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**2 Together We Can: Defy the Odds**

**TEXT:** Judges 7

We need each other. Independence will not bring significance, but community is God's answer to significance. Togetherness also is a place of multiplied strength. No matter how impossible a situation is that you face or a mission given is that is given, together we can defy the odds.

**Law of Synergy** - states that **the whole is greater than the sum of its parts**. In other words, synergy that expands through cooperation. The term comes from the Greek synergia/synergos, "working together".

❖ We hear synergy in Barbershop quartets "ringing a note" <https://youtu.be/DLPpBmV7kSs?t=175>. We see it in horses hitched together, in rope, & in the Bible. Ecc 4:12, Acts 6:1-7

*Ecclesiastes 4:12 Though one may be overpowered by another, two can withstand him. And a threefold cord is not quickly broken.*

➤ **We are stronger and accomplish more together.** Acts 6:1-7

Gideons 300 – **Together we can defy the odds** when we:

❖ **TRUST GOD.** Judges 7:1-7

- The enemy has 135,000 men (Jdg 8:10). Gideon begins with 32,000 who trust God as numbers reduce to 10,000 then to 300.
  - **Addressing FEAR is a step to defying odds.**
  - **God isn't afraid of the odds. God isn't worried about what the situation looks like.** The odds were 450:1.

❖ Judges 7:9-11 – God's Word is True & He helps our faith.

- The Lord works with us in our faith.... Alone & in teams. V11 God says... "If you're not quite sure yet..." (God didn't beat him up for not just believing HIM adequately.) He provided a way for His faith to be encouraged.

❖ **WALK IN THE SPIRIT** – be the light

Judges 7:20-22 – Weird and uncommon equipment. The equipment, tools, & strategies the Lord gives us may not look or be conventional, comfortable, or SAFE. But His equipment fits us!

- The TORCH – When I think about the torches and the clay pots/earthen vessels that covered them I think about 2 Cor 4:6-7.
  - We have a light in these earthen vessels, that light needs to be seen. When we are born again that TORCH is lit on the inside. 300 people were bold enough to allow their light to be seen & together made an impact 450 times any one person.
  - What if we circled our street/city/problems with His light?

➤ The TRUMPET – **STAND, SERVE & PRAY Together**

- Was sounded to call God's people to assemble for prayer, praise, to attack an enemy, to rally together for a purpose.
- A trumpet is sounding for the Body of Christ and specifically for FCFTucson to come together in this season.
- When God's people are TOGETHER – their strength & impact, multiplies exponentially. Lev 26

➤ The SHOUT – "**The Sword of the Lord AND** of Gideon"

- His Sword should be our sword. The Sword of the Lord – is the Word of God - Eph 6. Is the Lord's sword your sword? Do you see His Word & His promises as your word & promises? **BELIEVE & LIVE the Word**
- **Our Sword – not just what we say, but HOW WE LIVE OUT GOD's Word.**
- Gideon's army – just stood there. Basking in the light of their torches burning bright, together in faith. Not attacking, gossiping, blaming, or condemning one another... but standing in faith. As God worked a miracle in their midst.

❖ **REMEMBER** when you are outnumbered:

- **The Victory wasn't won alone.** God could have just given the victory to Gideon alone. If Gideon single handedly won the battle, then he would have been the focal point of the GLORY! Community is God's answer to defeat.
- **When we think we are outnumbered but walking in His plan we can defy the odds.**
- **There is a light in you that puts the enemy to flight.** Let it shine.
- **Sound the alarm** - Call for one another to agree and to work/serve/fight together for a purpose.
  - As a church and as individuals, must learn to do together...
- Together unified in Heart, Prayer, Purpose, Word & in Action with ONE SWORD – we can accomplish the Missions given us.

Let's trust God, Walk in the Spirit/be the light,  
Come & Stand together, LIVE GOD's Word.

No matter how overwhelming the odds may seem,  
if we will Stand, Believe, Serve, & Pray together,  
we will defy the odds.

**The Mission is Possible Together We Can!**  
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