

Victory Connect Lesson
More than Meets the Eye
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Lessons from the anointing on Gideon's life

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Judges 6: 16 And the Lord said to him, "Surely I will be with you, and you shall defeat the Midianites as one man."

3. You have what God says you need to walk in Victory.

Judges 7:7 Then the Lord said to Gideon, "By the three hundred men who lapped I will save you and deliver the Midianites into your hand". God does a sifting before He gives you the victory.

4. Start where you are.

Judges 7: 9-10 It happened on the same night that the Lord said to him, "Arise, go down against the camp, for I have delivered it into your hand. ¹⁰But if you are afraid to go down, go down to the camp with Purah your servant.

5. Use what you got.

Judges 7:18 When I blow the trumpet, I and all who *are* with me, then you also blow the trumpets on every side of the whole camp, and say, '*The sword of* the Lord and of Gideon!'

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Judges 7:22 When the three hundred blew the trumpets, the Lord set every man's sword against his companion throughout the whole camp...

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