

Gideon: The Victory that leads to Defeat

Judges 8:4-28

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The Sunday School presentation of Gideon is true but incomplete.

Gideon is a violent man,

Gideon is a man prone to serve God in the wrong way.

Gideon brings us full circle.

Hot Pursuit

Gideon and his men were faint, yet pursuing.

They pursue hard, for two, perhaps three days.

Succoth and Penuel

Why are they are Afraid to help?

Israel is not unified behind their God-given deliverer.

The second battle of Gideon

Gideon's Retribution

Is this good or bad? The text does not say.

Dialogue with the Kings of Midian

Pride and personal vendetta

Why does Gideon ask his son to kill the kings?

Offer of Kingship

He refuses, or does he?

Making of an Ephod

Gideon cannot deliver us

We can act in great faith at times, and still be greatly flawed.

Beware of great gifts without the fruit of the Spirit.