



August 9, 2026

Trust

Scripture

- 1 Jerubbaal (that is, Gideon) and all the troops who were with him, got up early and camped beside the spring of Harod. The camp of Midian was north of them, below the hill of Moreh, in the valley.
- 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.'"
- 3 Now announce to the troops, 'Whoever is fearful and trembling may turn back and leave Mount Gilead.'" So twenty-two thousand of the troops turned back, but ten thousand remained.
- 4 Then the Lord said to Gideon, "There are still too many troops. Take them down to the water, and I will test them for you there. If I say to you, 'This one can go with you,' he can go. But if I say about anyone, 'This one cannot go with you,' he cannot go."
- 5 So he brought the troops down to the water, and the Lord said to Gideon, "Separate everyone who laps water with his tongue like a dog. Do the same with everyone who kneels to drink."
- 6 The number of those who lapped with their hands to their mouths was three hundred men, and all the rest of the troops knelt to drink water.
- 7 The Lord said to Gideon, "I will deliver you with the three hundred men who lapped and hand the Midianites over to you. But everyone else is to go home."
- 8 So Gideon sent all the Israelites to their tents but kept the three hundred troops, who took the provisions and their rams' horns. The camp of Midian was below him in the valley.
- 19 Gideon and the hundred men who were with him went to the outpost of the camp at the beginning of the middle watch after the sentries had been stationed. They blew their rams' horns and broke the pitchers that were in their hands.
- 20 The three companies blew their rams' horns and shattered their pitchers. They held their torches in their left hands and their rams' horns to blow in their right hands, and they shouted, "A sword for the Lord and for Gideon!"
- 21 Each Israelite took his position around the camp, and the entire Midianite army began to run, and they cried out as they fled.
- 22 When Gideon's men blew their three hundred rams' horns, the Lord caused the men in the whole army to turn on each other with their swords. They fled to Acacia House in the direction of Zererah as far as the border of Abel-meholah near Tabbath.
- 23 Then the men of Israel were called from Naphtali, Asher, and Manasseh, and they pursued the Midianites.



Judges 7:1-8, 19-23 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

*"A sword for the Lord and for Gideon!"
Judges 7:20*

Gideon ordered his men to do several things. First, they were to cover their torches with clay pitchers. Then, at the appointed signal, they were to break the pitchers and let their lights shine. And then they were to sound their trumpets and shout, "A sword for the Lord and for Gideon!"

This is precisely what all Christians must do. First, you must shine: break the pitcher that conceals your light, throw aside the basket that has been hiding your candle, and shine. Let your light shine before all people—let your good works be so obvious that when people look at you, they will know that you have been with Jesus (Matthew 5:16). Then there must be the sound, the blowing of the trumpet. There must be an active effort to gather in sinners by proclaiming the crucified Christ. Take the gospel to them—carry it to their door, put it in their way, don't allow them to escape it. Blow the trumpet right into their ears!

Remember that the true war cry of the church is Gideon's watchword: "A sword for the Lord and for Gideon!" God must do the work, since it is His own. But we are not to be idle; we should use the instruments God provides: "A sword for the Lord and for Gideon!" If we only cry, "The sword of the Lord," we will be guilty of lazy presumption; if we shout, "The sword of Gideon" alone, we will demonstrate an idolatrous reliance on the arm of flesh. No, we must blend the two in a practical harmony: "A sword for the Lord and for Gideon!"

We can do nothing by ourselves, but we can do everything through the help of our God. So let us, in His name, determine to go out personally and serve with our flaming torches of holy example, and with our trumpet calls of earnest declaration and testimony. God will be with us, and the enemy will be put to confusion, and the Lord of hosts will reign forever and ever.

Morning and Evening - Charles Spurgeon



Strive to be one of the few who walk this earth with the ever present realization—every morning, noon, and night—that the unknown that people call heaven is directly behind those things that are visible.

