



Welcome to
Rehoboth New Life
Center
Tuesday
April 20th, 2021

A close-up, artistic photograph of a person's hand holding a glass of amber liquid, with the text "A Thorn In the Flesh" overlaid in red. The background is a soft, out-of-focus gradient of light blue and white, suggesting a bright, airy environment. The hand is positioned on the right side of the frame, with the fingers gripping the rim of a glass. The liquid inside the glass is a rich, golden-brown color, and its surface reflects the light. The text is centered horizontally and vertically, rendered in a bold, serif font with a slight shadow effect.

“A Thorn In the Flesh”

A Thorn In The Flesh



And lest I should be exalted above measure through the abundance of the revelations, there was given to me a thorn in the flesh.....

2 Corinthians 12:7

A Thorn in The flesh...

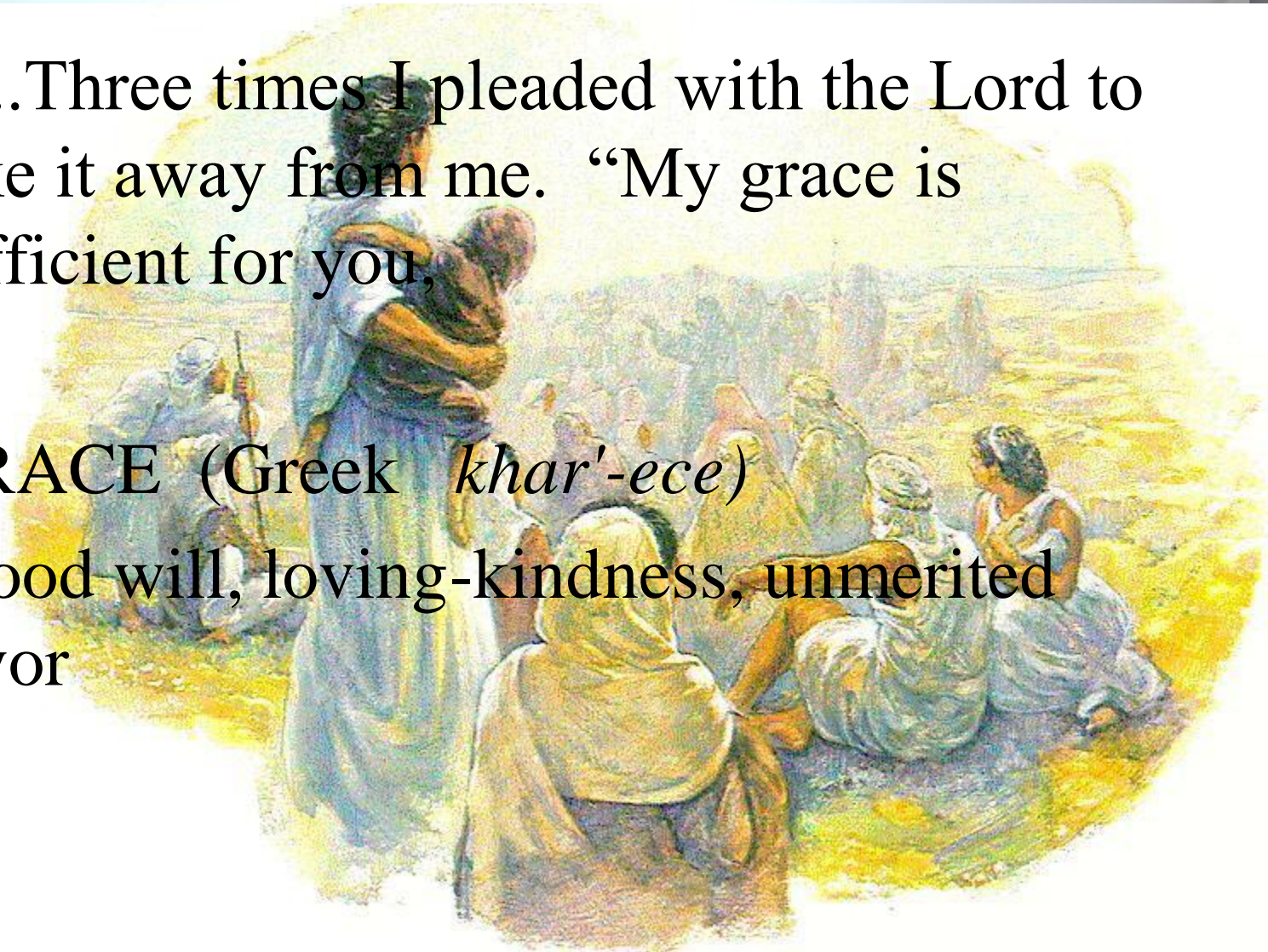


.....The/A
messenger of Satan to
buffet me, lest I should
be exalted above
measure.

