

He that
OVERCOMETH

shall inherit all things; and I will be
his God, and he shall be my son.

Revelation 21:7

Called to be a
BAAL FIGHTER



THE GLORIOUS CHURCH

- I believe in the **Glorious Church!**
 - That he might present it to himself a glorious church, **not having spot, or wrinkle, or any such thing; but that it should be holy and without blemish.**
Ephesians 5:27
- This is a church with **His Glory** and **His Nature**.
- It is an **OVERCOMING** Church!
- This church **KNOWS** Jesus as **Priest** and **King**.
- This church **KNOWS** that salvation is **progressive** as well as **once-for-all**.
- This church **KNOWS** that God's promise is not to take the church out of this world **but to bring HIS army THROUGH tribulation!**
 - I pray not that thou shouldest take them out of the world, but that thou **shouldest keep them from the evil.** John 17:15

- We must be **victorious** in our everyday living if the world is to know that Jesus is our Risen Lord.
- He is you **PEACE**.
 - For **he is our peace**, who hath made **both ONE**, and hath broken down the middle wall of partition *between us*.
Ephesians 2:14
- God wants the best for you.
 - Beloved, I wish above all things **that thou mayest prosper** and be in health, even as thy soul prospereth. 3
John 2
- To follow Jesus **because of what he DOES for us** is to follow Jesus in a **carnal** way.
- **The essence of sin is SELF.**



- **Selfishness is sinfulness.**
- **Carnality is immaturity.**
 - And I, brethren, could not speak unto you as unto spiritual, but as unto carnal, **even as unto babes in Christ.** 1 Corinthians 3:1
- Praise Him for **His faithfulness!**
 - **But my God shall supply all your need** according to his riches in glory by Christ Jesus. Philippians 4:19
- But if that is where your Christianity **begins and ends, you are not going to mature in the Lord.**
- **God has way more for you.**



FAITH WORKS



THROUGH LOVE

- The Christian has been programmed with a **NEW Nature**.
- That **new nature** is God's **LOVE**.
- Our **FAITH** operates in **the dimension of His love**.
 - For in Jesus Christ neither circumcision availeth any thing, nor uncircumcision; **but faith which worketh by love**. Galatians 5:6
- **Faith** is **IN Christ** and **Christ is IN YOU**.
- **Love** is **IN Christ** and **Christ is IN YOU**.
 - Whereof **I am made a minister**, according to the dispensation of God which is given to me for you, to fulfil the word of God;
 - *Even* the mystery which hath been hid from ages and from generations, **but now is made manifest to his saints**:
 - To whom God would make known what *is* the riches of the glory of this mystery among the Gentiles; **which is Christ in you, the hope of glory**:
 - Whom we preach, warning every man, and teaching every man in all wisdom; **that we may present every man perfect in Christ Jesus**:
 - Whereunto I also labour, striving according to his working, **which worketh in me mightily**. Colossians 1:25-29
- **Release the God that is WITHIN YOU.**

- Many are not living the **overcoming life** because they are **SELF-CENTERED**.
- Their **fleshly** desires are the focal point and motivational drive behind their lifestyles.
- **Let us make the LORD JESUS the center!**
- The **victorious** life is the outflow of **HIS Victory!**
- He is our faithful **Priest** but let us go on to **KNOW** the Lord.
- Learn to relate to Him as **King**.
- **Be balanced.**
- Jesus is **Priest** and **King**.



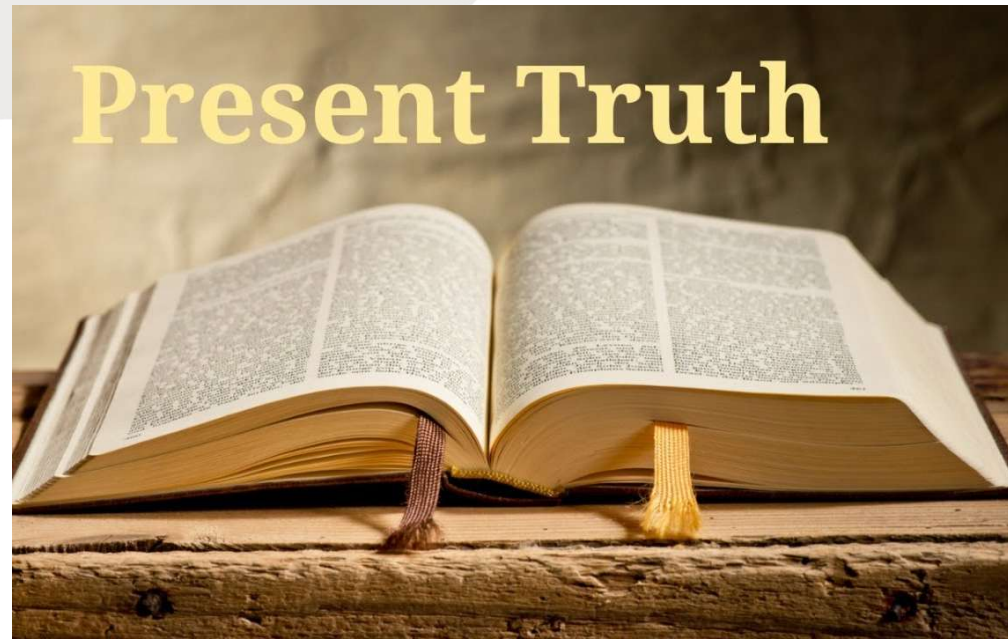
- A **balance** in our walk with Christ will produce His lasting joy!
- May God deliver us from **our own desires** and fill us with **His desires**.
- May He help us to lay these foundational truths in our minds as we become a part of a House that will **STAND**.
 - And **why call ye me, Lord, Lord, and do not the things which I say?**
 - Whosoever cometh to me, **and heareth my sayings, and doeth them**, I will shew you to whom he is like:
 - **He is like a man which built an house**, and digged deep, and laid the foundation **on a rock**: and when the flood arose, the stream beat vehemently upon that house, and could not shake it: **for it was founded upon a rock.**
 - But he that heareth, **and doeth not**, is like a man that without a foundation built an house upon the earth; against which the stream did beat vehemently, and immediately it fell; **and the ruin of that house was great.** Luke 6:46-49



