

**Launch – Read Judges 7:16-25.** Discuss the interesting aspects of God calling Gideon to lead the people in battle. What does this battle tell us about God? About the Church?

- The bible is filled with battle scenes and battle preparations. Read the following Scriptures and discuss the difference between the battle we face alone or with God.
- Ephesians 6:10-13
- 2 Corinthians 10:4-5

**Explore –** Discuss the following outline regarding Gideon's battle.

**1. Strange Preparations (v. 16)**

- Trumpets, pitchers, and torches.
  1. Those who have faith in God can afford to use weak things (according to the world).
  2. Compare the weapons of David and Goliath (1 Samuel 17:40-45)
- Testimony, Life, The Light of God.
  1. The trumpet compares to our testimony we have in Christ.
  2. The pitcher is a picture of our lives emptied out before God...
  3. The torch is the light of God that fills our lives
  4. When we go into battle emptied of self and filled with God, we cannot lose.

**2. Present Example (v. 17)**

- Gideon was an example to the people.
- We have a privilege of being an example to others.

**3. Uniting Battle Cry (v. 20)**

- Notice, the only sword they had was the "Sword of the Lord!" → The word of God!
- The Word of God is mightier than any other weapon of our spiritual battle.

**4. Complete Victory (v. 21)**

**Apply –** What battles are you facing right now? What Scripture can you use in your life to combat against your battle?

**Prayer –** Ask God to help you fight with the "Sword of the Lord."