2 Corinthians 12:7

My Grace

-Three times I pleaded with the Lord to take it away from me. “My grace is sufficient for you,
- GRACE (Greek *khar'-ece*)
- Good will, loving-kindness, unmerited favor



Power in weakness !

-my Power is made perfect in weakness.
- Weakness (Greek word *as-then'-i-ah*)



Power in weakness

- And the children of Israel did evil in the sight of the LORD: and the LORD delivered them into the hand of Midian seven years.
- Judges 6 : 1



Power in weakness

- Judges 6:3 And so it was, when Israel had sown, that the Midianites came up, and the Amalekites, and the children of the east, even they came up against them;



Power in weakness

- Judges 6:6 And Israel was greatly impoverished because of the Midianites; and the children of Israel cried unto the LORD.



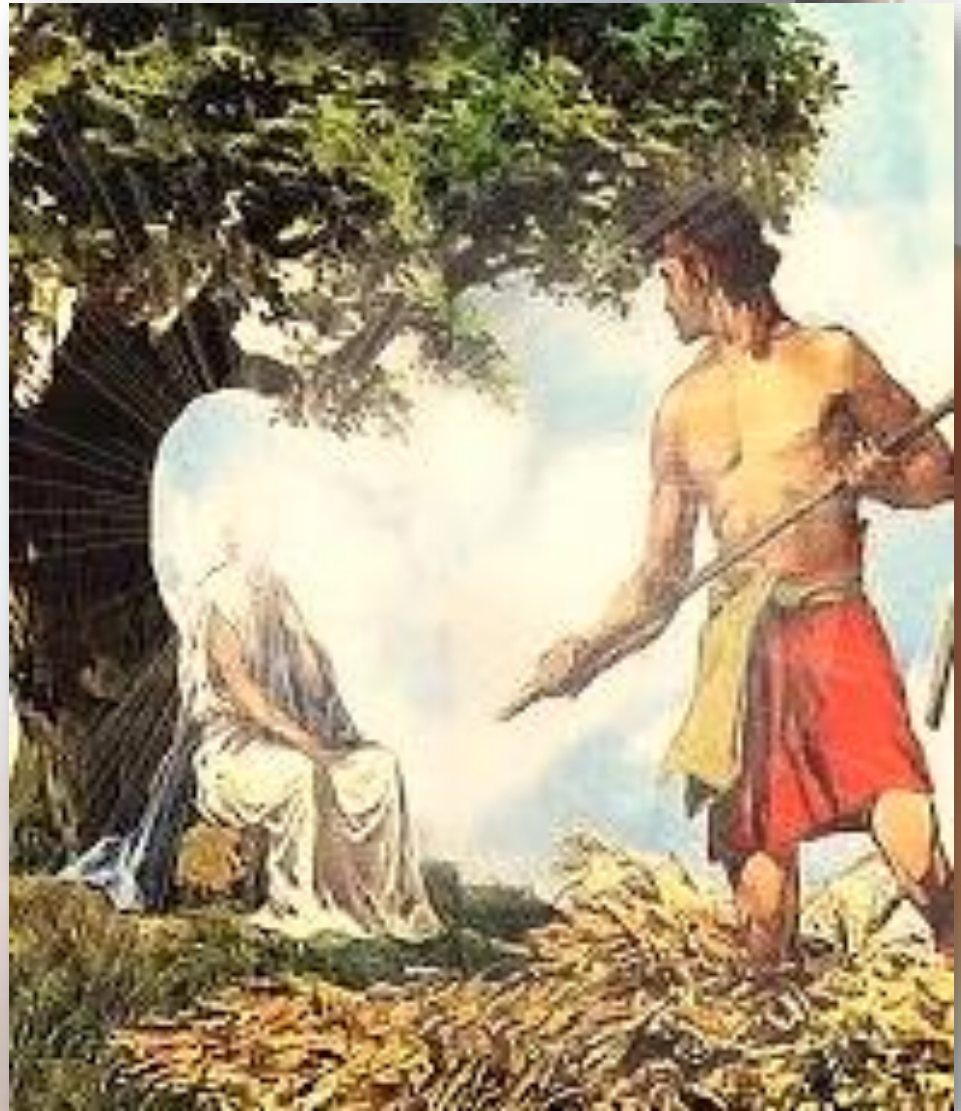
Power in weakness

Judges 6:10 And I said unto you, I am the LORD your God; fear not the gods of the Amorites, in whose land ye dwell: but ye have not obeyed my voice. 11 And there came an angel of the LORD and sat under an oak which was in Ophrah, that pertained unto Joash the Abiezrite: and his son Gideon threshed wheat by the winepress, to hide it from the Midianites.



Power in Weakness

Judges 6:12 And the angel of the LORD appeared unto him, and said unto him, The LORD is with thee, thou mighty man of valour. And Gideon said unto him, Oh my Lord, if the LORD be with us, why then is all this befallen us? and where [be] all his miracles which our fathers told us of,

