Lessons from the Life of Gideon

Judges 7

# Slide 2: Man’s Plans vs God’s Plans

* Lk 5:1-11 Turn and read
* Mt 16:21-23 “21From that time on Jesus began to explain to his disciples that he must go to Jerusalem and suffer many things at the hands of the elders, the chief priests and the teachers of the law, and that he must be killed and on the third day be raised to life. 22Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him. “Never, Lord!” he said. “This shall never happen to you!” 23Jesus turned and said to Peter, “Get behind me, Satan! You are a stumbling block to me; you do not have in mind the concerns of God, but merely human concerns.”

# Slide 3: Declared Plan

* Lk 22:42 “42“Father, if you are willing, take this cup from me; yet not my will, but yours be done.”

# Slide 4: More Declared Plan

* Acts 13:2 “2While they were worshiping the Lord and fasting, the Holy Spirit said, “Set apart for me Barnabas and Saul for the work to which I have called them.”
* Acts 9:17-18 “17Then Ananias went to the house and entered it. Placing his hands on Saul, he said, “Brother Saul, the Lord—Jesus, who appeared to you on the road as you were coming here—has sent me so that you may see again and be filled with the Holy Spirit.” 18Immediately, something like scales fell from Saul’s eyes, and he could see again. He got up and was baptized,”
* Gen 24:12-20“12Then he prayed, “Lord, God of my master Abraham, make me successful today, and show kindness to my master Abraham. 13See, I am standing beside this spring, and the daughters of the townspeople are coming out to draw water. 14May it be that when I say to a young woman, ‘Please let down your jar that I may have a drink,’ and she says, ‘Drink, and I’ll water your camels too’—let her be the one you have chosen for your servant Isaac. By this I will know that you have shown kindness to my master.” 15Before he had finished praying, Rebekah came out with her jar on her shoulder. She was the daughter of Bethuel son of Milkah, who was the wife of Abraham’s brother Nahor. 16The woman was very beautiful, a virgin; no man had ever slept with her. She went down to the spring, filled her jar and came up again.”

# Slide 6: Plan Requirements

* Rom 8:28 “28And we know that in all things God works for the good of those who love him, who[[a](https://classic.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=rom+8%3A28%3B+jer+29%3A11%3B+1+sam+15%3A22%3B+eph+6%3A6%3B+Heb+11%3A6&version=NIV#fen-NIV-28145a)] have been called according to his purpose.”
* 1 Sam 15:22 “22But Samuel replied:

“Does the Lord delight in burnt offerings and sacrifices
    as much as in obeying the Lord?
To obey is better than sacrifice,
    and to heed is better than the fat of rams.

* Eph 6:6 “6Obey them not only to win their favor when their eye is on you, but as slaves of Christ, doing the will of God from your heart.”
* Heb 11:6 “6And without faith it is impossible to please God, because anyone who comes to him must believe that he exists and that he rewards those who earnestly seek him.”

# Slide 7: Results of God’s Plan

1 Cor 15:57 “57But thanks *be* to God, who gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ.”

2 Cor 12:7-10

1 Cor 10:31 “31Therefore, whether you eat or drink, or whatever you do, do all to the glory of God.”

Mt 5:16 “16Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works and glorify your Father in heaven.

# Slide 8: Conclusion

Jn 14:6 “6Jesus said to him, “I am the way, the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through Me.

Acts 4:12 “12Nor is there salvation in any other, for there is no other name under heaven given among men by which we must be saved.”