



August 2, 2026

Called

Scripture

- 1 The Israelites did what was evil in the sight of the Lord. So the Lord handed them over to Midian seven years,
- 2 and they oppressed Israel. Because of Midian, the Israelites made hiding places for themselves in the mountains, caves, and strongholds.
- 3 Whenever the Israelites planted crops, the Midianites, Amalekites, and the people of the east came and attacked them.
- 4 They encamped against them and destroyed the produce of the land, even as far as Gaza. They left nothing for Israel to eat, as well as no sheep, ox, or donkey.

- 7 When the Israelites cried out to him because of Midian,
- 8 the Lord sent a prophet to them. He said to them, "This is what the Lord God of Israel says: 'I brought you out of Egypt and out of the place of slavery.
- 9 I rescued you from the power of Egypt and the power of all who oppressed you. I drove them out before you and gave you their land.
- 10 I said to you: I am the Lord your God. Do not fear the gods of the Amorites whose land you live in. But you did not obey me.'"
- 11 The angel of the Lord came, and he sat under the oak that was in Ophrah, which belonged to Joash, the Abiezrite. His son Gideon was threshing wheat in the winepress in order to hide it from the Midianites.
- 12 Then the angel of the Lord appeared to him and said, "The Lord is with you, valiant warrior."
- 13 Gideon said to him, "Please, my lord, if the Lord is with us, why has all this happened? And where are all his wonders that our ancestors told us about? They said, 'Hasn't the Lord brought us out of Egypt?' But now the Lord has abandoned us and handed us over to Midian."
- 14 The Lord turned to him and said, "Go in the strength you have and deliver Israel from the grasp of Midian. I am sending you!"
- 15 He said to him, "Please, Lord, how can I deliver Israel? Look, my family is the weakest in Manasseh, and I am the youngest in my father's family."
- 16 "But I will be with you," the Lord said to him. "You will strike Midian down as if it were one man."

Judges 6:1-4, 7-16 CSB



Additional Resources

Explore the Bible: Joshua; Judges; Ruth, Summer 2026; Biblegateway.com; preceptaustin.org; Biblehub.com/commentaries; The New American Commentary, Joshua, David M. Howard Jr.

Questions/Reflections



God's Word - Devoted to Him

Faithful with the Impossible

*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?"

Judges 6:14

In Gideon's mind, victory over the Midianites was an impossibility, and he was absolutely right! The Midianites, along with their allies, overwhelmed the feeble Hebrews. Yet the moment God told Gideon to fight them, victory was no longer an impossibility! When Jesus commanded His small group of followers to make disciples of all nations, was that possible? (Matt. 28:19). Certainly, if Jesus said it was! When Jesus told His disciples to love their enemies, was He being realistic? Of course, because He was the One who would achieve reconciliation through them. (2 Cor. 5:19-20).

Do you treat commands like these as implausible? Do you modify God's Word to find an interpretation that seems reasonable to you? Don't discount what is possible with God (Phil. 4:13). When God gives an assignment, it is no longer an impossibility, but rather it is an absolute certainty. When God gives you a seemingly impossible task, the only thing preventing it from coming to pass is your disobedience. When God speaks, it can scare you to death! He will lead you to do things that are absolutely impossible in your own strength. But God will grant you victory, step by step, as you obey Him. How do you respond to assignments that seem impossible? Do you write them off as unattainable? Or do you immediately adjust your life to God's revelation, watching with anticipation to see how He will accomplish His purposes through your obedience? God wants to do the impossible through your life. All He requires is your obedience.

Experiencing God Day By Day



The answer to your need is a person—
His name is Jesus. And with Him nothing is impossible.

Nothing

Charles R. Swindoll

DAILY BIBLE STUDY

SCRIPTURE - Read the passage of the day

OBSERVATION - Write the point of the passage

APPLICATION - Ask yourself how this Scripture applies to your life

PRAYER - Ask God to help you use this Scripture

Trust

Main Passage for August 9 – Judges 7:1-8, 19-23 CSB

Monday - Judges 7:1-3

Wednesday - Judges 7:7-8

Friday - Judges 7:19-21

Tuesday - Judges 7:4-6

Thursday - Judges 7:9-18

Saturday - Judges 7:22-24

Memory Verse: Judges 7:2

The Lord said to Gideon, "You have too many troops for me to hand the Midianites over to them, or else Israel might elevate themselves over me and say, "I saved myself."

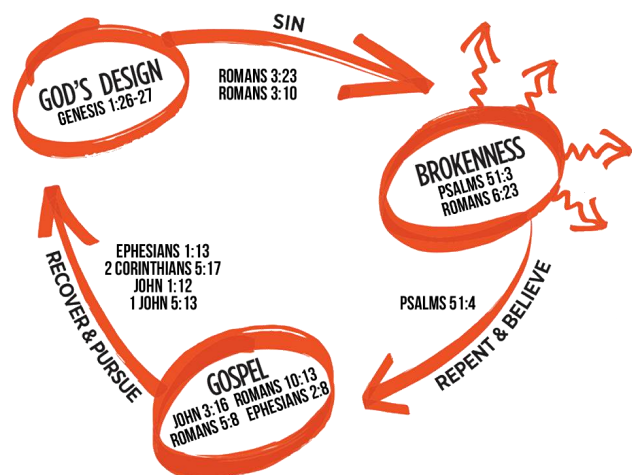
Mission Statement

Glorifying God by connecting people to become fully devoted followers of Jesus Christ

Connect Church Prayer Request

ONE PERSON WALKING
WITH GOD
IS IN
THE MAJORITY.

