

God will always reassure you of what He said

I have heard many sermons preached about Judges 7 and about how God brought down the numbers of Gideons men to 300 to show how powerful He is and how He is the One winning the battles, how He can do the impossible etc.

But this part I highlighted, I saw in this part for the first time ever this week, a bit of fresh manna that is very relevant to me (and maybe to you) right now.

When God gives us a promise, and a command (especially when it seems insane to the flesh), we can sometimes go weak at the knees, thinking, "How God, how will this ever be so?"

And we quote to ourselves the scripture "without faith it is impossible to please God" We beat ourselves up, because we feel our lack of faith is now cancelling God's promise and plan. We are sometimes so afraid to ask God to show us more, that we will try to figure out for ourselves what God is saying, showing (or run the opposite way).

But we do it, because we do not know how big the grace and love of God really is. Then God comes in His mercy, and breaks open more revelation of His plan, because He knows us. Gideon heard from God, he heard clearly, but he was still afraid. In His mercy God told him to go to the Midianite camp and listen, and God gave a dream to a non-Israelite (unbeliever) to share, and even gave the interpretation to another Midianite. All of this, just so Gideons faith can be established, that God would do as He said.

Is that not grace upon grace upon grace...

What has God shared with you lately, that you felt is just too big? Is God maybe using a Midianite to confirm to you what He promised, but you're shooting it down as "coincidence" ... Are you waiting for a "thus sayeth the Lord" moment from a big prophet while God is confirming His word, even by using the unsaved, even through your "enemies", even through your own dreams?

Judges 7:1 So Jerub-baal (that is, Gideon) and his army got up early and went as far as the spring of Harod. The armies of Midian were camped north of them in the valley near the hill of Moreh. ² 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. ³ Therefore, tell the people, 'Whoever is timid or afraid may leave this mountain^[a] and go home.'" So 22,000 of them went home, leaving only 10,000 who were willing to fight. ⁴ But the LORD told Gideon, "There are still too many! Bring them down to the spring, and I will test them to determine who will go with you and who will not." ⁵ When Gideon took his warriors down to the water, the LORD told him, "Divide the men into two groups. In one group put all those who cup water in their hands and lap it up with their tongues like dogs. In the other group put all those who kneel down and drink with their mouths in the stream." ⁶ Only 300 of the men drank from their hands. All the others got down on their knees and drank with

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their mouths in the stream. ⁷ The LORD told Gideon, "With these 300 men I will rescue you and give you victory over the Midianites. Send all the others home." ⁸ So Gideon collected the provisions and rams' horns of the other warriors and sent them home. But he kept the 300 men with him. The Midianite camp was in the valley just below Gideon. ⁹ That night the LORD said, "Get up! Go down into the Midianite camp, for I have given you victory over them!" ¹⁰ But if you are afraid to attack, go down to the camp with your servant Purah. ¹¹ Listen to what the Midianites are saying, and you will be greatly encouraged. Then you will be eager to attack." So Gideon took Purah and went down to the edge of the enemy camp. ¹² The armies of Midian, Amalek, and the people of the east had settled in the valley like a swarm of locusts. Their camels were like grains of sand on the seashore—too many to count! ¹³ Gideon crept up just as a man was telling his companion about a dream. The man said, "I had this dream, and in my dream a loaf of barley bread came tumbling down into the Midianite camp. It hit a tent, turned it over, and knocked it flat!" ¹⁴ His companion answered, "Your dream can mean only one thing—God has given Gideon son of Joash, the Israelite, victory over Midian and all its allies!" ¹⁵ When Gideon heard the dream and its interpretation, he bowed in worship before the LORD.^[b] Then he returned to the Israelite camp and shouted, "Get up! For the LORD has given you victory over the Midianite hordes!" ¹⁶ He divided the 300 men into three groups and gave each man a ram's horn and a clay jar with a torch in it.

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