



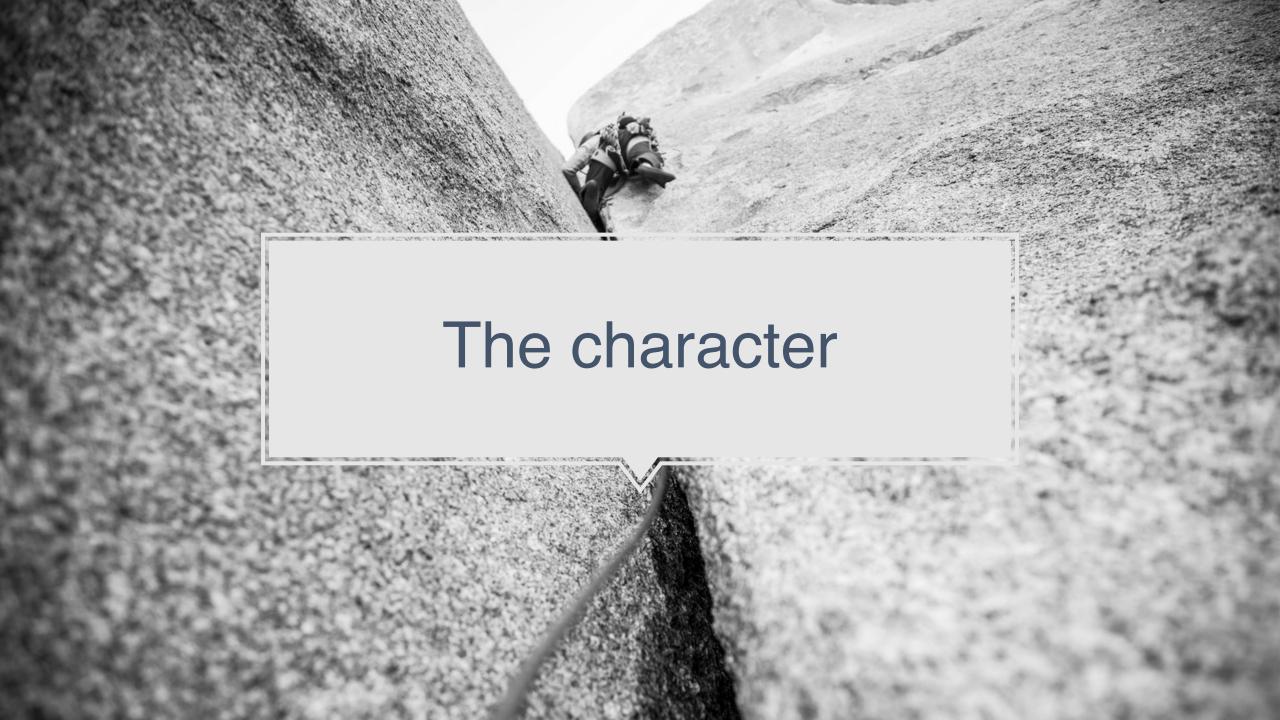


Jdg 6:5 (NLT) These enemy hordes, coming with their livestock and tents, were as **thick as locusts**; they arrived on droves of camels too numerous to count. And they stayed until the land was stripped bare.

Jdg 6:6 (NLT) So Israel was reduced to starvation by the Midianites. Then the Israelites cried out to the LORD for help.

Our God is not intimidated by bad situations





Jdg 6:11 (NLT) Then the angel of the LORD came and sat beneath the great tree at Ophrah, which belonged to Joash of the clan of Abiezer. Gideon son of Joash was threshing wheat at the bottom of a winepress to hide the grain from the Midianites.

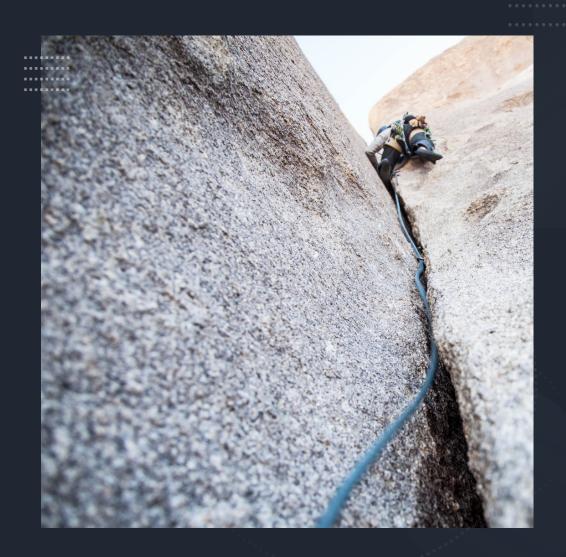
Jdg 6:12 (NLT) The angel of the LORD appeared to him and said, "Mighty hero, the LORD is with you!"