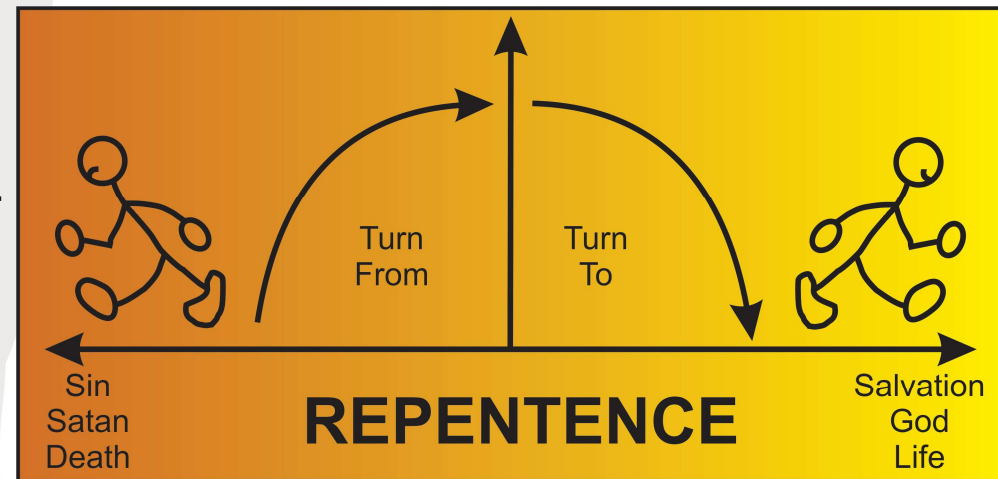
SALVATION

- We have learned in this series that our salvation is **progressive** in nature as well as being **once-for-all**.
- We **HAVE BEEN** saved, we **ARE BEING** saved, and we **SHALL BE** saved.
 - Who **delivered us from so great a death**, and **doth deliver**: in whom we trust that **he will yet deliver us**. 2 Corinthians 1:10
- The philosophy that says, “Once saved, always saved” does not agree with the whole of the scripture.
- We have learned that **SALVATION** means **DELIVERANCE**.
- **Deliverance** is an all-inclusive term that embraces the **redemption of man’s spirit, soul, and body**.

- We **all** need **MORE of JESUS!**
- The minute we say that we are completely saved and that there is nothing more to be experienced in the New Covenant is the moment that we begin to **spiritually decline**.
- Don't let your religious roots do down so deep that you cannot pull them up and move into present truth.
 - Wherefore I will not be negligent to put you always in remembrance of these things, though ye know *them*, and **be established in the present truth**. 2 Peter 1:12



