## WEEKEND FLOCKING AT THE DENTON CAMP GROUNDS (SEPTEMBER 2-5)

## GIDEON: MAKING OF A VALIANT WARRIOR: MANIFESTATION OF CHRIST

JUDGES 7:9-15 "Now the same night it came about that the LORD said to him, "Arise, go down against the camp, for I have given it into your hands. But if you are afraid to go down, go with Purah your servant down to the camp, and you will hear what they say; and afterward your hands will be strengthened that you may go down against the camp." So he went with Purah his servant down to the outposts of the army that was in the camp. Now the Midianites and the Amalekites and all the sons of the east were lying in the valley as numerous as locusts; and their camels were without number, as numerous as the sand on the seashore. When Gideon came, behold, a man was relating a dream to to his friend. And he said, "Behold, I had a dream; a loaf of barley bread was tumbling into the camp of Midian, and it came to the tent and struck it so that it fell, and turned it upside down so that the tent lay flat." His friend replied, "This is nothing less than the sword of Gideon the son of Joash, a man of Israel; God has given Midian and all the camp into his hand." When Gideon heard the account of the dream and its interpretation, he bowed in worship. He returned to the camp of Israel and said, "Arise, for the LORD has given the camp of Midian into your hands."

JUDGES 6:34 "So the Spirit of the LORD came upon Gideon; and he blew a trumpet, and the Abiezrites were called together to follow him."

JUDGES 7:1 "Then Jerubbaal (that is, Gideon) and all the people who were with him, rose early and camped beside the spring of Harod; and the camp of Midian was on the north side of them by the hill of Moreh in the valley."

JUDGES 7:9 "Now the same night it came about that the LORD said to him, "Arise, go down against the camp, for I have given it into your hands."

JUDGES 7:10 "But if you are afraid to go down, go with Purah your servant down to the camp, "

JUDGES 7:3 "Now therefore come, proclaim in the hearing of the people, saying, 'Whoever is afraid and trembling, let him return and depart from Mount Gilead.' " So 22,000 people returned, but 10,000 remained."

JUDGES 7:10 "But if you are afraid to go down, go with Purah your servant down to the camp, "

JUDGES 7:11 "you will hear what they say; and afterward your hands will be strengthened that you may go down against the camp." So he went with Purah his servant down to the outposts of the army that was in the camp. "

JUDGES 7:14 "His friend replied, "This is nothing less than the sword of Gideon the son of Joash, a man of Israel; God has given Midian and all the camp into his hand."

<u>JUDGES 7:15</u> "When Gideon heard the account of the dream and its interpretation, he bowed in worship. He returned to the camp of Israel and said, "Arise, for the LORD has given the camp of Midian into your hands."

PSALM 56:3 "When I am afraid, I will put my trust in You"

PSALM 56:4 "In God, whose word I praise, In God I have put my trust; I shall not be afraid."

JUDGES 7:16-18 "He divided the 300 men into three companies, and he put trumpets and empty pitchers into the hands of all of them, with torches inside the pitchers. He said to them, "Look at me and do likewise. And behold, when I come to the outskirts of the camp, do as I do. When I and all who are with me blow the trumpet, then you also blow the trumpets all around the camp and say, 'For the LORD and for Gideon.'"

JUDGES 7:19 "So Gideon and the hundred men who were with him came to the outskirts of the camp at the beginning of the middle watch, when they had just posted the watch; and they blew the trumpets and smashed the pitchers that were in their hands"

JUDGES 7:22 "When they blew 300 trumpets, the Lord set the sword of one against another even throughout the whole army; and the army fled..."

<u>JUDGES 8:28</u> "So Midian was subdued before the sons of Israel, and they did not lift up their heads anymore. And the land was undisturbed for forty years in the days of Gideon."

