

The Redemption Stories of Judges

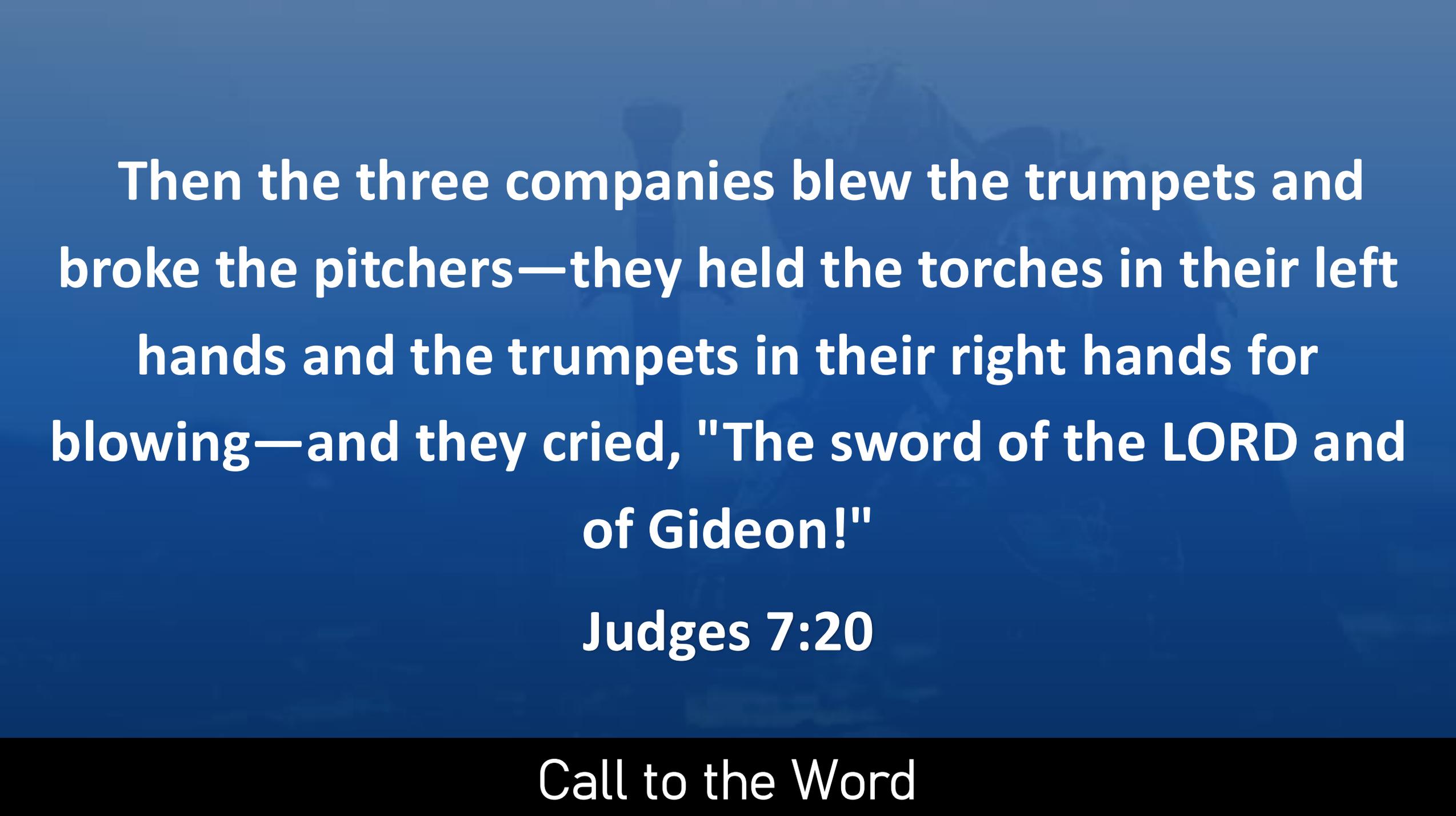
From Victor to Vanquished to Victor



God's Power In Our Weakness

Judges 7





Then the three companies blew the trumpets and broke the pitchers—they held the torches in their left hands and the trumpets in their right hands for blowing—and they cried, "The sword of the LORD and of Gideon!"

Judges 7:20

Call to the Word

And every man stood in his place all around the camp; and the whole army ran and cried out and fled.

Judges 7:21

Call to the Word

“The Spirit of the LORD clothed Gideon.” (AMP)

**“Courage is not the absence of fear, but the determination
to act in spite of fear.” (Swindoll)**

(Zech 4:6, 2Tim 1:7)

Setting the Scene/ Jdg 7:1

Harod = 'trembling"

God often positions us in places of trembling so that we learn to lean on Him. The story begins not with strength, but with weakness.

Setting the Scene/ Jdg 7:1

We are made weak by three things— by creation, by sin, and by suffering — weakness is a universal condition. The only difference between people is how we respond to it. Some deny it, some collapse under it.

Ps 103:14, Rom 3:23, John 16:33

Setting the Scene/ Jdg 7:1



God Reduces the Army / Jdg 7:2-8

When life feels manageable, we start to depend on ourselves instead of on Him.

1 Samuel 17:47 (David and Goliath)

“And that all this assembly may know that the Lord saves not with sword and spear. For the battle is the Lord’s, and He will give you into our hand.”