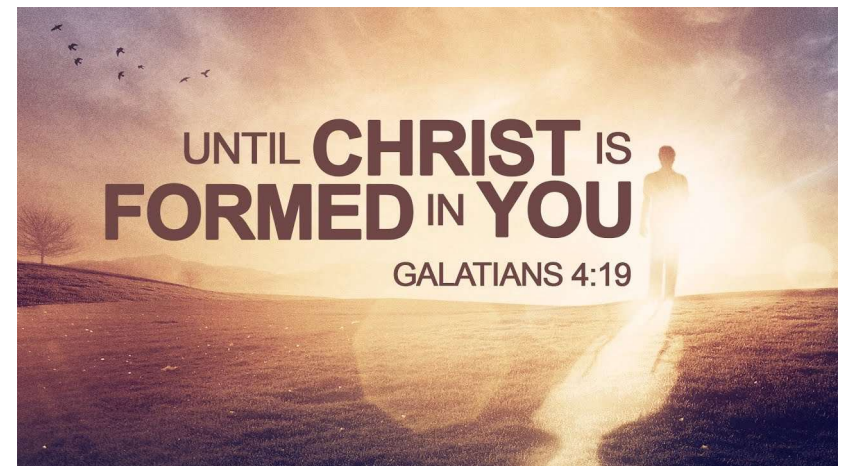
- **Repentance** is a **CHANGE of MIND** from that complete state of death in trespasses and sins to the putting on of the full **Mind of Christ**.
 - And you *hath he quickened*, who were dead in trespasses and sins. Ephesians 2:1
 - Till we all come in the unity of the faith, and of the knowledge of the Son of God, unto a **perfect man**, unto the measure of the **stature of the fulness of Christ**. Ephesians 4:13
- **Repentance** is not a bad word.
- The scope of repentance includes the **entire change or transformation** of your being by the **renewing of your mind**.
- This change is from **glory to glory** and starts at the time when we first repented from sin and received Christ as Savior.
 - But we all, with open face beholding as in a glass the glory of the Lord, are changed into the same image from glory to glory, *even* as by the Spirit of the Lord. 2 Corinthians 3:18
 - And **be not conformed to this world**: but be ye **transformed** by the renewing of your mind, that ye may prove what *is* that good, and acceptable, and **perfect, will of God**. Romans 12:2



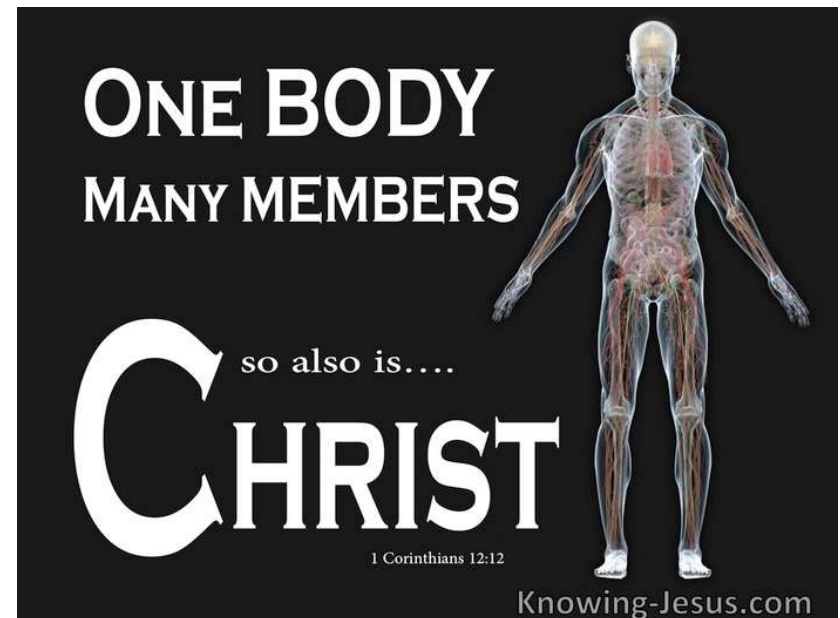
- **Repentance** is a blessed attitude that every **OVERCOMER** needs.
- We need to put on a **new kind of mind** day by day.
- **God is saving our attitudes!**
- We all have **carnal ways of thinking**.
 - For to be carnally minded *is death*; but to be spiritually minded *is life* and peace. Romans 8:6
- I bring you **GOOD NEWS!**
- We can **PUT ON Christ**.
- We can **PUT ON more of JESUS**.
- We can think like **God** and not like **men**.



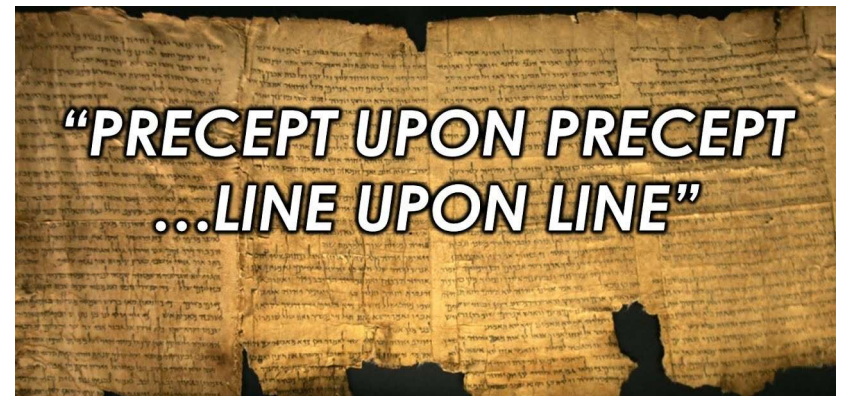
- Let us pray as Paul did.
 - My little children, of whom I travail in birth again **until Christ be formed in you.** Galatians 4:19
- The word, “**formed**” means “to **fashion**, to form through the idea of **ADJUSTMENT**, to shape, nature”
- It refers to the “act of giving **outward** expression of one’s **inner** nature.”
- The word “formed” in this verse expresses the necessity of a **change** in **character** and **conduct** to correspond with our **inward** spiritual condition, so that there may be moral **conformity** to Christ.
- We **ARE BEING** saved. We **ARE BEING CHANGED**.



