

What Can God Do with 1%?

A Lord's Flock General Assembly Topic

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There are times in our life when God's ways do not make sense. God confirmed that when He said that His thoughts and His ways are different from ours (Isa. 55:8). God often lets the odds stack against us, yet He still gives us victory in the end because of his strength not ours.

God is the God of 1%

In Judges 7:1-8, God cut Gideon's army from 32,000 to just 300, which was about 1% of its original size. It makes no sense, especially if we take into account that their enemies, the Midianites, are around 135,000! Yet Gideon, who has already traded his fear for the peace of God in Judges 6, did not question God; he was totally on board with God.

- God often works in unthinkable odds, and most of the time, His ways feel contrary to our human reasoning. Yet, our God can work with just 1% and make it happen. God can use unreasonable moments, like when we feel weak or when things do not make sense, for our benefit.
- In Gideon's situation, the logical thing to do was to gather the largest army (certainly not an army of 300), but that was not God's way. For God, 32,000 was no better than 300; 135,000 was no better than 300, either. With God, smaller is better.
- Gideon already saw what God could do with the 1% when God chose him, a farmer, to deliver Israel from its enemy. That was why Gideon no longer complained nor asked for more signs. He was satisfied, and he trusted God. He knew it was God's idea; so the plan would, eventually, bring them victory.
- Trusting God could be somewhat scary because His ways are not our ways. On the other hand,

when we trust God, we surrender everything to Him.

- Moreover, we tend to figure things out on our own. Trusting God when He is doing something that feels unsettling or confusing is somewhat challenging. Yet, this is what God wants us to do: to fully entrust to Him our situation.
- There are times that God brings us to the minimum to show what He can do with the 1% left in us. God is greatly edified in our weakness because we can rely on Him. That is the process of the 1%: before God can show us what He can do with the 1%, we need to trust Him and rely on Him.

Conclusion:

Accomplishing God's purpose in our life is not determined by the bottom line of what makes sense. God is glorified when we are dependent on Him, even when it does not make sense. He actually does not need us to win the battle. He invites us to join Him in doing His will, and when we do, we reap the benefits of it and then He is glorified. Let us remember, when God does not make sense, He is up to something good. He is doing something with that 1% in our life.

Reflection:

Think about your 1% right now. What do you think God wants to show you through it?

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