

In the Garden of Gethsemane

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We must submit to God's plan and trust in His sovereignty, even when it seems illogical, in order to experience true humility and submission in our lives.

Scripture: Judges 7:2, John 19:11

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Description

K.P. Yohannan emphasizes the importance of recognizing God's sovereignty in our lives, as demonstrated by Jesus in the Garden of Gethsemane, where He acknowledged that the power of the soldiers came from above. He draws a parallel to Gideon's story in Judges, where a small, obedient army of 300 men followed God's unconventional strategy to defeat a much larger enemy. This illustrates the necessity of total submission to God's will and the leaders He appoints, trusting that His plans, though they may seem illogical, are ultimately for our victory. The sermon encourages believers to embrace humility and obedience in their walk with God.

Transcript

Jesus recognized in the garden of Gethsemane, as the Roman soldiers came to take Him away, that they "could have no power at all against [Him] unless it had been given [them] from above" (John 19:11). And we must recognize the same in our lives, allowing each circumstance to be used as the tool to produce in us the submission and humility of Christ.

In Judges 7, we find the story of Gideon and his army. Starting at 32,000 men, Gideon's army was quickly reduced to 10,000, and again until only 300 men, chosen by God, marched with him. That's less than one percent of what he started with! But Gideon didn't need a large army--only a small one that would simply follow instructions.

According to simple math and logic, the men in his army were incredibly outnumbered and doomed to die by the massive, opposing army. But according to the plan and instructions of the Lord, Gideon readied his men, giving each a clay pot containing a torch inside (see Judges 7:16). He then turned to his army and said, "Look at me and do likewise; watch, and when I come to the edge of the camp you shall do as I do" (Judges 7:17). Gideon had his men surround the enemy, holding these clay pots in their hands. When he gave them the go-ahead, the men were to break the pots and cause the light to shine out (see Judges 7). They followed Gideon's command and defeated their enemy that day.

These 300 men were totally committed to following Gideon's instruction regardless of how illogical it seemed. They had no opinion of their own or suggestions for Gideon on how to win the battle. Their attitude was, "Whatever you say, we will do." Their submission to the authority of their leader was complete. And so it must be in our lives--total submission to God our Father and the leaders He places over us.

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