

Journey towards the Cross

Topic:

Victory comes through trust,
not strength.

Bible portion:

Judges 7:2-7

Focus:

Gideon: Victory through trust,
not strength.



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A daily devotional for lent season

40-Day Gospel Reading Plan

Bible Readings for Today

Luke 1-2



Have you Read your
Bible today?

Memory Verse for the day

For unto you is
born this day in
the city of David a
Savior, who is
Christ the Lord.

Luke 2:11 (ESV)

Quote

“Faith never knows
where it is being led,
but it loves and
knows the One who
is leading.”

- Oswald Chambers

The Victory Song of Faith: From the Cross to Resurrection

The journey from creation to resurrection is a journey of transformation. This Lenten season, in which our minds and lives undergo change, is a spiritual journey of transformation. It is a transition from being a mere creation to living a life in Christ, filled with the power and Spirit of the Resurrection.

Life through the power of the Resurrection is a victorious life. The Resurrection is the reward for standing firm in faith and not losing hope during the trials of the cross. The verses from Judges 7:2-7 remind us of Gideon's faith and the victory and new possibilities it opened in his life.

The Cross and Faith: Resurrection and Victory

The Israelites were repeatedly attacked and troubled by the Midianites, who

were very strong and organized. They had a large army and great power. It was against this strong enemy that Gideon was called to lead the fight. It was a situation he was not used to. As he began his journey, God told him that he did not need 32,000 soldiers. Naturally, it was hard to follow such a command. However, he trusted God and obeyed His guidance.

Gilead and Gethsemane become similar here. In Gethsemane, there is a Son who surrendered Himself when the Father answered the question, “Father, must I sacrifice my life for the redemption of mankind?” That surrender was fueled by faith and obedience. The reason for accepting the shameful and lowly cross was the Son's faith in and obedience to the Father.

The Courage to Be “A Fool” for God

Perhaps those around Gideon mocked him. When

he set out to oppose the Midianite forces, they might have teased him as a fool for sending away over 31,000 soldiers and choosing to go with just 300 men. But he placed his trust in God, obeyed His Word, and carried his cross. This led to a magnificent victory. The cross is not merely a symbol of pain, but a testimony of faith. It stands as a sign of the Son's total confidence in the Father.

The Triumph over Death

My friend, is the path you are walking today filled with shame, pain, or ridicule? He who walked the path to

Golgotha, trusting His Father, eventually tasted the glory of the Resurrection. Though the world dismissed those on the cross as cursed, Jesus rose in victory on the third day, shattering the gates of death and proving that the grave is not the end. Similarly, many might have ridiculed Gideon for facing an army with just 300 men. But the Holy One of Israel fought their battle, leading them to triumph over the Midianites. For Israel and for Gideon, that victory was a true experience of resurrection.

Blessings for Your Journey

Remember how Jesus set aside His own will and surrendered Himself to the Father's will, even unto death on the cross. Remember how Gideon did not rely on his own intellect, physical strength, or the world's ways, but instead yielded to God's Word and counsel. In this Lenten



season, entrust yourself completely to the Word and the will of God, and you will be victorious. Just as the divine nature was revealed in the Son through the Resurrection, God's glory will become the crown of your victory as well.

Prayer:

Lord, in this Lenten season, I surrender my own will to Yours. Like Gideon, help me to trust Your wisdom over my own strength. When I face my "cross" of pain or ridicule, give me the faith to stand firm. May the same power that raised Jesus from the dead lead me from my trials to a great victory. Let Your glory be revealed in my life today. **Amen.**

- Rev. Soji A Thomas



Prayer Point

Pray for the police department and law enforcement.

