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Lessons from

GOD'S CHOSEN LEADERS



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Gideon -

THE ODDS ARE IN YOUR FAVOR

When all that generation had been gathered to their fathers, another generation arose after them who did not know the LORD nor the work which He had done for Israel.” **Judges 2:10 NKJV**

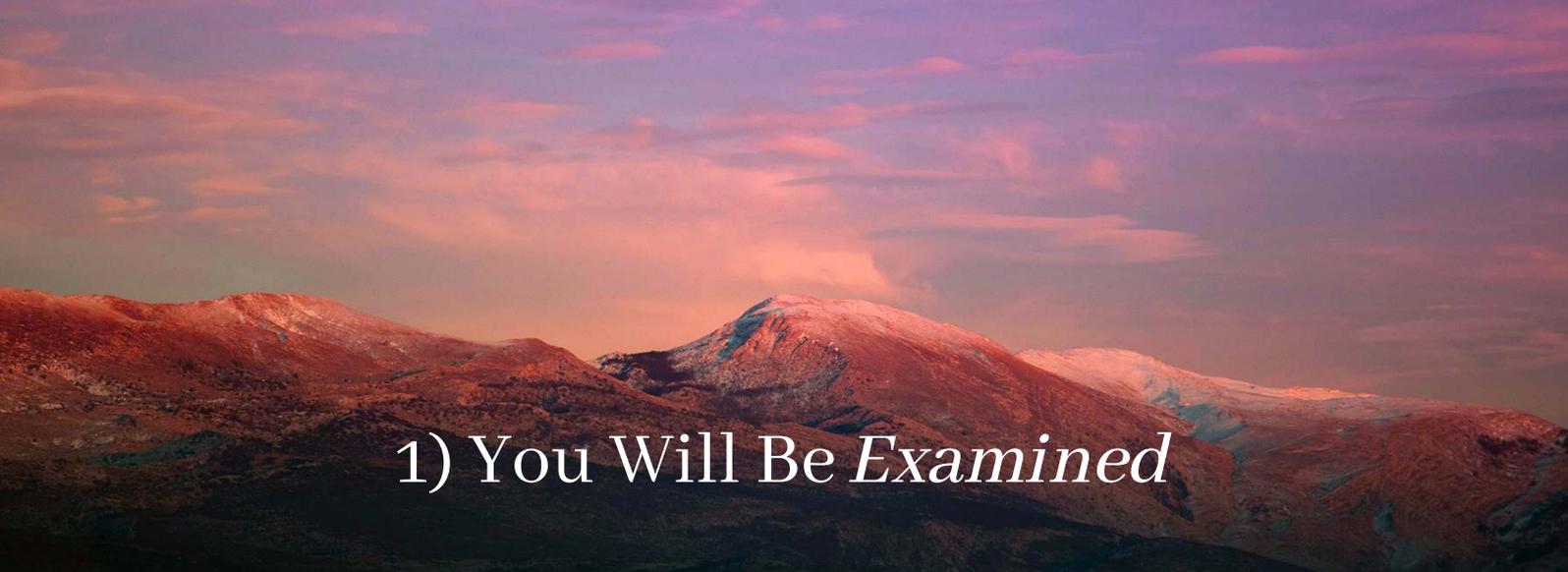
Read **Judges 6:1-6 NKJV**

The Cycle of Conduct in Judges

- Turning Away From God
- Found in Bondage of Sin
- Begin to Cry Out to God
- God Raises Up a Leader
- Live in Peace and Blessings

Lessons From Gideon

“These are the nations that the Lord left in the land to test those Israelites who had not experienced the wars of Canaan. He did this to teach warfare to generations of Israelites who had no experience in battle.” **Judges 3:1-2 NLT**



1) You Will Be *Examined*

“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.” **Judges 6:2 NKJV**

When you find yourself in a cave, look to God.

We do not want you to be uninformed, brothers and sisters, about the troubles we experienced in the province of Asia. We were under great pressure, far beyond our ability to endure, so that we despaired of life itself.” **2 Corinthians 1:8 NIV**

“For I am persuaded that neither death nor life, nor angels nor principalities nor powers, nor things present nor things to come, nor height nor depth, nor any other created thing, shall be able to separate us from the love of God which is in Christ Jesus our Lord.” **Romans 8:38-39 NKJV**



2) You Will Be *Encouraged*

Read **Judges 6:11-16 NLT**

God will encourage you, but you have to start moving.

- Start Doing What You Know to Do
- Start Seeing Yourself the Way God Sees You're
- Start Remembering What God Has Done
- Start With the Strength That You Have

“For unto us a Child is born, Unto us a Son is given; And the government will be upon His shoulder. And His name will be called Wonderful, Counselor, Mighty God (El Gibbor), Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.” **Isaiah 9:6 NKJV**

And Gideon built an altar to the Lord there and named it Yahweh-Shalom (which means “the Lord is peace”). The altar remains in Ophrah in the land of the clan of Abiezer to this day.” **Judges 6:24 NLT**



3) You Will Be *Empowered*

"Then the Spirit of the Lord clothed Gideon with power. He blew a ram's horn as a call to arms, and the men of the clan of Abiezer came to him. He also sent messengers throughout Manasseh, Asher, Zebulun, and Naphtali, summoning their warriors, and all of them responded."

Judges 6:34-35 NLT

When you're empowered by God the odds are in your favor.

"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.

The Lord told Gideon, "With these 300 men I will rescue you and give you victory over the Midianites. Send all the others home."

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." **Judges 7:2, 7, 22 NLT**