- Paul knew this and he **prayed** it for the Galatians.
- Paul was praying this for people **who already knew Jesus**.
- He was praying for the **CHILDREN of God**.
- Paul understood that many things had yet to be **ADJUSTED** in the **character** and **conduct** of these **believers**.
- The great **Body of Christ** has **many members**.
 - For as **the body is ONE**, and hath many members, and all the members of that **one body**, being many, are **one body: so also is Christ**. 1 Corinthians 12:12.
- The Holy Ghost is bringing **balance** and **adjustment** to the **Body** of Christ, **individually** and **corporately**.



- Thank God for the definite experience of **conversion**.
- I know that I am **born again** and have been **baptized** in water to seal that conversion.
- I know that I am **filled** with the **Holy Ghost**, but I also know that God is working in my life on a day-to-day basis.
- **I am BEING CHANGED!**
 - For **precept** *must be* upon **precept**, precept upon precept; **line** upon **line**, line upon line; here a **little**, *and* there a **little**. Isaiah 28:10
- My blessed **hope** is not that Jesus will come at any minute.
- The Man Christ Jesus **WILL COME AGAIN**.



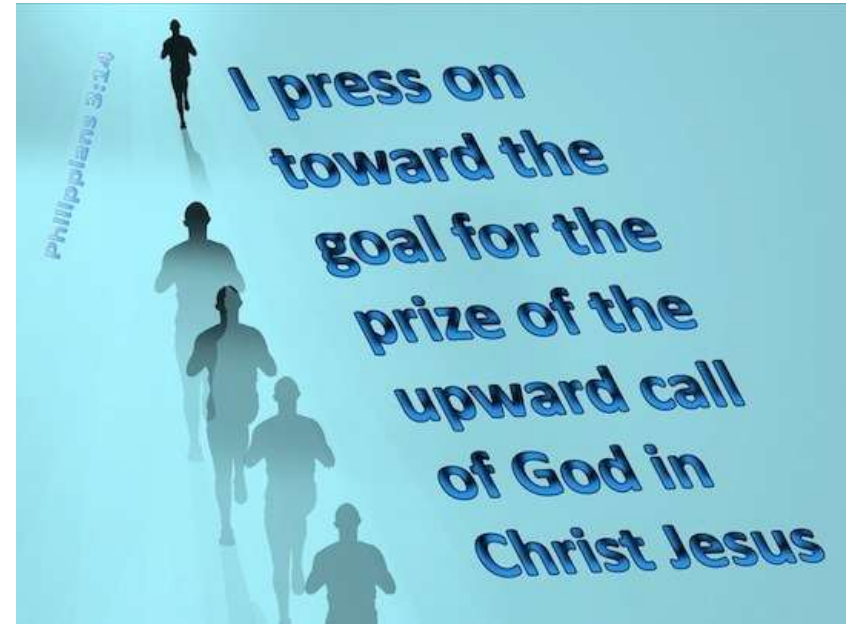
- Jesus said that He **would come again!**
 - And if I go and **prepare** a place for you, I **will come again**, and **receive** you unto myself; that **where I am, there ye may be also**. John 14:3
- That is a **FACT**.
- **I do not have to HOPE for a FACT!**
- My hope is as described in 1 John 3:1-3.
 - Behold, what manner of love the Father hath bestowed upon us, **that we should be called the sons of God**: therefore the world knoweth us not, because it knew him not.
 - Beloved, **now are we the sons of God**, and it doth not yet appear what we shall be: but we know that, when he shall appear, **we shall be like him; for we shall see him as he is**.
 - And **every man that hath this hope in him purifieth himself**, even as he is pure.

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I John 3:2

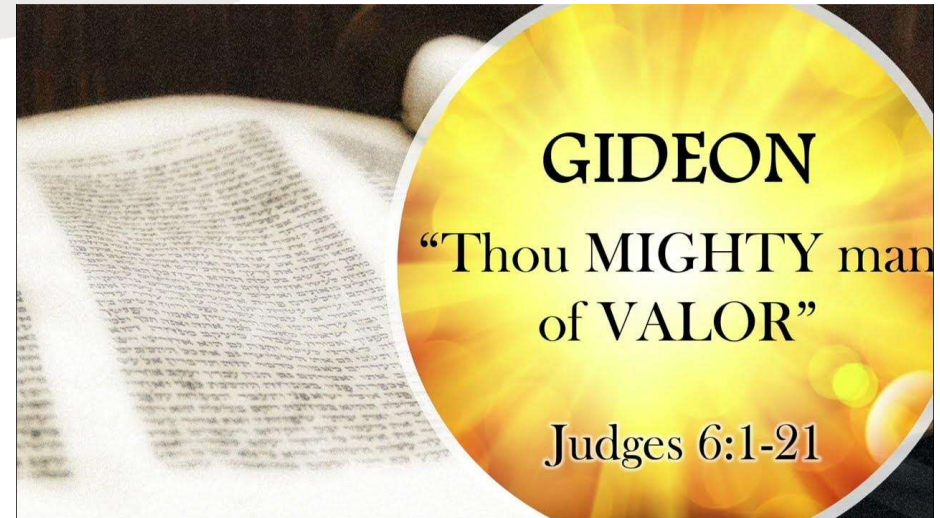
- My hope is to be **LIKE Jesus!**
- Jesus is **virtuous, undefiled, guiltless.**
- There is a people in the earth who are **PRESSING** for the mark for the prize of the **HIGH CALLING** of God in Christ Jesus.
 - Not as though I had already attained, either were already perfect: but I follow after, if that I may apprehend that for which also I am apprehended of Christ Jesus.
 - Brethren, I count not myself to have apprehended: **but *this one thing I do*, forgetting those things which are behind, and reaching forth unto those things which are before,**
 - **I press toward the mark for the prize of the high calling** of God in Christ Jesus. Philippians 3:12-14



