**God-Sized Assignments**

Judges 7:1-14

Idea: Encounters with God are God-sized.

I. Introduction:

 When we are in the midst of a crisis situation that is far beyond us, we need to put our

faith and trust in the Lord. When the Apostle Paul was dealing with his thorn in the flesh,

he cried out to the Lord. God answered saying, “My grace is sufficient for you, my

strength is made perfect in weakness,” (2 Corinthians 12:9-10).

 God’s sufficient grace was quite evident in Judges 7 when Gideon and 300 men stood against an army that of untold thousands.

II. Gideon has a **God-sized** problem.

 A. The Midianites has terrorized Israel for 7 years, stealing their livestock and crops and

 destroying that which remained. The Israelites feared the Midianites and hid in caves

 in the mountain area.

 B. God called Gideon to be a deliver of Israel and a judge.

 C. The Midianites joined themselves with Amalek and the people of the East to raise an

 army that looked like “a swarm of locust, riding on camels likened unto the sand of

 the sea that could not be numbered.”

 D. Gideon raised an army of 32,000 men. God said, “You have too many warriors with

 you. If I let all of you fight the Midianites, the Israelites will boast to me that they

 saved themselves by their own strength,” (Judges 7:2 NLT).

 1. God reduced the army by 22,000 by sending the timid and fearful home.

 2. God then reduced the army from 10,000 warriors to 300 warriors … those who

 lapped water like a dog as opposed to those who knelt and drank.

 E. The 300 men went against an army of Midianites, Amalekites, and people of the East

 who couldn’t be numbered.

III. God **fought** for Israel.

 A. The weapons of the Israelites consisted of trumpets, pitchers, and torches. This

 strategy looked like a disaster in the making.

 B. That night, Israel’s army surrounded the enemy, blew the trumpets, smashed the jars in

 their hands that held torches, and shouted, “A sword for the Lord, and for Gideon.”

 C. The enemy was confused. Some turned their swords on one another and others fled.

 Gideon called reinforcements and pursued them. They captured and beheaded the

 Midianite leaders, Oreb and Zeeb.

IV. **Encounters** with God are God-sized.

 A. Henry Blackaby says, “God is interested in the world’s coming to know Him. The

 only way people will know what God is like is when they see Him at work. They

 know His nature when they see His nature expressed in His activity. Whenever God

 involves you in His activity, the assignment will have God-like dimensions to it.”

 1. An encounter with God requires faith. (Hebrews 11:6)

 2. Encounters with God are God-sized.

 3. What you do in response to God’s revelation (invitation) reveals what you

 believe about God. (2 Corinthians 5:7)

 4. True faith requires action. (James 2:17)

 B. If I can handle the assignment, it’s probably not from God. To God be all the glory.