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Judges 7:15, *When Gideon heard the dream and its interpretation, he bowed down and worshiped. He returned to the camp of Israel and called out, "Get up! The Lord has given the Midianite camp into your hands. " 16 Dividing the three hundred men into three companies, he placed trumpets and empty jars in the hands of all of them, with torches inside. 17 "Watch me," he told them. "Follow my lead. When I get to the edge of the camp, do exactly as I do. 18 When I and all who are with me blow our trumpets, then from all around the camp blow yours and shout, 'For the Lord and for Gideon.'"*

After Success...You Can Finish Well:

-DEBORAH

Judges 5:31, *"So may all your enemies perish, Lord! But may all who love You be like the sun when it rises in its strength."*

-PAUL

2 Timothy 4:7, *I have fought the good fight, I have finished the course, I have kept the faith.*

1 Corinthians 10:12, *So, if you think you are standing firm, be careful that you don't fall!*

After Success...You Can Fail Miserably:

-GIDEON:

Judges 6:34, *Then the Spirit of the Lord came on Gideon, and he blew a trumpet...*

Judges 8:33, *No sooner had Gideon died than the Israelites again prostituted themselves to the Baals... 35 They also failed to show any loyalty to the family of Jerub-Baal (that is, Gideon) in spite of all the good things he had done for them.*

Biblical Principles For Finishing Well:

1 - Keep Listening For The VOICE OF GOD

(Judges 8:1-12)

2 - Don't Live With A Heart Of BITTERNESS & REVENGE

(Judges 8:13-17)

Romans 12:17, *Do not repay anyone evil for evil. Be careful to do what is right in the eyes of everyone. 18 If it is possible, as far as it depends on you, live at peace with everyone. 19 Do not take revenge, my dear friends, but leave room for God's wrath, for it is written: "It is Mine to avenge; I will repay," says the Lord.*

3 - Don't Confuse Your Will With GOD'S WILL

(Judges 8:18-21)

Concise Statement On Knowing And Doing God's Will:

Where There Is A Command—Obey! Where There Is No Command—Use Biblical Principles And Wisdom, Then Operate In Your Christian Freedom. When You Have Acted According To Biblical Principles, Wisdom And In Your Freedom—Trust God!

4 - Remember, What You Do Matters More Than WHAT YOU SAY

(Judges 8:22-26)

Proverbs 16:18, *Pride goes before destruction, a haughty spirit before a fall.*

5 - Don't Tear Down Old Idols Only To BUILD NEW ONES

(Judges 8:27)

6 - Remember, What You Do NOW Matters More Than What You DID IN THE PAST

(Judges 8:29-32)

Questions To Help You Put This Message Into Practice:

- What do I/we think God is saying to us about serving Him more?
- What Idols do I/we worship that keep us from using more of our time, talents and energy for God's Kingdom?
- Do I/We live with a sense of bitterness or desire for revenge against someone?
- Do I/we care more about what we did in the past for God than what we do today for God?
- What do I/we need to do more to make sure we finish well?

Next Steps:

- Throughout the "unQualified" series, our students will be hearing the same message in Student Worship. If you are a parent of a teenager, this will be a great opportunity for a good discussion with your teen following each message.
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