- The people who are **PRESSING** for the prize of the **HIGH CALLING** are described in Revelation 14:4-5
 - **These are they which were not defiled with women; for they are virgins. These are they which follow the Lamb whithersoever he goeth.** These were **redeemed** from among men, *being* the **firstfruits** unto God and to the Lamb.
 - **And in their mouth was found no guile: for they are without fault before the throne of God.**
- 1. Jesus is **Priest** and **King**.
- 2. Salvation is **progressive**.
- These are the **basic precepts** for the **OVERCOMER**.
- Now let us look at the third principle, **pressing through tribulation**.



- Many of us are like Gideon; we are **COWARDS**.
- The story of Gideon is found in Judges 6.
 - And there came an angel of the LORD, and sat under an oak which *was* in Ophrah, that *pertained* unto Joash the Abiezrite: and his son Gideon **threshed wheat by the winepress**, to hide *it* from the Midianites.
 - And the angel of the LORD appeared unto him, and said unto him, The LORD *is* with thee, **thou mighty man of valour**.
 - And he said unto him, Oh my Lord, **wherewith shall I save Israel?** behold, my family *is* **poor** in Manasseh, and **I am the least** in my father's house.
 - And the LORD said unto him, **Surely I will be with thee**, and **thou shalt smite the Midianites as one man**. Judges 6:11-12; 15-16



- Gideon was **threshing grain** behind the winepress.
- You don't thresh grain **BEHIND** the winepress.
- **You don't preach this message in a corner.**
 - For the king knoweth of these things, before whom also I speak freely: for I am persuaded that none of these things are hidden from him; for this thing was not done in a corner. Acts 26:26
- You thresh grain in an **elevated, open place**.
- We preach this message out in the **OPEN** where all can see it.
- **TAKE COURAGE.**
- Gideon, you are a “**mighty man of valor!**”



- The coward made his excuses, but God promised an **anointing** that would **smite the enemy** as **ONE** man.
- This came to pass.
 - And when Gideon was come, behold, *there was* a man that told a dream unto his fellow, and said, Behold, I dreamed a dream, and, lo, a cake of barley bread tumbled into the host of Midian, and came unto a tent, and smote it that it fell, and overturned it, that the tent lay along.... For we *being* many are **ONE BREAD**, and one body: for we are all partakers of that **one bread**. Judges 7:13; 1 Corinthians 10:17
- Let us rejoice in that God is investing **His strength** and **His victory** in a **CORPORATION** whose **HEAD** is the Lord Jesus Christ!



- The man of **faith** and **power** for the hour is the **many-membered Body of Christ**.
- But even that is not enough for Gideon. He wants to know for sure that God has spoken.
- Some of you don't know for sure if you should be bold to proclaim the truths of God.
- **So, Gideon threw out a fleece. Be careful. You might get fleeced.**
- Remember that the fleece is mentioned one time in the Bible.
 - And Gideon said unto God, If thou wilt save Israel by mine hand, as thou hast said,
 - Behold, I will put a fleece of wool in the floor; *and* if the dew be on the fleece only, and *it* be dry upon all the earth *beside*, **then shall I know that thou wilt save Israel by mine hand, as thou hast said.**
 - And it was so: for he rose up early on the morrow, and thrust the fleece together, and wringed the dew out of the fleece, a bowl full of water.
 - And Gideon said unto God, **Let not thine anger be hot against me**, and I will speak but this once: **let me prove**, I pray thee, but this once with the fleece; let it now be dry only upon the fleece, and upon all the ground let there be dew.
 - And God did so that night: for it was dry upon the fleece only, and there was dew on all the ground. Judges 6:25-32



- If you **insist** on throwing out a fleece, then do what Gideon did.
- Make it **doubly impossible!**
- **I have found something better than fleeces.**
- The **Word of God** as is **energized** and brought to life by the **power** of the **Holy Ghost from within.**
- God told Gideon to **go home** and **witness** to his family.
- His **father** had a **grove of idols** and **Gideon was to destroy it.**