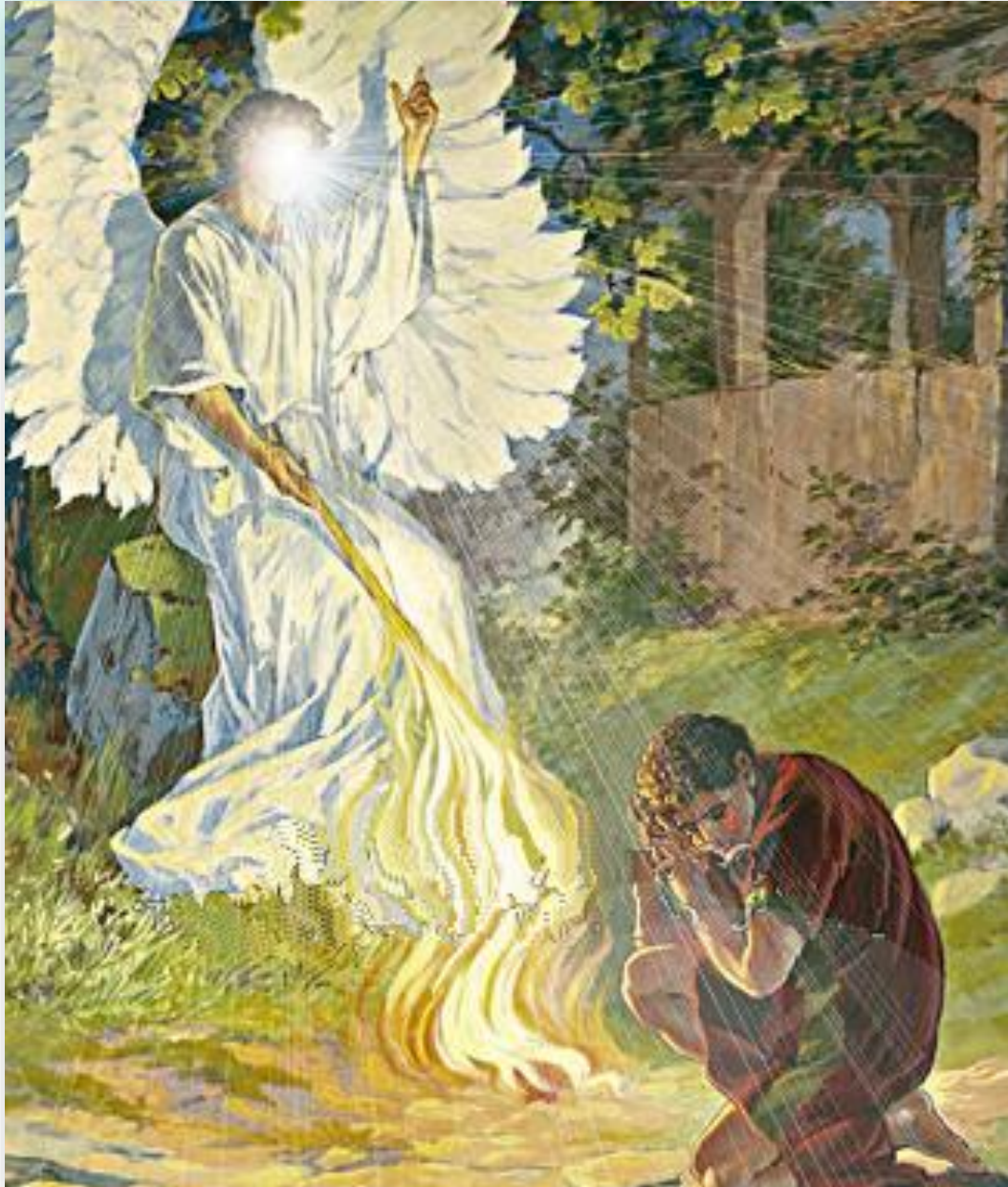


Power in weakness



Judges 6:4 And the LORD looked upon him, and said, Go in this thy might, and thou shalt save Israel from the hand of the Midianites: have not I sent thee? 5 And he said unto him, Oh my Lord, wherewith shall I save Israel? behold, my family is poor in