

AN ARMY OF 300 ARISING

THE GIDEON MANDATE

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THE CALL

"We are living in a time of shaking. All that can be shaken will be shaken. Church politics and programs will no longer mask the brokenness that the world feels. We must see a generation equipped and sent out, for the harvest is great and the workers are few. I groan to see a company, an army, of harvesters desperate to see a transformation in the earth. The kingdom is here! And the kingdom must be demonstrated."

- Jesse Shamp





THE VISION

"God began to speak to Jesse and me, through dreams, through whispers, calling us, instructing us to raise up an army. I saw in a dream, thousands of torches being lit by the Holy Spirit. The time is here, and the army is being marked in this very hour, branded with the fire of the Holy Spirit."

- Any Shanp





RAISING UP A GENERATION

The Lord spoke to me in a dream, He said prepare a generation of miracle workers, prophets and intercessors. Prepare for them for this end time harvest." In this dream I was on a platform with my wife Amy and my father Michael.

This great general of the faith asked me a question, how many fathers raised up 12? How many fathers and mothers raised up a generation? This general then pointed to me, and said, "that is what God has mandated you to do, "Raise up a generation."



GIDEON'S ARMY

My wife and I have prayed into this as I woke up shaken under the power of God. The Lord then gave us the vision of the Gideon mandate. Gideon was with 9,700 hundred soldiers and God told him, you have too many! God told him to take all the soldiers down to the brook as a test from the Lord. Those that drink with their hands, were the ones that were hand selected by God to have the honor of being commissioned into His army.

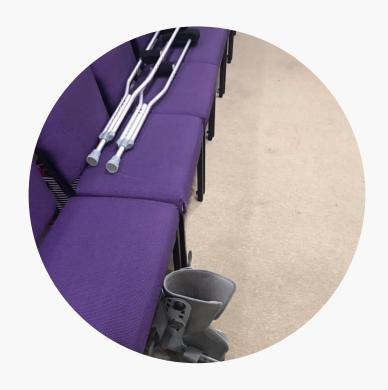
Without a sword in anyone's hand, Gideon was able to lead an army into victory. Gideon's Army was a chosen generation, with an anointing to carry freedom, victory, and power into the earth. Their voices shook the grounds, as they brought an army of 10,000 to defeat.



CHOSEN ONES

God liberated the people out of bondage and poverty from the Midianites. Gideon, had no sword, see, God didn't give Gideon a sword - he gave him a voice! One night Gideon's friend came to him and told him the dream of a barley loaf that tumbled down the hill and defeated the Midianite army. He told him that this was the sword of Gideon (Judges 7:13-14).

A barley loaf was the cheapest bread, made from the scraps of other pieces of bread. The bread symbolizes Gideon and his army, as God chooses to use the foolish things of the world to confound the wise (1 Cor 1:27). Though we may be outnumbered and the odds are stacked against us, it's in our weakness that He is made strong (2 Cor 9:10).



THE SWORD OF THE LORD AND GIDEON

A few years ago, I had a dream that I was preaching. My eyes were closed and my hand was lifted high. My voice was loud and I was decreeing, "I see the flames of ten thousand torches being lit by the Holy Spirit!"

When I awoke from the dream, I was directed to the story of Gideon and the camp of the Midianites in Judges Chapter 7. The Lord wanted to give Gideon the victory over the Jews' oppressors, the Midianites. Out of 22,000 men, only 10,000 were brave enough to face the Midianites; but because their numbers were great, God cut the army's numbers down to 300 men so that they could not boast that they had won the battle on their own strength, but on God's. God told Gideon that he would deliver the vast horde of the Midianites into Israel's hands and confirmed the word.

Gideon placed trumpets and empty clay jars with torches inside of them in the hands of the men (leaving no chance to use their swords). They surrounded the camp, blew their trumpets, and broke the jars. They carried the torches in one hand and the trumpet in the other and shouted, "A sword for the Lord and for Gideon!" (verse 18).