Jdg 6:13 (NLT) "Sir," Gideon replied, "if the LORD is with us, why has all this happened to us? And where are all the miracles our ancestors told us about? Didn't they say, 'The LORD brought us up out of Egypt'? But now the LORD has abandoned us and handed us over to the Midianites."

Jdg 6:14 (NLT) Then the LORD turned to him and said, "Go with the strength you have, and rescue Israel from the Midianites. I am sending you!"

Jdg 6:15 (NLT) "But Lord," Gideon replied, "how can I rescue Israel? My clan is the **weakest** in the whole tribe of Manasseh, and I am the least in my entire family!"

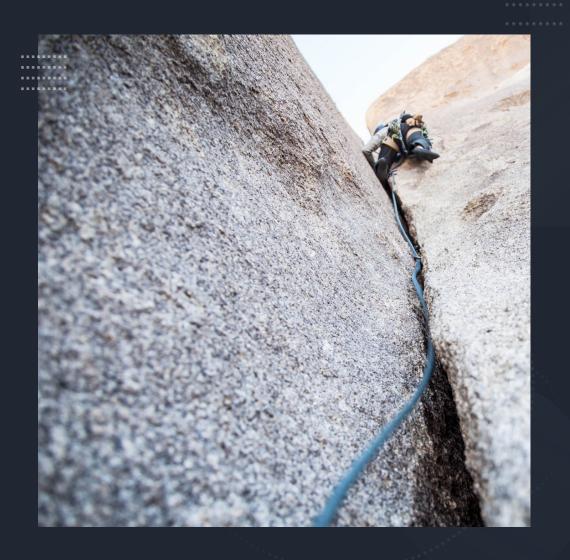
God can empower the weakest of the weak!





Jdg 6:16 (NLT) The LORD said to him, "I will be with you. And you will destroy the Midianites as if you were fighting against one man."

When your hope and self believe is on zero God wants to be your Hero





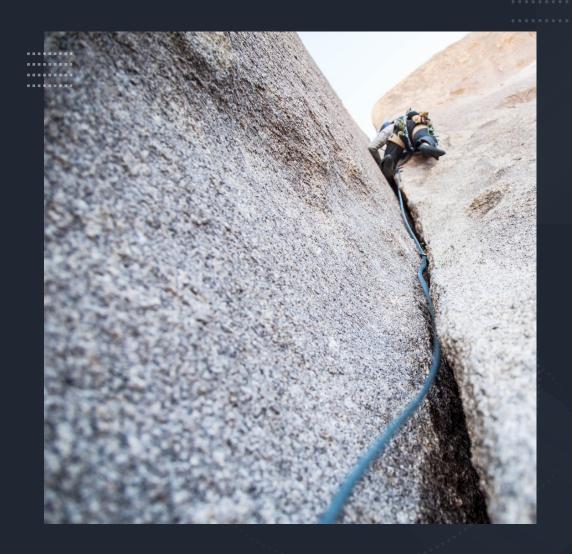
Jdg 6:17 (NLT) Gideon replied, "If you are truly going to help me, show me a sign to prove that it is really the LORD speaking to me.

