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## **UNLIKELY HEROES – Pt. 2 Doing Battle God's Way**

**New Horizon Church** 05-23-2021 **Pastor John Raymond** Eliminate the in your life. 1. Judges 6:25-26, "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 vour father's altar to Baal, and cut down the Asherah pole standing beside it. <sup>26</sup> Then build an altar to the LORD your God here on this hillton sanctuary, laying the stones carefully. Sacrifice the bull as a burnt offering on the altar, using as fuel the wood of the Asherah pole you cut down." Judges 6:30-31, "Bring out your son," the men of the town demanded of Joash, "He must die for destroying the altar of Baal and for cutting down the Asherah pole." 31 But Joash shouted to the mob that confronted him, "Why are you defending Baal? Will you argue his case? Whoever pleads his case will be put to death by morning! If Baal truly is a god, let him **defend himself** and destroy the one who broke down his altar!" 1 Corinthians 6:9-10 (NASB), "Or do you not know that the unrighteous will not inherit the kingdom of God? Do not be deceived; neither the sexually immoral, nor **idolaters**, nor adulterers, nor homosexuals, <sup>10</sup> nor thieves, nor the greedy, nor those habitually drunk, nor verbal abusers. nor swindlers, will inherit the kingdom of God."

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summoning their warriors, and all of them responded."

## Judges 6:33-35 (NLT), "33 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. 34 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. 35 He also sent messengers throughout Manasseh, Asher, Zebulun, and Naphtali, Galatians 2:20 (NLT), "My old self has been crucified with Christ. It is no longer I who live, but Christ lives in me. So, I live in this earthly body by trusting in the Son of God, who loved me and gave himself for me."

from God. 1 Corinthians 1:26-29 (NLT), "26 Remember, dear brothers and sisters. that few of you were wise in the world's eyes or powerful or wealthy when God called you. <sup>27</sup> Instead, God chose things the world considers foolish in order to shame those who think they are wise. And he chose things that are **powerless** to shame those who are powerful. <sup>28</sup> God chose things despised by the world, things counted as nothing at all, and used them to bring to nothing what the world considers important. <sup>29</sup> As a result, no one can ever boast in the presence of God." Judges 7:2 & 8 (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." 8 "The LORD told Gideon, 'With these 300 men I will rescue you and give you victory over the Midianites. Send all the others home." Trust \_\_\_\_\_ to bring you victory. 2 Corinthians 10:3-5 (NIV), "3 For though we live in the world, we do not wage war as the world does. 4 The weapons we fight with are not the weapons of the world. On the contrary, they have divine power to demolish strongholds. <sup>5</sup> We **demolish arguments** and every pretension that sets itself up against the knowledge of God, and we take captive every thought to make it obedient to Christ." Judges 7:13-14 (NLT), "Gideon crept up just as a man was telling his companion about a dream. The man said, "I had this dream, and in my dream a loaf of barley bread came tumbling down into the Midianite camp. It hit a tent, turned it over, and knocked it flat!" <sup>14</sup> His companion answered, "Your dream can mean only one thing - God has given Gideon son of Joash, the Israelite, victory over Midian and all its allies!" Judges 7:21-22 (NLT), "Each man stood at his position around the camp and watched as all the Midianites rushed around in a panic, shouting as they ran to escape. <sup>22</sup> 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."