



Sunday School hero

Israel - the weak, Midian – the strong

God sent a prophet vv8-10

God sent an angel v11 ‘the LORD is with you mighty warrior’

1. The weak - Gideon

v13 But, if, why, where, but, now ...

v14 the command to go

v15 But, how, ... weakest clan, I am least ...

v16 I will be with you

v17 If, ... give me a sign ...

v21 The sign – a consuming fire

v24 So, Gideon built an altar there

v25 Build a proper altar and sacrifice

v27 Gideon & 10 servants – not so weak, not so poor!

v27 scared but obedient

v31 Joash – If Baal is really a god ... let him defend himself
Therefore Gideon called Jerub-baal (let Baal contend)

2. The weak vs The strong

v33 – Next harvest time ...

The Spirit of God clothes himself in Gideon

Those called answer the summons – an army THEN: v 36 If ...

v 36 If you will save as you have promised!!? ...

v37 give me a miracle to see if you will keep your word!

v 39 Give me another miracle ...

but don't be angry that I am testing you!

Ch 7:2 This verse is key for us to understand this section.

“You have too many men for me to deliver Midian into their hands.

In order that Israel might not boast against me

that her own strength has saved her ...”

3. The strong – The LORD

4. The weak – Gideon

cf. Exodus 28:5-14 The ephod for the high priest

5. The strong – The LORD

**The lesson from this section of Judges is that
it is God who saves.**

“God chose the weak things of the world to shame the strong”

1 Corinthians 27b