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#### **BREAK THE JARS**

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Judges 7:7-22 "The Lord told Gideon, 'With these 300 men I will rescue you and give you victory over the Midianites.'Then Gideon returned to the Israelite camp and shouted, 'Get up! For the Lord has given you victory over the Midianite hordes!' He divided the 300 men into three groups and gave each man a ram's horn and a clay jar with a torch in it. It was just after midnight, after the changing of the guard, when Gideon and the 100 men with him reached the edge of the Midianite camp. Suddenly, they blew the rams' horns and broke their clay

jars. Then all three groups blew their horns and broke their jars. They held the blazing torches in their left hands and the horns in their right hands, and they all shouted, 'A sword for the Lord and for Gideon!' Each man stood at his position around the camp and watched as all the Midianites rushed around in a panic, shouting as they ran to escape. When the 300 Israelites blew their rams' horns, the Lord caused the warriors in the camp to fight against each other with their swords. Those who were not killed fled to places far away."

## Three Steps to Complete Your Turnaround

### 1. REWRITE the Headlines of Your Story.

Judges 7:7 "The Lord told Gideon, 'With these 300 men I will rescue you and give you victory over the Midianites."

Judges 7:15 "Gideon shouted, 'Get up! For the Lord has given you victory over the Midianite hordes!" Hebrews 12:2 "Looking unto Jesus, the AUTHOR and FINISHER of our faith."

In the face of doubt, don't drop out.

Rewrite the headlines.

1 Corinthians 15:10 "But by the grace of God I am what I am, and His grace to me was not without effect."

You can't change the events of your past, but you can rewrite the headlines.

Genesis 40:15 "Joseph said, 'I was kidnapped from my homeland."

Genesis 45:5 "Joseph said, 'It was God who sent me here."

Ephesians 3:20 "With God's power working in us, He can do much, much more than anything we can ask or think of."

#### 2. Release God's Power

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Midianites rushed around in a panic, shouting as they ran to escape."

Romans 8:31, 35, 37 "If God is for us, who can be against us? Who shall separate us from the love of Christ? Shall trouble or hardship or persecution or famine or nakedness or danger or sword? No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through Him who loved us."

2 Corinthians 4:5-7 "You see, we don't go around preaching about ourselves. We preach that Jesus Christ is Lord, and we ourselves are

vour servants for Jesus' sake. For God, who said, 'Let there be light in the darkness,' has made this light shine in our hearts so we could know the glory of God that is seen in the face of Jesus Christ. We now have this light shining in our hearts, but we ourselves are like fragile clay jars containing this great treasure. This makes it clear that our great power is from God, not from ourselves."

Colossians 2:9-10 "For in Christ lives all the fullness of God in a human body. So you also are complete through your union with

Christ, who is the head over every ruler and authority."

Matthew 5:14 & 16 "Jesus said, 'You are the light of the world. A city that is set on a hill cannot be hidden. Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works and glorify your Father in heaven."

Jesus came to BRING us light, and Jesus came to MAKE us light.

Ephesians 2:10 "For we are God's masterpiece. He has created us anew in Christ Jesus, so we can do the

good things He planned for us long ago."

#### 3. Raise a Battle Cry

Judges 8:28 "That is the story of how the people of Israel defeated Midian, which never recovered.

Throughout the rest of Gideon's lifetime - about forty years - there was peace in the land."

John 11:23 "Jesus told her, 'Your brother will rise again."

John 11:39 "He said, 'Roll the stone aside."

If you'll do the natural, God will do the supernatural.

# Raise your voice in prayer to God. Acts 4:23-31 "All the believers lifted their voices together in prayer to God: 'O Sovereign Lord, Creator of heaven and earth, the sea, and everything in them. O Lord, hear their threats, and give us, Your servants, great boldness in preaching

Your word. Stretch out Your hand

with healing power; may miraculous

signs and wonders be done through

the name of Your holy servant Jesus.'
After this prayer, the meeting place shook, and they were all filled with the Holy Spirit. Then they preached the word of God with boldness."

Raise your voice in spiritual warfare.

Matthew 18:18 "Truly I tell you, whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven."

Raise your voice and proclaim the Gospel.

1 Peter 2:9 "But you are a chosen people, royal priests, a holy nation, a people for God's own possession.

You were chosen to tell about the wonderful acts of God, who called

you out of darkness into His wonderful light."

If the Gospel stops with you, you have the wrong Gospel.

Isaiah 60:1-2 "Arise, shine, for your light has come, and the glory of the Lord rises upon you. See, darkness covers the earth and thick darkness is over the peoples, but the LORD rises upon you and His glory appears over you."

Memory Verse: Isaiah 60:1-2 "Arise, shine, for your light has come, and

the glory of the Lord rises upon you.

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