- And it came to pass the same night, that the LORD said unto him, Take thy father's **young bullock, even the second bullock of seven years old, and throw down the altar of Baal** that thy father hath, and cut down the grove that *is* by it:
- And **build an altar unto the LORD thy God** upon the top of this rock, in the ordered place, and take the second bullock, and offer a burnt sacrifice with the wood of the grove which thou shalt cut down.
- Then **Gideon took ten men of his servants**, and did as the LORD had said unto him: and so it was, because he feared his father's household, and the men of the city, that he could not do *it* by day, **that he did it by night**.
- And when the men of the city arose early in the morning, behold, **the altar of Baal was cast down**, and the grove was cut down that *was* by it, and the second bullock was offered upon the altar *that was* built.
- And they said one to another, Who hath done this thing? And when they inquired and asked, they said, **Gideon the son of Joash hath done this thing**.
- Then the men of the city said unto Joash, **Bring out thy son, that he may die**: because he hath cast down the altar of **Baal**, and because he hath cut down the grove that *was* by it.
- And Joash said unto all that stood against him, **Will ye plead for Baal?** will ye save him? he that will plead for him, let him be put to death whilst *it is* yet morning: if he *be* a god, let him plead for himself, because *one* hath cast down his altar.
- Therefore on **that day he called him Jerubbaal**, saying, Let Baal plead against him, because he hath thrown down his altar. Judges 6:25-32



- Gideon went at **NIGHT** with **TEN** others and obeyed the Lord.
- **His cowardly nature was changed in the act of obedience.**
- **Gideon** became **Jerubbaal**.
- Gideon means “**warrior**; to fell a tree, **to cut or hew down**”
- **Jerubbaal** means “**Baal will contend**, to grapple, to wrangle, to hold a controversy with Baal”
- **Gideon** became a **BAAL-FIGHTER**.
- **BAAL** was a **bull**.
- The **coward** became a **bullfighter**.

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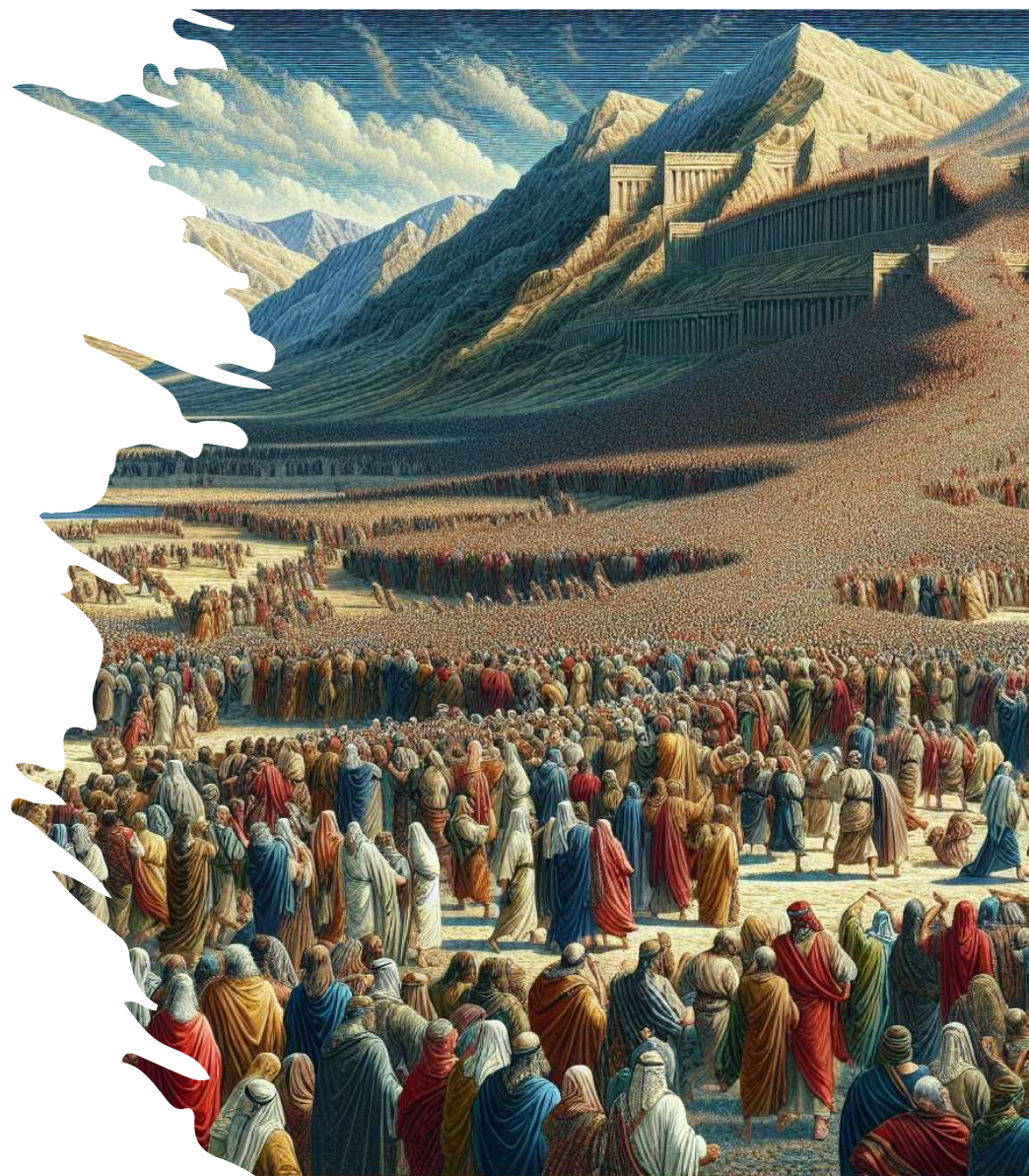
2 Corinthians 10:4



