

Church Leadership in Rural America

The Battle of Insecurity

JUD. 6:1-10.

- 1 - Is God against us because of evil?
- 2 - Are we hiding in dens, caves, and the strongholds of the mountains?
- 3-4 - Is something always taking our provision away?
- 5 - Is the battle so lopsided?
- 6 - Are we truly crying out to the Lord or just complaining about the Lord?
- 7-9 - Have you forgotten what God has already done for you?
- 10 - Did you forget what God has said to you?
 - Has fear kept you from obeying His voice?

*** The battle of insecurity happens in times of opportunity.**

JUD.6:12-16.

12 - **you mighty man of valor** - God's opinion of us is always higher than our experiences allow!

*** Insecurity is the acceptance of your opinion of you, encouraged by your perception of other's opinions of you, over God's opinion of you.**

13 - **why then has this happened to us? Where are the miracles? Why is God forsaking us?** - the circumstances are an opportunity to question God or trust Him.

*** Insecurity trusts experiences (self-worth by results) AND wonders if God is around.**

14 - **Go in this might of yours** - God never uses circumstances to assess ability.
- **how can I save Israel** - once your self-worth is determined by personal circumstances you cannot possibly do what God intends.

***Self-assessment and self-rejection are the greatest enemies of proper spiritual life - they directly opposed the value paid for you in Christ.**

15 - **my clan is the weakest** - once your strength is determined you cannot possibly do what God intends.

- **I am the least** - once size is determined you cannot possibly do what God intends.

*** Insecurity uses constant comparisons, lack of giftedness, and general competency to prove why it won't work.**

The heresy behind your perception of a lack of giftedness and competency is the logical extension that with more giftedness and competency you can fix the problem.

16 - **defeat** - strike as one. Used to describe God as Jehovah Nakah (the Lord who strikes, EZE, 7:9)

*** Insecurity refuses the "inside out function" of God in us.**

Phil. 2:12, "Therefore, my beloved, as you have always obeyed, not as in my presence only, but now much more in my absence, work out your own salvation with fear and trembling;"

*** Real Change only takes place from the inside out. Ultimately the invisible Kingdom on the inside becomes the visible Kingdom around you.**