



# Descent Into Darkness

The Book of Judges

# From Zero to ~~Hero~~ Zero

Judges 6-7



- Gideon's Culture

Judges 6:1-10

**Distress**

**Discipline**

**Disobedience**

**Deliverance**



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Topographical map of  
Central Mountain Range and  
Northern Galilee Region.



Midianites



- Gideon's Culture

Judges 6:1-10



- Gideon's Culture
- Gideon's Call

**Judges 6:11-24**



- Gideon's Culture
- Gideon's Call
- Gideon's Cleansing

**Judges 6:25-32**

Now in a large house there are not only gold and silver vessels, but also vessels of wood and of earthenware, and some to honor and some to dishonor. Therefore, if anyone cleanses himself from these *things*, he will be a vessel for honor, sanctified, useful to the Master, prepared for every good work.

2 Timothy 2:20-21



- Gideon's Culture
- Gideon's Call
- Gideon's Cleansing
- Gideon's Conquest

**Judges 6:33-7:22**



- Gideon's Culture
- Gideon's Call
- Gideon's Cleansing
- Gideon's Conquest
- Gideon's Collapse

**Judges 7:23-25**

“The coward has become confident; he directs far-flung mopping up operations which are effectively carried out. But the voice of the LORD is stilled, not to be heard for the balance of Gideon’s narrative. And the Spirit of the LORD, which brought the courage to fight a far greater military force, seems to slip from Gideon’s shoulders in the process.”

Klein, *Triumph of Irony*, 57-58.



- God uses me because of my inadequacies.
- Success is the breeding ground for pride.
- God graciously pursues me in my disobedience.