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- If you are called to **preach** you are called to be a **baal, bullfighter**.
- Be **encouraged**.
- Understand 2 Corinthians 10:4-6
 - (For the weapons of our warfare are not carnal, **but mighty through God to the pulling down of strong holds;**)
 - Casting down **imaginations**, and **every high thing** that exalteth itself against the knowledge of God, and **bringing into captivity** every thought to the **obedience** of Christ.
- **We are called to pull down strongholds.**
- Those **spiritual walled** cities and fortresses, the **lying** vanities, **imaginations** and **traditions** of the carnal mind.
- They are the old teachings that minister **death, doubt, and unbelief**.

- Obey God.
- Become a **baal -bullfighter** and **tear it down** in the **Name of the Lord!**
- **God will not sympathize with our cowardice.**
- He will **expose** it so that we will be able to **overcome** it.
- God said, “Gideon, tell **everybody that has your problem to go home**”
 - Now therefore go to, proclaim in the ears of the people, saying, **Whosoever is fearful and afraid, let him return and depart** early from mount Gilead. And **there returned** of the people twenty and two thousand; and there remained ten thousand.
Judges 7:3
- History tells us Gideon’s 32,000 were already outnumbered four to one.



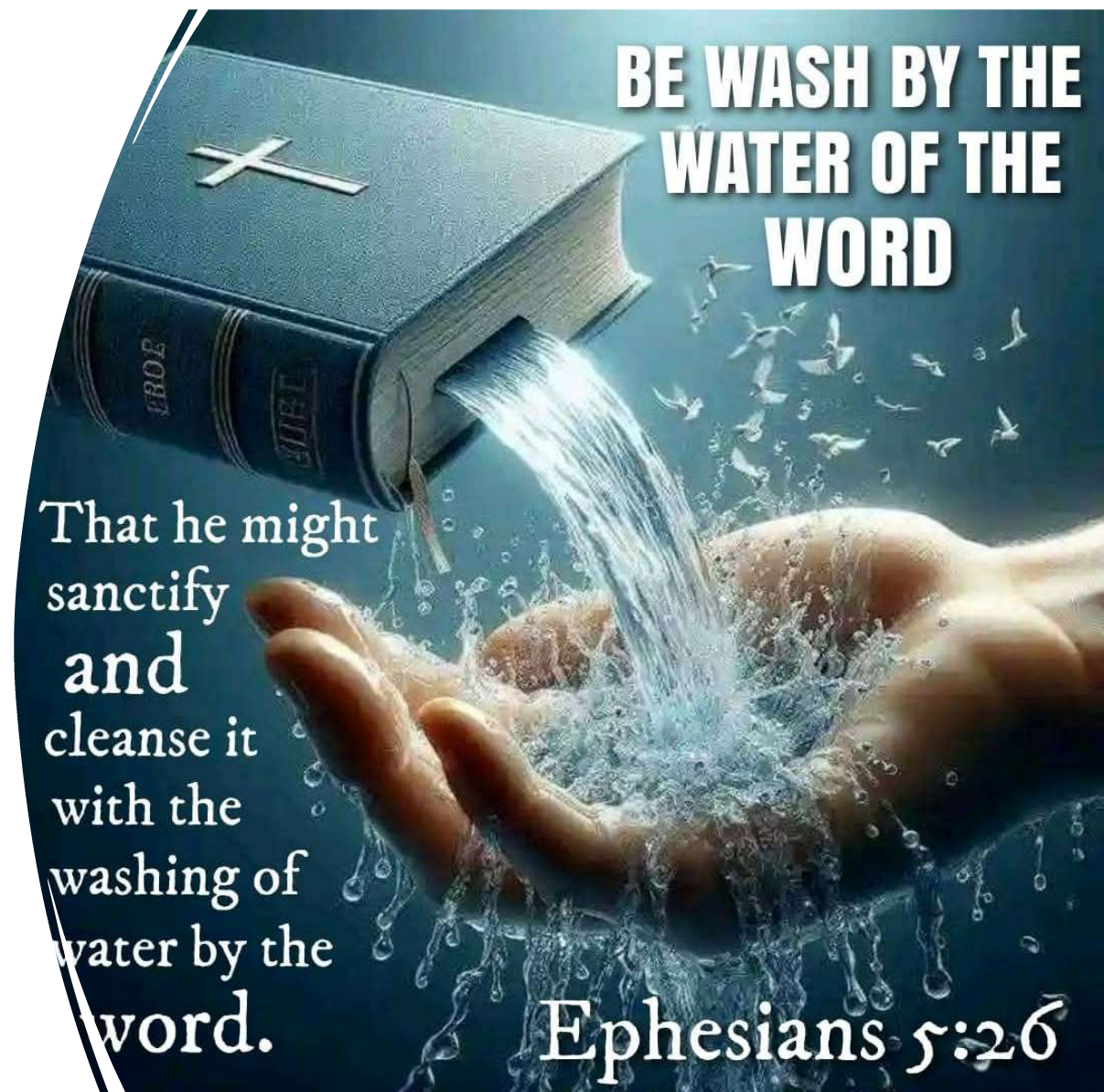
- Maybe Gideon, the coward **danced** and **shouted** when he discovered that **22,000 of those other men were just as fearful as he was.**
 - There hath **no temptation taken you** but such as is common to man: but **God is faithful**, who will not suffer you to be tempted **above that ye are able**; but will with the temptation also **make a way to escape**, that ye may **be able to bear it.** 1 Corinthians 10:13
- This verse **encourages** me. It **comforts** me.
- **Be Strong in the Lord and the POWER of HIS might.** (Ephesians 6:10)



