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• Judg 6:11-13 (NIV)  "The angel of the LORD came and sat down under the oak in Ophrah that belonged to Joash the Abiezrite, where his son Gideon was threshing wheat in a winepress to keep it from the Midianites." (12) "When the angel of the LORD appeared to Gideon, he said, "The LORD is with you, mighty warrior."" (13) ""But sir," Gideon replied, "if the LORD is with us, why has all this happened to us? Where are all his wonders that our fathers told us about when they said, 'Did not the LORD bring us up out of Egypt?' But now the LORD has abandoned us and put us into the hand of Midian.""
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• The “Blame Game” =

• It's Never My Fault

• It Is Always Somebody Else's Fault
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• Israel Faced Problems
  • Because They Chose To Disregard God

• Israel’s Problem Was An Internal Problem
  • The People Never Got Right With God
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• Blame Shifting Goes Back To Adam & Eve
  • Adam Blamed Eve
  • Eve Blamed The Serpent
  • The Real Blame was Theirs
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• We Don't Have To Wait Until We Get To The Place Of Desperation Before We Call Out To God

• The Reason For The Problems They Were Facing Was That They Had Quit Listening To God
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• GIDEON SAYS... “if the LORD is with us, why has all this happened to us? Where are all his wonders that our fathers told us about?”

• It Is As If He Is Saying
  • Who Can I Blame?
  • Where Is The Problem?
  • “It Isn’t Me”
  • “It’s Not Us”
  • “It Must Be God!” WRONG!
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• It Was Not That God Had Abandoned Israel – It Was That Israel Had Abandoned God

• It Is Not God That Abandons His People But His People Often Abandon Him
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• KEY LESSON: Don't Blame God For The Problems That Happen When You Choose To Live:
  • Outside Of His Will
  • Outside Of His Protection
  • Outside Of His Provision

• When You Abandon God – Don’t Blame God!
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• There Are Consequences For Breaking God’s Laws And Precepts

• Don't Blame God When Your Sin Separates You From Him
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• The Blame Game Disregards Personal Responsibility:

• When We Continually Shift Blame It Clouds Reality
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• Blame Shifting Dulls The Senses

• Some People Don't Even See The Beam Protruding From Their Own Eyes Because They Are Too Busy Looking For Specks In The Eyes Of Everybody Else
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• The Blame Game Is An “I” Problem – The Problem Is Not With Everyone Else – The True Problem Is With “Me, Myself And I”
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• *Sin Always Brings Consequences*

• *Call To God He Will Hear And Answer*

• *Don't Blame God When Your Sin Separates You From God*
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• God Takes The Weak Uses Them For His Purpose & Through Him They Become Strong

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• There Is Victory Over Sin's Consequences
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• The Lord's Forgiveness Is Incredible

• It Is Made Available When We Call Out To Him And Trust Him In Faith & Repentance

• The Lord Is With Us. He Never Leaves Us. No Matter What Situation Looks Like. Our Focus & Our Faith Must Say The Lord Is With Us
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(Judg 6:14-16 NIV) The LORD turned to him and said, "Go in the strength you have and save Israel out of Midian's hand. Am I not sending you?" (15) "But Lord, " Gideon asked, "how can I save Israel? My clan is the weakest in Manasseh, and I am the least in my family." (16) The LORD answered, "I will be with you, and you will strike down all the Midianites together."
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"Go In The Strength You Have & Save Israel"

• “Go” = The Step Of Action By Faith
• “Go” =
  • Moving Ahead
  • Moving Forward
  • Doing Something Instead Of Nothing
  • Action Instead Of Avoidance
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• The Call Of The Lord To Go = Means To Do Something Is Better Than:
  • Being Invaded
  • Having All Crops & Livestock Destroyed
  • Being In Bondage To Enemies Of God
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• Go = It Is The Time:
  • To Act
  • To Move Out
  • To Move Ahead
  • To Move Forward
  • To Do Something -- Instead Of Nothing
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- When God Says “Go” It Means
  - God Has A Reason
  - God Has A Way
  - God Has A Time: NOW!
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How To Go In The Strength That You Have

• Going In The Strength Of The Lord is

• The Only Way to Go!
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• In Our Own Strength
  • We Will Fail
  • We Won't Make It
  • We Can’t Possibly Make It

• In His Strength & Power
  • There Is Sure Victory Ahead
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• In God’s Strength We Become:
  • Big
  • Mighty
  • Powerful

• When God Is In Us -- We Are Not Alone

• We Have Access By Faith To (All Of) The Powerful Weaponry And Strength Of God
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When The Lord Is With You---
You Are Victorious

• Judg 6:16 (NIV) "The LORD answered, "I will be with you, and you will strike down all the Midianites together.""
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• When God Says It
  You Can Count On It!

• The Promise(s) Of God:
  • Will Not Be Broken
  • Will Not Fail
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• **Psa 34:7** (NIV) "The angel of the LORD encamps around those who fear him, and he delivers them."

• **Psa 125:2** (NIV) "As the mountains surround Jerusalem, so the LORD surrounds his people both now and forevermore."
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• **Luke 10:19** (NIV) "I have given you authority to trample on snakes and scorpions and to overcome all the power of the enemy; nothing will harm you."

• **Rom 8:35** (NIV) "Who shall separate us from the love of Christ? Shall trouble or hardship or persecution or famine or nakedness or danger or sword?" (37) "No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us."

• **1 John 5:4** (NIV) "for everyone born of God overcomes the world. This is the victory that has overcome the world, even our faith."
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• Romans 8:31 (NIV) "If God is for us, Who can be against us?"

• If God Is For Us ---
  • There Is Nothing In All Of Heaven And Earth That Can Be Victorious Against Us
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• Where You Are Weak      ---
  God Will Be Your Strength

• Nothing Can Compare To God’s Power!
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• Old Testament: God's Power = His Ability To Defeat External Physical Enemies

• New Testament: God’s Power = The Deliverance From The Spiritual Forces That Are Hostile To The Inner Spiritual Life Of The Believer
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• New Testament Power Example =
  • The Resurrection:
    • Jesus Displayed The Power Of God
    • Power Over Death, Hell, And Grave

• God's Power Is Mightier Than:
  • Nations
  • People
  • The Forces Of Darkness
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• Just As The Lord Promised To Be With Gideon He Has Promised To Be With You

• Let Us Believe That Promise -- Let's Trust In Him

• When you have nothing left but God, then you become aware that God is enough.  
  
  Maude Royden
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• Go To God
  • In The Strength That You Have
  • In The Spirit Of Humility
  • Knowing That In Your Weakness He Will Be Your Strength

• When You Go To God:
  • He Will Be There For You
  • He Will Be There With You
  • He Will Pull You Through To Victory