



# Of Good Courage!

In God's Word there are many exciting accounts of God giving His people victory over their enemies. Gideon was one such person. The report below is a paraphrase of the account of Gideon in chapters 6 and 7 of the Book of Judges.

The angel of the Lord appeared to Gideon and called him a \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_ (6:12). The angel said that  
Gideon would deliver Israel. Gideon put an offering on a \_\_\_\_\_ (6:20),  
and \_\_\_\_\_ (6:21) consumed the offering.

Gideon was told to tear down the altar of Baal and the \_\_\_\_\_ (6:25) that  
was by it, which he did at \_\_\_\_\_ (6:27). The \_\_\_\_\_ (6:30) of  
the city were going to kill him, but his father interceded for him.

Gideon still wanted reassurance from God, so he put out a \_\_\_\_\_  
(6:37). He asked that in the morning it be \_\_\_\_\_ and the ground  
\_\_\_\_\_ (6:37). The next night he asked that the reverse happen in the  
morning, the fleece would be \_\_\_\_\_ and the ground \_\_\_\_\_  
(6:39).

When Gideon called for an army, God said there were too many men, and that  
those who were \_\_\_\_\_ (7:3) should go home. \_\_\_\_\_ (7:3)  
went home, and there were \_\_\_\_\_ (7:3) left. God said there were still  
too many, so He tested them. At the brook, those who knelt down to drink had to  
leave. There were \_\_\_\_\_ (7:7) left in Gideon's army.

The weapons for each man in that army were a \_\_\_\_\_, and a  
\_\_\_\_\_ with a \_\_\_\_\_ inside (7:16). They surrounded the  
enemy's camp, and at Gideon's signal, they blew the \_\_\_\_\_ and broke  
the \_\_\_\_\_ (7:19). The Midianites \_\_\_\_\_ (7:21) and even  
\_\_\_\_\_ (7:22) each other.

# Who Had Courage?

Look up the following Bible verses, and answer the two questions: Who is the verse about, and was that person courageous—yes or no? If we trust in God, we can have courage in any situation. Whose example do you want to follow?

Bible Verse	Who?	Courageous?
Joshua 14:12	_____	Yes - No
1 Samuel 14:6	_____	Yes - No
Numbers 13:33	_____	Yes - No
1 Samuel 17:32	_____	Yes - No
Nehemiah 6:11	_____	Yes - No
1 Samuel 17:24	_____	Yes - No
Daniel 3:16,17	_____	Yes - No
John 19:10	_____	Yes - No
Matthew 26:56	_____	Yes - No
mark 15:43	_____	Yes - No
Acts 4:13	_____	Yes - No
Acts 9:29	_____	Yes - No

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Look up the following Bible verses, and answer: Who is the verse about, and was that person courageous—yes or no? Use the word "courageous" in your answer. Whose example do you want to follow? Write the name of the person who was courageous in any situation.

**Answers!**

Bible Verse	Who?	Courageous?
Joshua 14:12	Caleb	Yes - No
1 Samuel 14:6	Jonathan	Yes - No
Numbers 13:33	Ten Spies	Yes - No
1 Samuel 17:32	David	Yes - No
Nehemiah 6:11	Nehemiah	Yes - No
1 Samuel 17:24	Israel	Yes - No
Daniel 3:16,17	Shadrach, Meshach, & Abednego	Yes - No
John 19:10	Jesus Christ	Yes - No
Matthew 26:56	Disciples	Yes - No
Mark 15:43	Joseph of Arimathaea	Yes - No
Acts 4:13	Peter & John	Yes - No
Acts 9:29	Paul	Yes - No

# ARE YOU A GIDEON?

**Fleeces: yes, no or maybe.**

\_\_\_\_\_ **It's better to experiment with fleeces than to pray and study the Bible to get more direction from God.**

\_\_\_\_\_ **If someone knows the right thing to do but puts out a fleece, it could be in hopes of changing God's mind.**

\_\_\_\_\_ **Putting out fleeces can become habit forming.**

**God knew Gideon was willing, but afraid. Read Judges 6:9-15 and explain how Gideon gained the courage and confidence he needed.**

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**Why did God reduced the number of Gideon's soldiers from 32,000 to 300 when the odds were already overwhelming?**

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**What was the battle plan? (Judges 7:19-20)**

1. \_\_\_\_\_

2. \_\_\_\_\_

3. \_\_\_\_\_

4. \_\_\_\_\_

**Finish the key verse: Be strong and of a good courage, fear not, nor be afraid of them: for the Lord thy God, he it is that doth go with thee; he**

\_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_.

**Deuteronomy 31:6**