- And the LORD said unto Gideon, **The people are yet too many; bring them down unto the water, and I will try them for thee there:** and it shall be, *that* of whom I say unto thee, This shall go with thee, the same shall go with thee; and of whomsoever I say unto thee, This shall not go with thee, the same shall not go.
- So he brought down the people unto the water: and the LORD said unto Gideon, **Every one that lappeth of the water with his tongue, as a dog lappeth, him shalt thou set by himself; likewise every one that boweth down upon his knees to drink.**
- And the number of them that **lapped, putting their hand to their mouth, were three hundred men:** but all the rest of the people bowed down upon their knees to drink water.
- And the LORD said unto Gideon, **By the three hundred men that lapped will I save you,** and deliver the Midianites into thine hand: and let all the *other* people go every man unto his place.
- So the people took **victuals in their hand, and their trumpets:** and he sent all *the rest of* Israel every man unto his tent, and **retained those three hundred men:** and the host of Midian was beneath him in the valley.
Judges 7:4-9



- Gideon's **10,000** became Gideon's **300**.
 - (It's interesting how the world has the "committee of 300")
- Gideon's **300** were chosen and **separated at the WATER**.
- God will choose His **overcomers** at the **WATER**.
- **The WATER of His WORD!**
- Only those who drink water from the **HAND** will be chosen for the army of God.
- I declare to you that there is a living Word in the earth and men are called of God to be the **VOICE** of the Lord.
 - That he might **sanctify** and **cleanse** it with the **washing of water by the word**. Ephesians 5:26



- If God has shown you these truths, **lift up your voice like a trumpet** and spare not.
 - **Cry aloud**, spare not, **lift up thy voice like a trumpet**, and **shew my people their transgression**, and the house of Jacob their sins. Isaiah 58:1
 - **Have not I commanded thee?** Be **strong** and of a **good courage**; **be not afraid**, neither be thou **dismayed**: for **the LORD thy God is with thee whithersoever thou goest**. Joshua 1:9
- **Go forth with the Word** and be a **BAAL Fighter!**
- Cast down the altars of **BAAL** in the **Name of the Lord Jesus Christ!**



Gideon was a Coward

- [Gideon] said:
 - How can I save Israel?
 - My family is **poor**.
 - **I am the least** in my father's house.
- The LORD said:
 - **I will be with thee.**
 - You will **smite** the Midianites **as ONE man**. Judges 6:11-12

Take Courage! Mighty Man of Valor

There is a Promised Anointing to Smite the Enemy as One Man

The **Cow**ardly Nature is Changed Through **Obedience**

- Gideon's father had a **grove of idols**, and God ordered him to destroy it.
- The Lord said:
 - **Throw down the altar of Baal** that **thy father** hath,
 - **Cut down the grove**
 - **Build an altar unto the LORD thy God.** Judges 6:25-26
- Gideon wasn't sure – so he threw out a fleece - **TWICE**



Gideon Became a BAAL-Fighter

BAAL was a BULL - COW

We are Called to Pull Down Strongholds

Become a Baal (Bull) Fighter And Tear it Down

- Lies
- Imaginations
- Traditions
- Unbelief
- Death
- Doubt
- **Fear**

“Whosoever *is* fearful and afraid, let him return and depart early” Judges 7:3



Tell Everyone Who Has **Your Problem** to Go Home.
Gideon's 10,000 became 300 **Chosen** and **Separated**.

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