Streams in the Desert

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

Compromise

Main Passage for August 16 – Judges 16:16-31 CSB

Monday - Judges 16:1-16

Wednesday - Judges 16:20-22

Friday - Judges 16:26-28

Tuesday - Judges 16:17-19

Thursday - Judges 16:23-25

Saturday - Judges 16:29-31

Memory Verse: Psalm 28:7

*The Lord is my strength and my shield; my heart trusts in him, and I am helped.
Therefore my heart celebrates, and I give thanks to him with my song.*

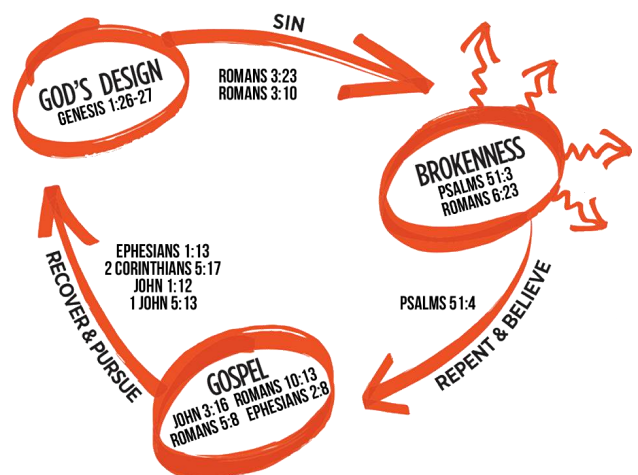
Mission Statement

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

Connect Church Prayer Request

KNOWING THAT GOD IS FOR US
TRANSFORMS ANY BAD SITUATION
INTO HOPE.

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Roadblocks to Giving

*Be on your guard against all kinds of greed;
a man's life does not consist in the abundance
of his possessions.
Luke 12:15*

We know that Christ commands us to give. And we know He offers us great rewards for giving. So why is it so hard to give?

There are many roadblocks to giving: unbelief, insecurity, pride, idolatry, desire for power and control. The raging current of our culture—and often our churches—makes it hard to swim upstream. It's considered “normal” to keep far more than we give.

But I'm convinced that the greatest deterrent to giving is this: the illusion that earth is our home. This leads us to the next key to the Treasure Principle: *Heaven, not earth, is my home.*

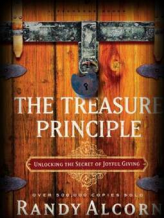
The Bible says we're pilgrims, strangers, aliens on earth (Hebrews 11:13). We're ambassadors representing our true country (2 Corinthians 5:20). “Our citizenship is in heaven” (Philippians 3:20). We're citizens of “a better country—a heavenly one” (Hebrews 11:16).

Where we choose to store our treasures depends largely on where we think our home is.

Suppose your home is in France and you're visiting America for three months, living in a hotel. You're told that you can't bring anything back to France on your flight home. But you can earn money and mail deposits to your bank in France.

Would you fill your hotel room with expensive furniture and wall hangings? Of course not. You'd send your money where your home is. You would spend only what you needed on the temporary residence, sending your treasures ahead so they'd be waiting for you when you got home.

To be continued from...
The Treasure Principle



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Promotion Sunday

August 9th
9:00 & 10:30 AM

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the Patio Today!*



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Connect Kids - Promotion Sunday

August 9th

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August 12th

Men's Connection Network

Oil Change

August 15th

Connect Kids - Baptism Class

August 16, 23, 30

Connect Kids - Movie Night

August 19th



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**'SHOW TIME'
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Are You Curious About Baptism?

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

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



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AUGUST 19TH - 6:00 PM

CHILDREN'S DEPARTMENT



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AUGUST 19TH - 7:00 PM

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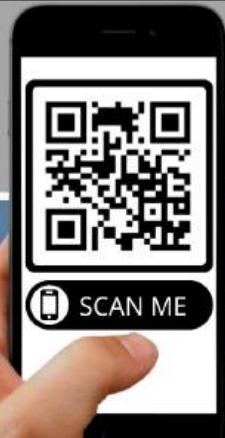
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