

An Uncommon Outcome

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Judges 7:1-14

Gideon's "battle" against the Midianites utilized an unusual strategy that brought about an uncommon outcome. God reduced his original army of 32,000 to 300. The "attack" was scheduled for midnight, making it hard for them to see. The soldiers were divided into three companies of 100 each, forming a ring around the Midianite camp. For "weapons," each soldier held a torch and a trumpet. The breaking of pottery, sudden blaze of light, blaring of trumpets, and shouts of the soldiers startled the Midianites out of their sleep. They probably thought that each of those trumpeters represented a company of up to 100 men. Startled from sleep, fearing they were surrounded by thousands, in panic the Midianites turned their swords on each other and fled.

With this unusual strategy, God caused confusion and fear in the camp of the Midianites. As He does so often in Scripture, God accomplished a lot with a little. A God like that could do more with us if we would let Him.

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