

Strong when I am Weak
“The Mighty Warrior”
Judges 6-8
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Sermon Points:

1. The Cycle of Disobedience and Desperation

- Israel's Downward Spiral (Judges 6:1–6):
 - Evil in God's sight leads to Midianite oppression.
 - The people are impoverished, hiding, and helpless.
- Cry for Help (v.6):
 - In desperation, Israel finally turns to God.

2. An Unlikely Hero in Hiding

- Gideon's Fearful Obscurity (Judges 6:11–12):
 - Found threshing wheat in a winepress—an act of fear and concealment.
- God's Perspective (v.12):
 - Greeted as “mighty warrior”—seeing his potential, not his current reality.

3. From Doubt to Dependence

- Gideon's Objections (Judges 6:13–15):
 - Questions God's presence and his own capability.
- God's Assurance (v.16):
 - “I will be with you”—the only strength Gideon needs.
- Steps of Faith (6:25–27):
 - Tears down Baal's altar at night—small, fearful obedience leading to greater trust.

4. God's Strength in Human Weakness

- The Fleece (Judges 6:36–40):
 - God patiently confirms His promise to a hesitant Gideon.
- The Army of 300 (Judges 7:2–8):
 - God reduces Gideon's forces to highlight divine power, not human strength.
- The Battle (Judges 7:16–22):
 - Trumpets, torches, and jars—victory comes through faith, not force.

5. The Danger of Forgetting the Source

- Gideon's Legacy (Judges 8:22–27):
 - Rejects kingship but creates an ephod that becomes an idol.
- The Cycle Continues (8:33–35):
 - Peace ends when God is forgotten—a warning against self-reliance.

Personal Notes
