

Remnant Life Church  
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**Principles for Winning a Spiritual Battle**  
**Part 2**  
Judges 7:9-15

We are taking a look at how to deal with the battles of life

- They take place in our lives every day
  - From the battles of what we struggle with physically
  - To those involving relationships
  - To what we might struggle with in our minds and our emotions
- And while some want to just get by each day, as a Christian, we are told that because of Jesus Christ we are more than conquerors (**Rom 8**)
  - And for that reason, we can have victory in every battle of our lives, including spiritual battles
  - Spiritual battles are those that we must face every single day because satan is always trying to get you to doubt who Jesus is in your life and who you are because of Jesus in your life
    - he wants you to doubt your faith, your abilities, and even your salvation
    - And he wants you to respond in the way that the world does when confronted with the storms and challenges rather than in the way a man or a woman of God should
    - With peace, confidence, maturity, and self-control

The first principle for winning a spiritual battle we talked about last week is the time of PREPARATION

- We must always be mindful that God is present and involved in all things
- He is preparing you for the challenges to come long before they get here
- And just as He dealt with the army of Israel in Gideon's time, He is dealing with those same things in your life
  - Arrogance – I don't need God
  - The spirit of fear – I can't do this
  - The love of self – what will benefit me most?

The time of preparation requires that we trust God through it all

- It is not by our strength that we will have victory
- God does not need your experience, your talents, your intellect, or your abilities
- He needs a person who understands that God is sufficient in all things regardless of how it may appear
  - **2 Cor 12:9** - *My grace is sufficient for you, for my power is made perfect in weakness.*
  - We must be willing to embrace the simple fact that apart of Him, we can do nothing (**John 15:5**)

This morning, we look at the second principle in having victory over your spiritual battles –  
STRATEGY

**READ** – Judges 7:9-15

This begins with how we think God sees us

- That may sound a little strange but let me give you an example of what this means
  - The first time you play hide and seek with your child/grandchild is usually very funny
  - Because often they will just go to another part of the room and put their hands over their eyes
  - They think that if they can't see you, you must not be able to see them
- Well this is also many Christian's attitudes toward God
  - I'll get myself straightened out first and then I'll come to God
  - We are so concerned with how we see ourselves that we project that thinking on God, believing that He must see me in the same way I do
- In what we just read it is obvious that God saw Gideon very clearly and knew exactly what his problem was
  - Gideon was still afraid
  - And God, in His mercy, dealt with Gideon's fear in a very loving way
  - He revealed the thinking and heart of the enemy to encourage His 'mighty warrior'
- When your child/grandchild thinks you can't see them, where they are is actually very obvious to you
  - In that same way, your battles, your shortcomings, and your weaknesses are very obvious to God
  - As obvious as a child standing in the middle of a room with his hands over his eyes
- Our fears in the times of the battles, like Gideon's, can paralyze us, crush our faith, darken our most encouraging and optimistic thoughts
  - And so how does God us from fear to faith
  - What are His strategies for us?

### 1. God Renews His Promises

- a. God began taking Gideon on his journey from fear to faith by his hearing from God
  - i. For us, it is by hearing from His Word
  - ii. Paul writes in **Rom 10:17** – *faith comes by hearing, and hearing by the Word of God.*
  - iii. Paul specifies that because we must always be on guard about who and what we are listening to
- b. God's Word is filled with the commands of God that, when followed, bring His promises to the place of fulfillment in our lives
  - i. **Jud 7:9** - *During that night the LORD said to Gideon, "Get up, go down against the camp, because I am going to give it into your hands.*
  - ii. *Get up, go down against the camp...*

1. That was the command for Gideon
2. If he had not obeyed God he never would have heard what the soldier said

*iii. I am going to give it into your hands*

1. That is the promise
2. But it came with a requirement of obedience