

“God Doesn’t Need Our Help”

Judges 7:1-15

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I. God Doesn’t Need Our Help: So Stop Boasting (vs. 1-8)

- A. The Lord whittles Gideon’s army down to less than 1% its original size.
- B. Why? So that Israel would not boast in its coming victory.
- C. This account also addresses our propensity to boasting.
 - 1. God sometimes whittles our resources away to remind us that nothing good comes into our lives by our own strength or effort.

2 Corinthians 12:9 - And He has said to me, “My grace is sufficient for you, for power is perfected in weakness.” Most gladly, therefore, I will rather boast about my weaknesses, so that the power of Christ may dwell in me.

- 2. The Lord saved us from sin in such a way that rules out human boasting.

Ephesians 2:8–9 - ⁸ For by grace you have been saved through faith; and that not of yourselves, it is the gift of God; ⁹ not as a result of works, so that no one may boast.

II. God Doesn’t Need Our Help: So Don’t Be Afraid (vs. 9-15)

- A. The sign in the Midianite camp convinced Gideon that God had already delivered them into his hands, without his or his army’s help.
- B. Gideon was not necessary; thus, he could be courageous.
- C. The truth that God rules over every detail of every challenge we face – *without need for our help* – can make us fearless too.

1 Corinthians 15:57 - but thanks be to God, who gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ.