

#### **SUPERHERO**

#### Pastor Blayr Alexander Wednesday, May 1, 2024

#### Judges 6:1-2 NLT

**6** The Israelites did evil in the Lord's sight. So the Lord handed them over to the Midianites for seven years. <sup>2</sup> The Midianites were so cruel that the Israelites made hiding places for themselves in the mountains, caves, and strongholds.

Attributes of a superhero Key #1 is Determination.

#### 1 Corinthians 15:33 KJV

<sup>33</sup> Be not deceived: evil communications corrupt good manners.

#### Matthew 6:33 KJV

<sup>33</sup> But seek ye first the kingdom of God, and his righteousness; and all these things shall be added unto you.

#### Judges 6:7-10 NLT

<sup>7</sup> When they cried out to the Lord because of Midian, <sup>8</sup> the Lord sent a prophet to the Israelites. He said, "This is what the Lord, the God of Israel, says: I brought you up out of slavery in Egypt. <sup>9</sup>I rescued you from the Egyptians and from all who oppressed you. I drove out your enemies and gave you their land. <sup>10</sup>I told you, 'I am the Lord your God. You must not worship the gods of the Amorites, in whose land you now live.' But you have not listened to me."

Attributes of a superhero Key #2 is Sacrifice.

#### Romans 12:1 ESV

**12** I appeal to you therefore, brothers,<sup>[a]</sup> by the mercies of God, to present your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God, which is your spiritual worship.<sup>[b]</sup>

#### Judges 6:11-12 NLT

<sup>11</sup> Then the angel of the Lord came and sat beneath the great tree at Ophrah, which belonged to Joash of the clan of Abiezer. Gideon son of Joash was threshing wheat at the bottom of a winepress to hide the grain from the Midianites. <sup>12</sup> The angel of the Lord appeared to him and said, "Mighty hero, the Lord is with you!"

#### **Ephesians 3:20 KJV**

<sup>20</sup> Now unto him that is able to do exceeding abundantly above all that we ask or think, according to the power that worketh in us,

#### Judges 6:13-14 NLT

<sup>13</sup> "Sir," Gideon replied, "if the Lord is with us, why has all this happened to us? And where are all the miracles our ancestors told us about? Didn't they say, 'The Lord brought us up out of Egypt'? But now the Lord has abandoned us and handed us over to the Midianites." <sup>14</sup> Then the Lord turned to him and said, "Go with the strength you have, and rescue Israel from the Midianites. I am sending you!"

#### Attributes of a superhero key #4 is Strength.

#### Jude 1:24-25 KJV

<sup>24</sup> Now unto him that is able to keep you from falling, and to present you faultless before the presence of his glory with exceeding joy, <sup>25</sup> To the only wise God our Saviour, be glory and majesty, dominion and power, both now and ever. Amen.

#### Judges 6:15-16 NLT

<sup>15</sup> "But Lord," Gideon replied, "how can I rescue Israel? My clan is the weakest in the whole tribe of Manasseh, and I am the least in my entire family!" <sup>16</sup> The Lord said to him, "I will be with you. And you will destroy the Midianites as if you were fighting against one man."

#### Attributes of a superhero key #5 Courage.

#### Deuteronomy 31:6 NLT

<sup>6</sup>So be strong and courageous! Do not be afraid and do not panic before them. For the Lord your God will personally go ahead of you. He will neither fail you nor abandon you."

#### Judges 7:1-7 NLT

**7** So Jerub-baal (that is, Gideon) and his army got up early and went as far as the spring of Harod. The armies of Midian were camped north of them in the valley near the hill of Moreh. <sup>2</sup> The Lord said to Gideon, "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. <sup>3</sup> Therefore, tell the people, 'Whoever is timid or afraid may leave this mountain<sup>[a]</sup> and go home." So 22,000 of them went home, leaving only 10,000 who were willing to fight. <sup>4</sup> But the Lord told Gideon, "There are still too many! Bring them down to the spring, and I will test them to determine who will go with you and who will not." <sup>5</sup> When Gideon took his warriors down to the water, the Lord told him, "Divide the men into two groups. In one group put all those who cup water in their hands and lap it up with their tongues like dogs. In the other group put all those who kneel down and drink with their mouths in the stream." <sup>6</sup> Only 300 of the men drank from their hands. All the others got down on their

knees and drank with their mouths in the stream. <sup>7</sup> The Lord told Gideon, "With these 300 men I will rescue you and give you victory over the Midianites. Send all the others home."

Attributes of a superhero key #6 FOCUS.

#### Proverbs 16:3 NLT

Commit your actions to the Lord, and your plans will succeed.

#### Judges 7:9 NLT

<sup>9</sup>That night the Lord said, "Get up! Go down into the Midianite camp, for I have given you victory over them!

#### Judges 7:16-18 NLT

<sup>16</sup> 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.
<sup>17</sup> Then he said to them, "Keep your eyes on me. When I come to the edge of the camp, do just as I do. <sup>18</sup> As soon as I and those with me blow the rams' horns, blow your horns, too, all around the entire camp, and shout, 'For the Lord and for Gideon!'"

#### Judges 7:21-22 NLT

<sup>21</sup> 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. <sup>22</sup> 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 as far away as Beth-shittah near Zererah and to the border of Abel-meholah near Tabbath.

#### Attributes of a superhero keys #7 & #8 Heart and Victory

#### Psalms 27:1 NLT

The Lord is my light and my salvation—so why should I be afraid? The Lord is my fortress, protecting me from danger, so why should I tremble?

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