flat!" His companion answered, "Your dream can mean only one thing—God has given Gideon son of Joash, the Israelite, victory over Midian and all its allies!"

Watch God work

Judges 7:22

When the 300 Israelites blew their rams' horns, **the Lord caused** the warriors in the camp to fight against each other with their swords. Those who were not killed fled to places as far away as Beth-shittah near Zererah and to the border of Abel-meholah near Tabbath.

Chase it down yourself

Judges 8:10-12 NLT

By this time Zebah and Zalmunna were in Karkor with about 15,000 warriors—all that remained of the allied armies of the east, for 120,000 had already been killed. Gideon circled around by the caravan route east of Nobah and Jogbehah, taking the Midianite army by surprise. Zebah and Zalmunna, the two Midianite kings, fled, but **Gideon chased them down** and captured all their warriors.