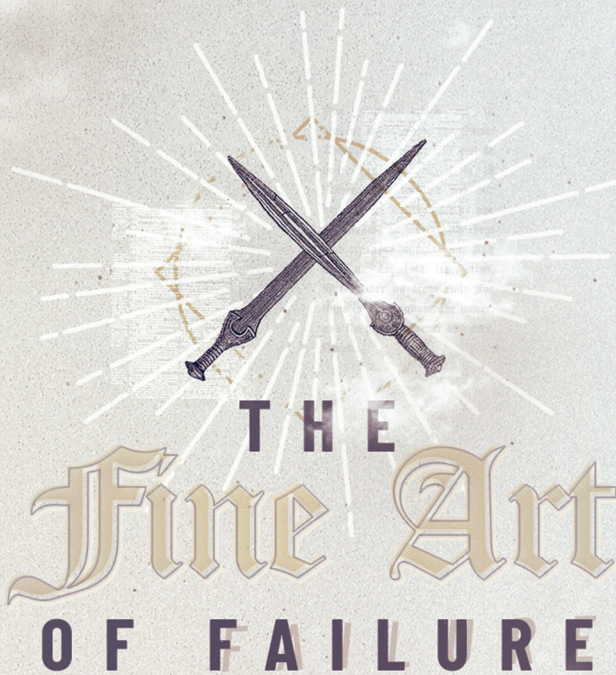




**Home Teams**  
DISCUSSION GUIDE



*A STUDY IN THE BOOK OF JUDGES*

**June 30 & July 1**

# Living Like Nobody Else, Part 2

WEEK 4 • JUDGES 6-7

## OPENING QUESTIONS

1. Share a time when you tried something really different that challenged you.
2. Have you ever experienced a time when you expected help or support and you wound up alone or almost alone?

## IN THE WORD

1. [Judges 6-7](#) portray Gideon's growth from an average Israelite into a spirit-led deliverer. Read [Judges 6:36-40](#). Is this intended as an act of faith (that we should imitate) or a request out of insecurity? Is there any indication of how God felt about his request?
2. [Judges 7:2](#) explains God's reason for thinning out of Gideon's army from 32,000 to 300. Do you think this would affect how God tolerated or addressed fear in those who remained?
3. [Judges 7:2-3](#) indicates that the majority of men with Gideon were afraid of the upcoming battle. When God addresses the subject of Gideon's confidence/fear in [Judges 7:10](#), what do Gideon's actions reveal about his attitude?
4. God causes Israel's enemies to panic in confusion. Discuss what contribution each of the following would add to that confusion:
  - a. All 300 carry a trumpet (normally, only a few men in an army would carry a trumpet).
  - b. They attack in darkness.
  - c. They attack just after the changing of the watch ([Judges 7:19](#)).
  - d. Their enemies were composed of several different peoples ([Judges 7:12](#)).

## MAKING IT PERSONAL

1. To what extent do you lean toward “being like everyone else” or “living extraordinarily?”
2. Consider a time when you may have experienced a God-sized venture. Did you experience it by joining forces with others or did you do it alone?
3. What challenges are in front of you that would be better handled by joining with others rather than doing it by yourself?
4. We see both victories and failures in Gideon’s life just as we see in our own lives. Take a few minutes to consider and share with the group what you have learned from both.
5. In [Judges 6-7](#), we witness God patiently coaxing Gideon into a life of extraordinary faith and obedience. What areas do you think God is trying to grow you?

## CONTINUED LEARNING

[Judges 8:22-35](#) focuses on Gideon’s legacy—the remainder of his life after the major battles and the events that took place after his death. [Judges 9](#) tells the account of Gideon’s son, Abimelech. After reading these passages, what insights does it provide about Gideon, his family, and the people of Israel at that time?

# Notes & Prayers



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