God Reduces the Army / Jdg 7:2-8

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God can even put fear and expectation in the hearts of His enemies.

Exodus 23:27 — *“I will send My terror before you and throw into confusion all the people against whom you shall come*

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“Don’t despise the barley bread in your life. God delights to use the ordinary — the small gift, the simple act of obedience, the overlooked person — to flatten the enemy’s tent. It’s not the size of the bread that matters; it’s the power of the God who rolls it.

Ex: Mark 12:41-44; John 6:9; Acts 4:13

God Strengthens Gideon / Jdg 7:9-15

In our lives, we fight under the same banner — it's God's power first, but He chooses to work through ordinary people like us. We can declare with boldness, *“This is the Lord's fight, and I belong to Him.”*

An Unlikely Victory / Jdg 7:16-23

When God's people unite in prayer and in His Word, history shows the same thing: chains break, empires fall, and darkness trembles. Not because of our strength, but because the sword of the Lord is lifted high.

An Unlikely Victory / Jdg 7:16-23

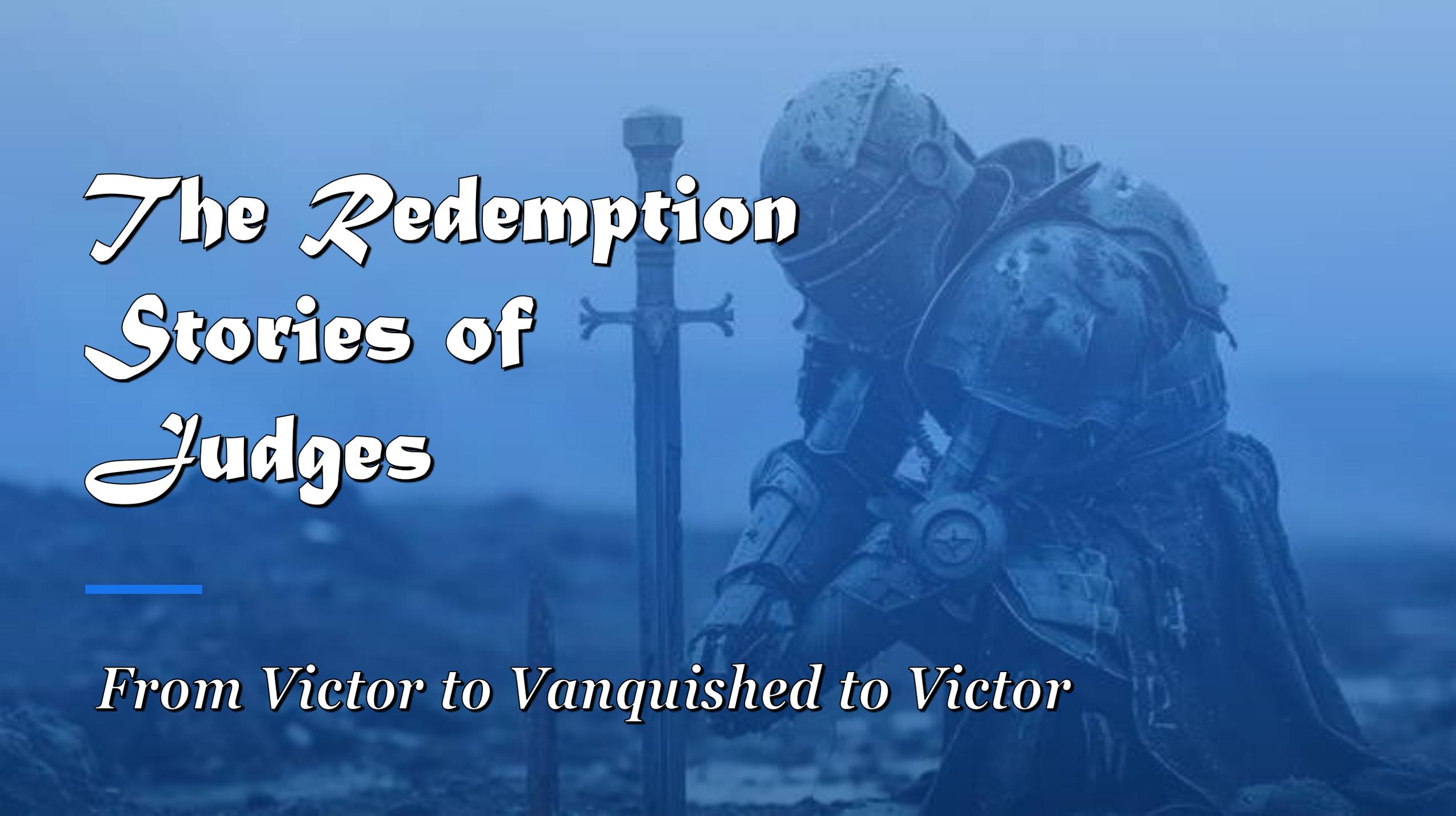
God's work always involves two things — *proclamation (the trumpet blast)* and *illumination (the torchlight)*. We proclaim His Word, and we let His light shine through us. That's how God wins battles today.”

An Unlikely Victory / Jdg 7:16–23

Never underestimate small beginnings. Sometimes God uses your obedience to inspire a whole community. You may feel like one of Gideon's 300, but your step of faith can rally others to action.

Your faith and obedience, no matter how small, can lead to significant change in your community and beyond.

But a Secure Victory / Jdg 7:24-25



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