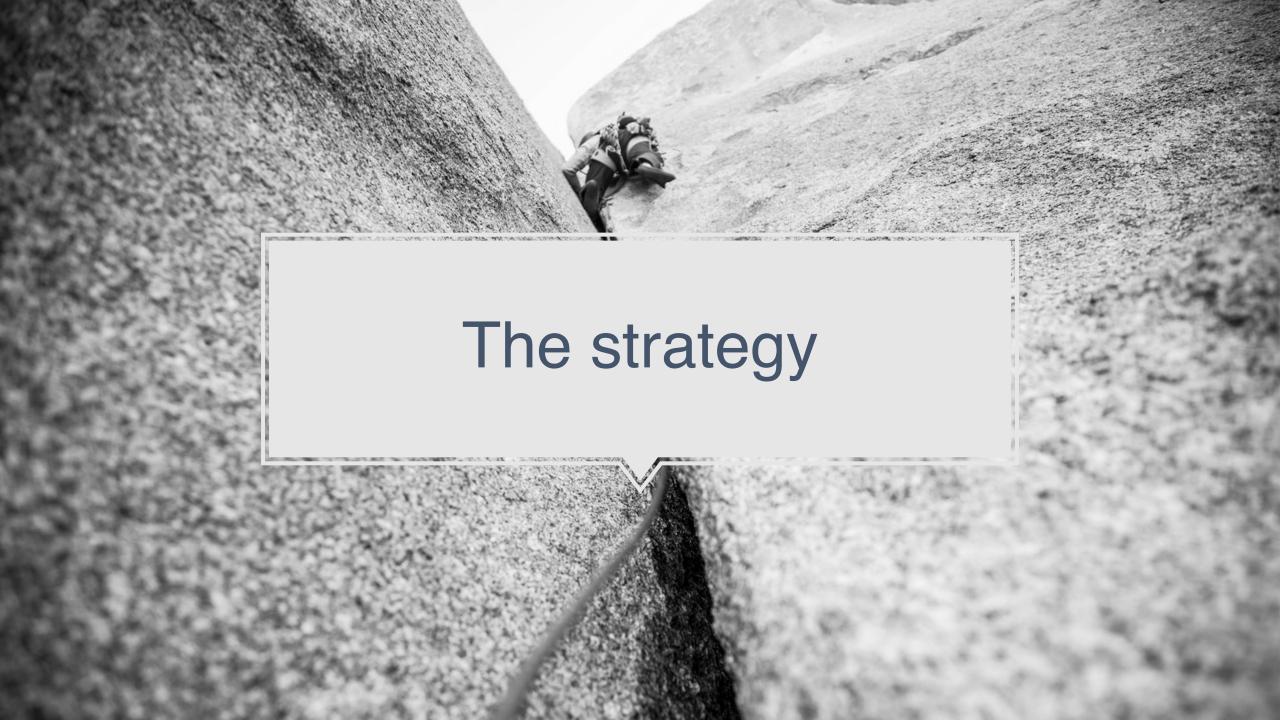
Jdg 6:21 (NLT) Then the angel of the LORD touched the meat and bread with the tip of the staff in his hand, and fire flamed up from the rock and consumed all he had brought. And the angel of the LORD disappeared.

Jdg 6:22 (NLT) When Gideon realized that it was the angel of the LORD, he cried out, "Oh, Sovereign LORD, I'm doomed! I have seen the angel of the LORD face to face!"

Jdg 6:23 (NLT) "It is all right," the LORD replied. "Do not be afraid. You will not die."

The fact that you doubt does not rule God out

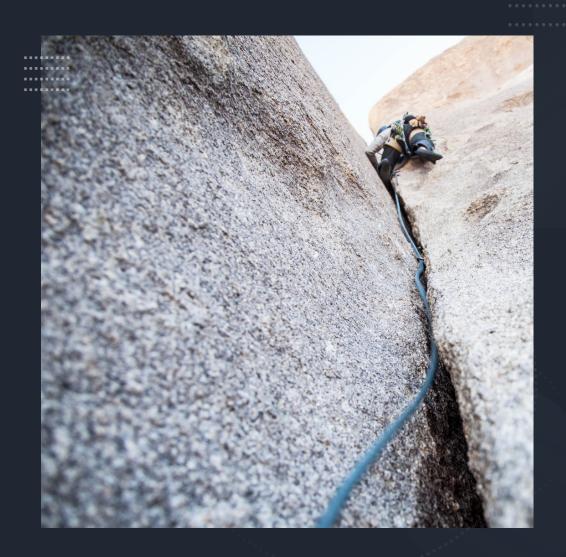




Jdg 6:25 (NLT) That night the LORD said to Gideon, "Take the second bull from your father's herd, the one that is seven years old. Pull down your father's altar to Baal, and cut down the Asherah pole standing beside it.

Jdg 6:27 (NLT) So Gideon took ten of his servants and did as the LORD had commanded. But he did it at night because he was afraid of the other members of his father's household and the people of the town.

God prepares us through small victories



Jdg 6:33 (NLT) Soon afterward the armies of Midian, Amalek, and the people of the east formed an alliance against Israel and crossed the Jordan, camping in the valley of Jezreel.

Jdg 6:34 (NLT) 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.

Jdg 6:36 (NLT) Then Gideon said to God, "If you are truly going to use me to rescue Israel as you promised,

Jdg 6:37 (NLT) prove it to me in this way. I will put a wool fleece on the threshing floor tonight. If the fleece is wet with dew in the morning but the ground is dry, then I will know that you are going to help me rescue Israel as you promised."