Manasseh, and I am the least in my father's house.

The Lord Is our Peace !

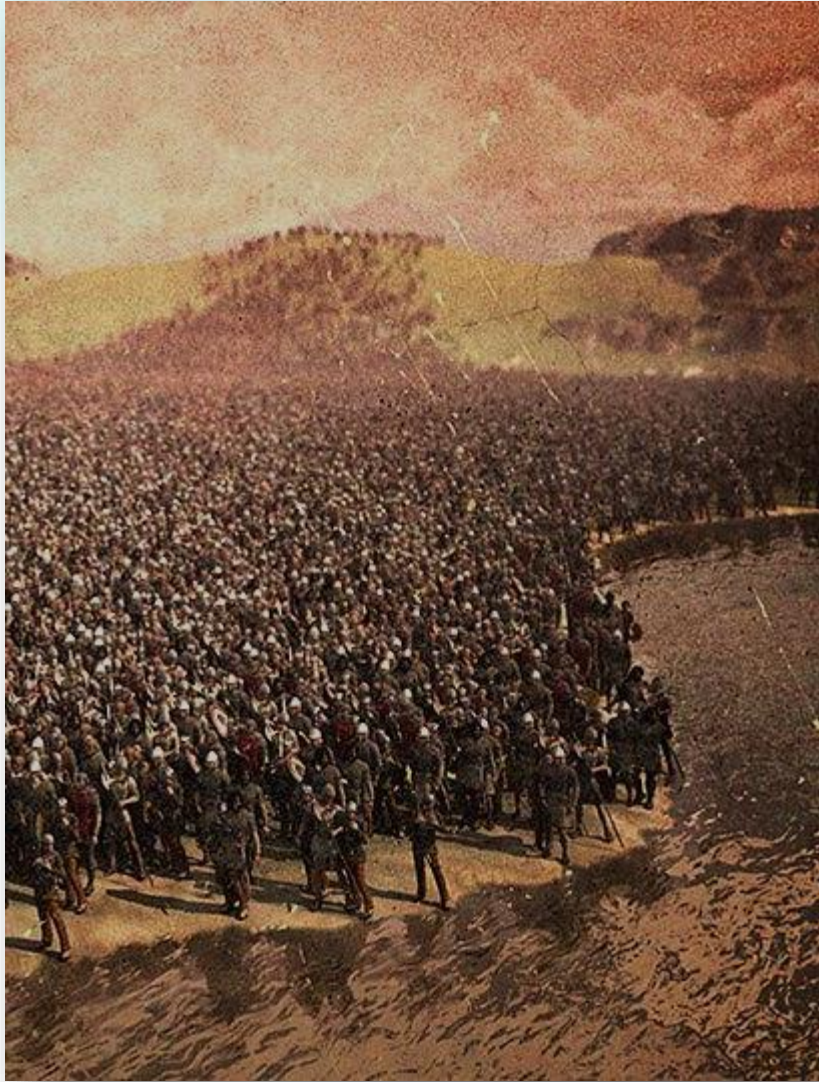


- Judges 6:23 And the LORD said unto him, Peace be unto thee; fear not: thou shalt not die. 6:24 Then Gideon built an altar there unto the LORD, and called it Jehovahshalom

Power In Weakness ?