- <u>2 CORINTHIANS 4:8-9</u> "we are afflicted in every way, but not crushed; perplexed, but not despairing; persecuted, but not forsaken; struck down, but not destroyed;"
- 2 CORINTHIANS 4:1 "Therefore, since we have this ministry, as we received mercy, we do not lose heart"
- <u>2 CORINTHIANS 4:6</u> "For God, who said, "Light shall shine out of darkness," is the One who has shone in our hearts to give the Light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Christ."
- <u>2 CORINTHIANS 4:7</u> "But we have this treasure in earthen vessels, so that the surpassing greatness of the power will be of God and not from ourselves"
- <u>2 CORINTHIANS 4:10-11</u> "... always carrying about in the body the dying of Jesus, so that the life of Jesus also may be manifested in our body. or we who live are constantly being delivered over to death for Jesus' sake, so that the life of Jesus also may be manifested in our mortal flesh"
- JUDGES 7:19-20 "So Gideon and the hundred men who were with him came to the outskirts of the camp at the beginning of the middle watch, when they had just posted the watch; and they blew the trumpets and smashed the pitchers that were in their hands. When the three companies blew the trumpets and broke the pitchers, they held the torches in their left hands and the trumpets in their right hands for blowing, and cried, "A sword for the Lord and for Gideon!"
- 2 CORINTHIANS 4:10 "... always carrying about in the body the dying of Jesus, so that the life of Jesus also may be manifested in our body. "
- <u>2 CORINTHIANS 4:11</u> " For we who live are constantly being delivered over to death for Jesus' sake, so that the life of Jesus also may be manifested in our mortal flesh"
- 2 CORINTHIANS 4:12 "So death works in us, but life in you."
- 2 CORINTHIANS 4:7 "But we have this treasure in earthen vessels, so that the surpassing greatness of the power will be of God and not from ourselves"
- <u>2 CORINTHIANS 4:3-4</u> "And even if our gospel is veiled, it is veiled to those who are perishing, in whose case the god of this world has blinded the minds of the unbelieving so that they might not see the light of the gospel of the glory of Christ, who is the image of God."

<u>PHILIPPIANS 1:20</u> "according to my earnest expectation and hope, that I will not be put to shame in anything, but that with all boldness, Christ will even now, as always, be exalted in my body, whether by life or by death."

<u>2 CORINTHIANS 4:8-9</u> "we are afflicted in every way, but not crushed; perplexed, but not despairing; 9persecuted, but not forsaken; struck down, but not destroyed"

<u>JOB 5:6-7</u> "For affliction does not come from the dust, Nor does trouble sprout from the ground, For man is born for trouble, As sparks fly upward."

JOB 1:21-22 "He said, "Naked I came from my mother's womb, And naked I shall return there. The LORD gave and the LORD has taken away. Blessed be the name of the LORD." Through all this Job did not sin nor did he blame God"

<u>2 CORINTHIANS 1:8-9</u> "For we do not want you to be unaware, brethren, of our affliction which came *to us* in Asia, that we were burdened excessively, beyond our strength, so that we despaired even of life; indeed, we had the sentence of death within ourselves so that we would not trust in ourselves, but in God who raises the dead"

<u>ISAIAH 55:9</u> "For as the heavens are higher than the earth, So are My ways higher than your ways And My thoughts than your thoughts."

<u>PSALM 103:11</u> "For as high as the heavens are above the earth, So great is His lovingkindness toward those who fear Him."

2 TIMOTHY 3:12 "Indeed, all who desire to live godly in Christ Jesus will be persecuted."

JONAH 2:6 "I descended to the roots of the mountains. The earth with its bars was around me forever"

JUDGES 8:33 "Then it came about, as soon as Gideon was dead, that the sons of Israel again played the harlot with the Baals"

ISAIAH 28:28 "Grain for bread is crushed"

<u>JOHN 12:24</u> "Truly, truly, I say to you, unless a grain of wheat falls into the earth and dies, it remains alone; but if it dies, it bears much fruit."