Jdg 6:38 (NLT) And that is just what happened. When Gideon got up early the next morning, he squeezed the fleece and wrung out a whole bowlful of water.

Jdg 6:39 (NLT) Then Gideon said to God, "Please don't be angry with me, but let me make one more request. Let me use the fleece for one more test. This time let the fleece remain dry while the ground around it is wet with dew."

Jdg 6:40 (NLT) So that night God did as Gideon asked. The fleece was dry in the morning, but the ground was covered with dew.

God strengthens our faith and trust in Him throughout the journey

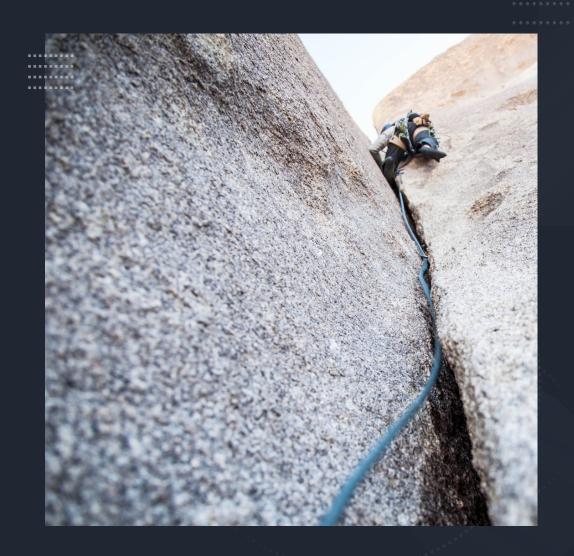


Jdg 7:1 (NLT) So Jerub-baal (that is, Gideon) and his army got up early and went as far as the spring of Harod. The armies of Midian were camped north of them in the valley near the hill of Moreh.

Jdg 7:2 (NLT) 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.

Jdg 7:7 (NLT) The LORD told Gideon, "With these 300 men I will rescue you and give you victory over the Midianites. Send all the others home."

God ensures a total dependence on Him alone



Jdg 7:9 (NLT) That night the LORD said, "Get up! Go down into the Midianite camp, for I have given you victory over them!

Jdg 7:16 (NLT) 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.

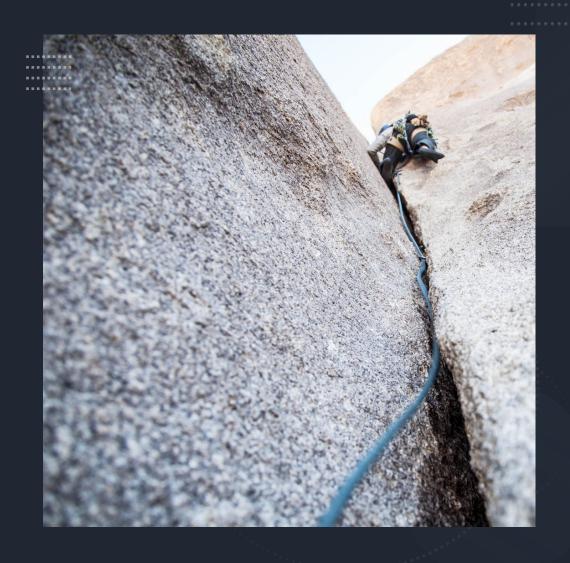
Jdg 7:17 (NLT) Then he said to them, "Keep your eyes on me. When I come to the edge of the camp, do just as I do.

Jdg 7:19 (NLT) It was just after midnight, after the changing of the guard, when Gideon and the 100 men with him reached the edge of the Midianite camp. Suddenly, they blew the rams' horns and broke their clay jars.

Jdg 7:20 (NLT) Then all three groups blew their horns and broke their jars. They held the blazing torches in their left hands and the horns in their right hands, and they all shouted, "A sword for the LORD and for Gideon!"

Jdg 7:22 (NLT) 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 Abelmeholah near Tabbath.

God's empowerment makes you punch above your own weight



2Th 1:11 (TPT) With this in mind, we constantly pray that our God will empower you to live worthy of all that he has invited you to experience. And we pray that by his power all the pleasures of goodness and all works inspired by faith would fill you completely.

Act 1:8 (NLT) But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes upon you. And you will be my witnesses, telling people about me everywhere—in Jerusalem, throughout Judea, in Samaria, and to the ends of the earth."