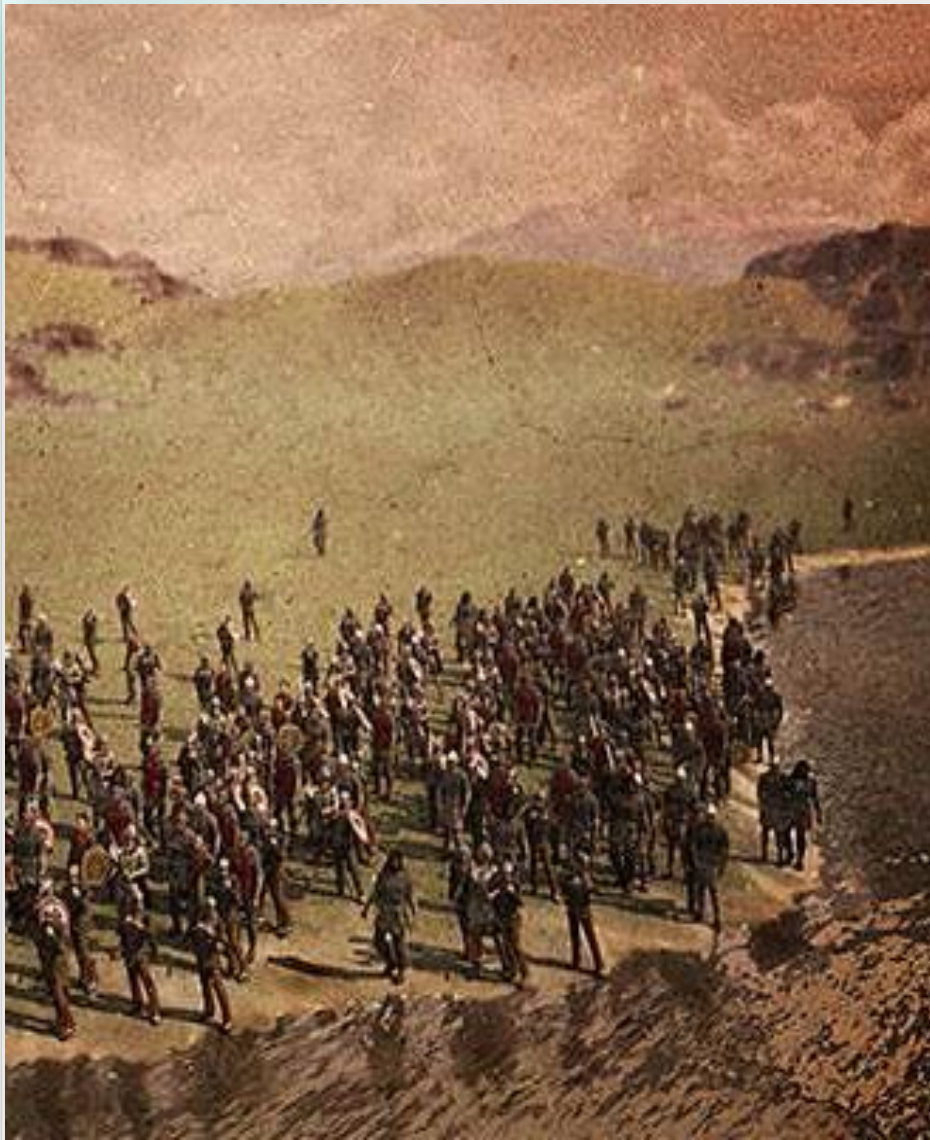
- Judges 7:2 And the LORD said unto Gideon, The people that are with thee are too many for me to give the Midianites into their hands, lest Israel vaunt themselves against me, saying, Mine own hand hath saved me.

Power in Weakness



Judges 7:3 Now therefore go to, proclaim in the ears of the people, saying, Whosoever is fearful and afraid, let him return and depart early from mount Gilead. And there returned of the people twenty and two thousand; and there remained ten thousand.

The Lord Chooses !