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A Heart in the Right Place

Jesus said, "Where your treasure is, there your heart will be also" (Matthew 6:21). By telling us that our hearts follow our treasure, Jesus is saying, "Show me your checkbook, your VISA statement, and your receipts, and I'll show you where your heart is."

As surely as the compass needle follows north, your heart will follow treasure. Money leads; hearts follow.

I've heard people say, "I want more of a heart for missions." I always respond, "Jesus tells you exactly how to get it. Put your money in missions—and in your church and the poor—and your heart will follow."

Do you wish you cared more about eternal things? Then reallocate some of your money, maybe *most* of your money, from temporal things to eternal things. Watch what happens.

God wants your heart. He isn't looking just for "donors" for His kingdom, those who stand outside the cause and dispassionately consider acts of philanthropy. He's looking for disciples immersed in the causes they give to. He wants people so filled with a vision for eternity that they wouldn't dream of not investing their money, time, and prayers where they will matter most.

Of course, giving isn't the only good thing we can do with money. We need to feed, clothe, house, and transport our families. But when the basics are taken care of, why shouldn't the rest go toward treasures in heaven?

Moses left Egypt's treasures "because he was looking ahead to his reward" (Hebrews 11:26).

He who lays up treasures on earth spends his life backing away from his treasures. To him, death is loss.

He who lays up treasures in heaven looks forward to eternity; he's moving daily toward his treasures. To him death is gain.

He who spends his life moving away from his treasures has reason to despair. He who spends his life moving toward his treasures has reason to rejoice.

Are you despairing or rejoicing?

To be continued from...
The Treasure Principle

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WEDNESDAY

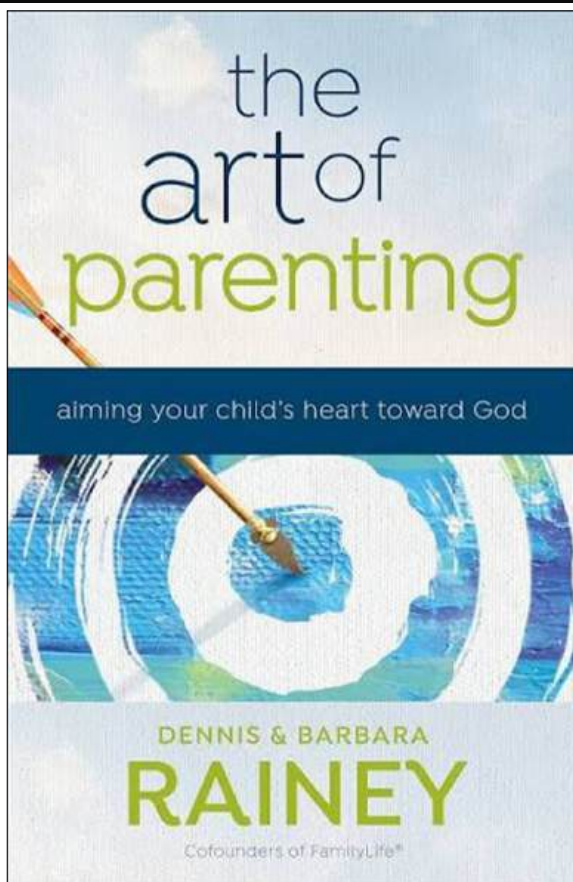
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The Art of Parenting Bible Study All Welcome!

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*Join Us for
Refreshments on
the Patio Today!*



*Stay and Visit
Following
the Service!*

**Scooping Up the Last Days
of Summer**
August 2nd

Young Adult Kickball
August 2nd

Summer Stage Dress Rehearsal
August 5th

CT - Back to School Bash
August 5th

Promotion Sunday
August 9th



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SCOOPING UP THE LAST DAYS OF SUMMER CONNECT KIDS

AUGUST 2ND - 9:00 AM AND 10:30 AM
CHILDREN'S DEPARTMENT
BRING YOUR FRIENDS!



FOR MORE INFO. - ROQUANDA.GUY@CC.TODAY



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YOUNG ADULTS - KICKBALL YOUNG ADULT'S MINISTRY

AUGUST 2ND - 6:00 PM

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BACK TO SCHOOL BASH

FOOD / GAMES / ICE CREAM

AUGUST 5TH - 6:30 PM

ACTIVITY CENTER



GIFT CARD DRAWING - IF YOU BRING A FRIEND
FOR MORE INFO. - TRISTAN.NELSON@CC.TODAY



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SUMMER STAGE SPECTACULAR 'O CHICKEN OF LITTLE FAITH'



LEAD CAST ONLY - 6:00 PM

FOR MORE INFO. - NICOLE.WEBER@CC.TODAY

ALL CAST MEMBERS - 7:00 PM

Promotion
Sunday

August 9th
9:00 & 10:30 AM



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Are You Curious About Baptism?

**3rd - 8th Grade Students
and Their Parents**

**August 16th, 23rd, and 30th
9:00 AM**



Children's Department

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For more info. - stacy.gatlin@cc.today

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Messages / Prayer Requests / Events / Tithes & Offerings



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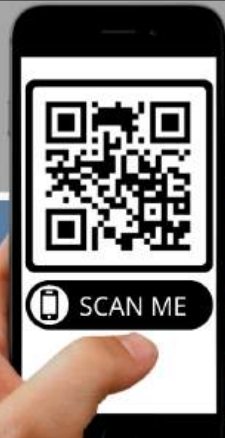
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