



God's Strength Made Perfect In Our Weakness

Judges 7:1 - 8:3

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I. God is **SOVEREIGN** Over Our Weakness (7:1-8)

A. Verse 2 is the **KEY** for interpreting this section

B. God knows that we, as humans, have a pesky temptation to rob Him of **GLORY**
(Deut 8:17-20; 9:4-6)

C. God often uses the weak and **FOOLISH** to serve His purposes
(1 Corinthians 1:26-29; 2 Corinthians 12:8-10; 13:4)

II. God is **SYMPATHETIC** In Our Weakness (7:9-15)

- A. God's reassurance comes through the **ODDEST** channel — A Midianite private

- B. The Lord knows the **FEARS** of His servants and meets us in our weaknesses

- C. God is the great **REASSURER** of His people
(1 John 2:3; Romans 8:31-39)

III. God **SAVES** Through Our Weakness (7:16 - 8:3)

- A. Like God's instructions to Joshua before storming Jericho, the battle plan that Gideon presents seems totally **ABSURD**

- B. Having achieved victory through the 300, Gideon seems to forget God's point in v.2 and now relies on **HUMAN** strength to finish the job (7:24-25)

- C. Just as God saves through the weaknesses of the Israelites, so we see Him do the same in the **CROSS**, and so we will see Him do the same for the **CHURCH**, both now
(Matthew 16:18) and in the end (Revelation 20:7-10)