Judges 7:4 And the LORD said unto Gideon, The people are yet too many; bring them down unto the water, and I will try them for thee there: and it shall be, [that] of whom I say unto thee, This shall go with thee, the same shall go with thee; and of whomsoever I say unto thee, This shall not go with thee, the same shall not go.

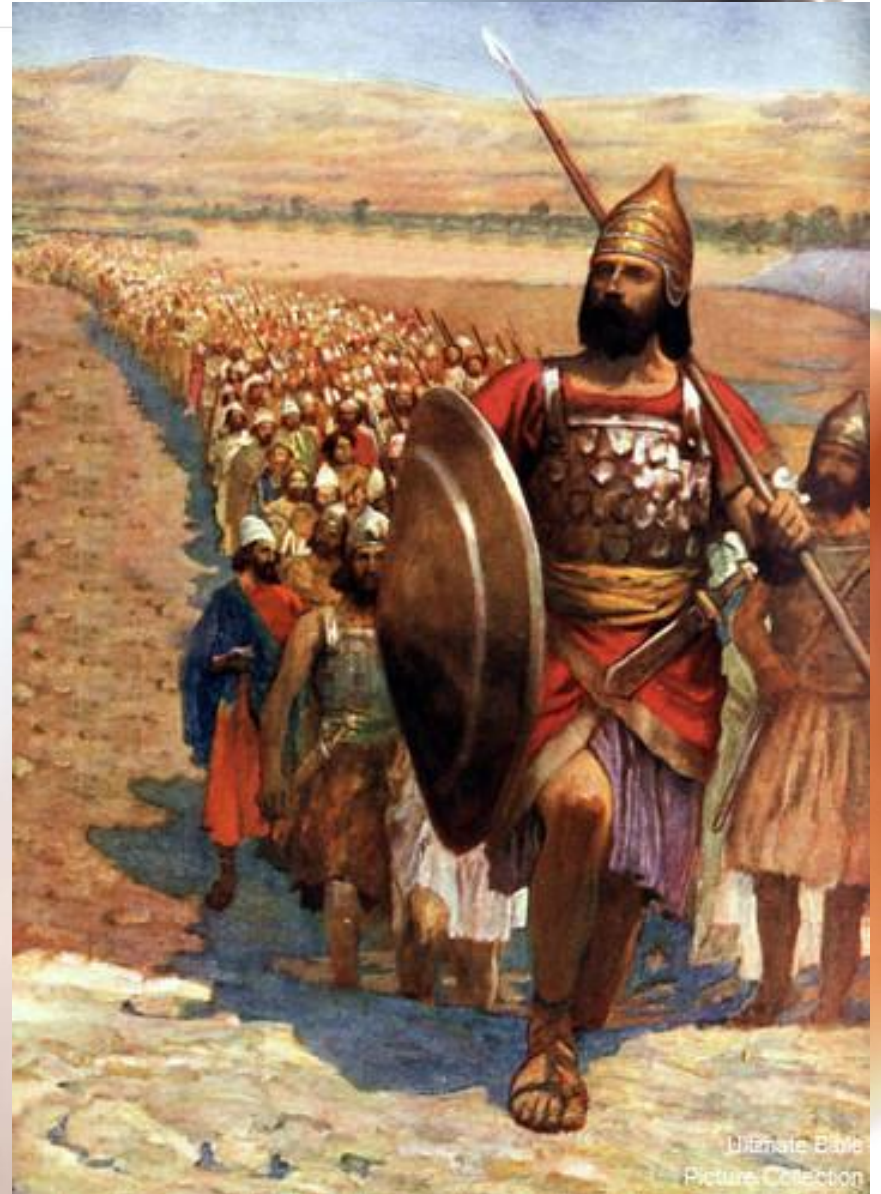
Power in Weakness

And the number of them that lapped, [putting] their hand to their mouth, were three hundred men: but all the rest of the people bowed down upon their knees to drink water. 7 And the LORD said unto Gideon, By the three hundred men that lapped will I save you, and deliver the Midianites into thine hand: and let all the [other] people go every man unto his place.



