



Timid to Tyrant – Gideon’s Disastrous Ending

Judges 8:4-35

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- I. Gideon’s Disastrous Ending is Marked by **INTERPERSONAL** Conflict with his people (8:4-9)
 - A. Gideon requests **HELP** from his fellow Israelites
 - B. The people of Succoth and Penuel **REFUSE** to help
 - C. The problem comes with Gideon’s **ANGRY** reaction

II. Gideon's Disastrous Ending is Marked by Ruthless **VENGEANCE** (8:10-21)

- A. Gideon exacts ruthless vengeance on his **OWN PEOPLE** (v.13-17)

- B. Gideon exacts ruthless vengeance on the **KINGS** of Midian (v.18-21)

III. Gideon's Disastrous Ending is Marked by **HYPOCRISY**, **DISOBEDIENCE**, and Sinful Presumption (8:22-35)

- A. The people's **REQUEST** and Gideon's **RESPONSE** (v.22-23)

- B. Gideon's **ACTIONS** betray his words

- C. Gideon's making of the **EPHOD** (v.27)
Exodus 28:1-25, 39:1-26; Numbers 27:21; 1 Samuel 23:9-12, 30:7-8

- D. The center of the matter seems to be that Gideon hankered after **MORE** than what God had given for declaring His will. And Israel loved it with a godless passion.

- E. Gideon's failure and disastrous ending points us to **THANKFULNESS** for those who don't follow the same pattern, but ultimately points us to our need for **JESUS**