OUR KINGDOM AUTHORITY: SPIRIT AND POWER

The Midianites then panicked and began to fight one another, and the Israelites overtook the camp. Though they shouted, "A sword for the Lord and for Gideon!" The only "weapons" they used in this particular strategy were trumpets, torches, and earthen pitchers.

"But we have this treasure in jars of clay to show that this all-surpassing power is from God and not from us." 2 Corinthians 4:7

The torch represents the Believer and the torch flame • the Holy Spirit, Christ the Word within us. The clay pots were broken to symbolize that God has done away with the old nature in favor of the nature of Christ, the Spirit of power.

Horns, or trumpets represent Kingdom authority and salvation. Instead of marching into the camp with thousands of men with swords, they instead chose to enter the camp with the torch and horn, which represents the Holy Spirit, authority and salvation. This symbolizes the authority and faith of the Believer.

"Not by might nor by power, but by My Spirit," says the LORD Almighty. Zechariah 4:6

The Midianites heard the army's declaration and were afraid. There was no use of force or weaponry, because God was on their side. When we operate in faith in God, this causes the enemy to flee.

CONCLUSION

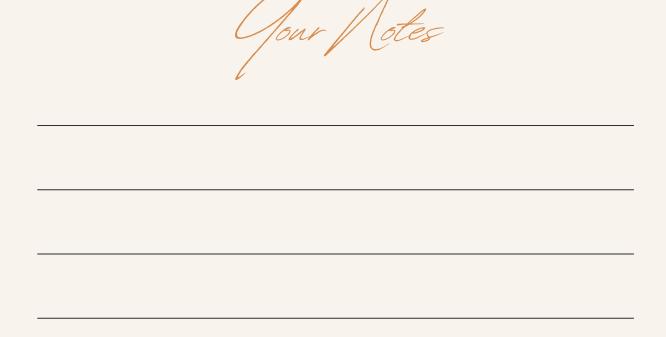
Just as 300 men could defeat the immense host of the Midianites, we do not lean on our human abilities but on the strength and might of God's Spirit within us. In other words, we are unable to do anything apart from the Spirit of God. He is our strength and our enabler. So many times, we try to do things through earthly devices, and forget that we are unable to do anything apart from Christ. We are "strong in the Lord, and in the power of His might" (Ephesians 6:10).



PRAYER FOR REVIVAL

Father, I pray for your son or daughter right now. I ask that you would anoint them with your oil and fire, that they would be a revival-carrier, a torch-bearer! Put a desire in their heart for souls, encourage them in their heart right now. Restore them, that they would mount up on wings as eagles, all weariness being cast off! Let revival come through them, in their nation, in their city, in Jesus' name!

Right now, wherever you are, I want you to close your eyes. I want you to pray and ask the Lord what this army looks like. Ask Jesus to show you the harvest in your region. Ask the father to use you to demonstrate and establish His kingdom in the earth!



CONCLUSION

I believe that the dream that I had was symbolic of a sudden move of the Holy Spirit through the Body of Christ and in the earthly realm. I believe that there is a move of the God on the horizon, which will set many people on fire with the baptism of the Holy Spirit. Ten thousand (or myriad) is a number that is often used in the Bible to describe an innumerable number.

The Lord spoke to us and instructed us to raise up 300 burning ones, or torch-bearers. The Lord said to me, "If you'll be faithful to raise up 300, those 300 will raise up 10,000."



THE GIDEON COMPANY

Many are already joining this army. Through this kingdom alignment, you'll receive impartation, resources, training, challenges, and kingdom connection that will take you to the next level in your destiny and calling. Prepare to be stretched - this mandate is not for the faint of heart! The world is desperately waiting for a touch from the savior, an encounter with the Lord of glory! You and I carry the refreshing air of heaven, the glory cloud that brings transformation, the fire, the oil, the anointing of the Holy Ghost! Is God speaking to you? Will you answer the call?

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