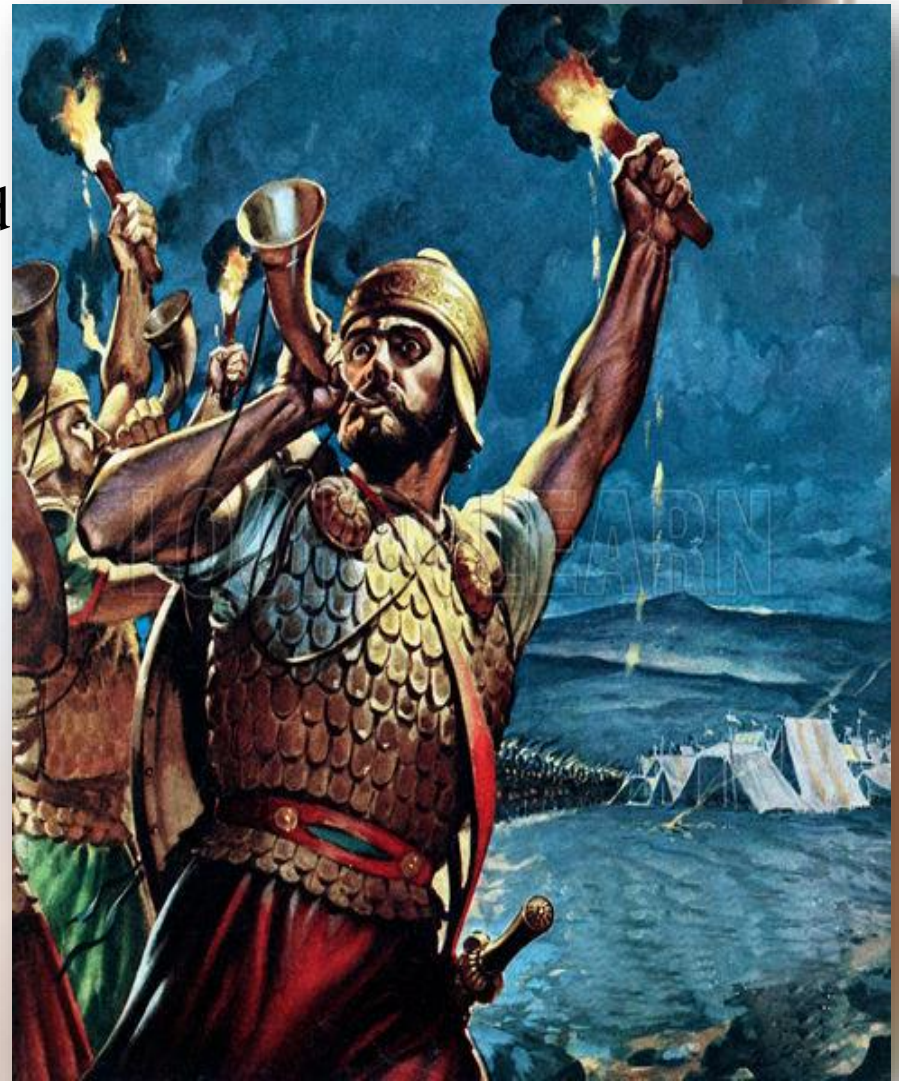
Power in weakness

Judges 7:2 And the Midianites and the Amalekites and all the children of the east lay along in the valley like grasshoppers for multitude; and their camels were without number, as the sand by the sea side for multitude.



Victory In weakness

19 So Gideon, and the hundred men that [were] with him, came unto the outside of the camp in the beginning of the middle watch; and they had but newly set the watch: and they blew the trumpets, and brake the pitchers that [were] in their hands. 20 And the three companies blew the trumpets, and brake the pitchers, and held the lamps in their left hands, and the trumpets in their right hands to blow [withal]: and they cried, The sword of the LORD, and of Gideon. 21 And they stood every man in his place round about the camp: and all the host ran, and cried, and fled.



What do you have ?



- Matthew 14 :14 And Jesus went forth, and saw a great multitude, and was moved with compassion toward them, and he healed their sick.
- 15 And when it was evening, his disciples came to him, saying, This is a desert place, and the time is now past; send the multitude away, that they may go into the villages, and buy themselves victuals.
- 16 But Jesus said unto them, They need not depart; give ye them to eat.

What do you have ?



- Matthew 14:17
And they say unto him, We have here but five loaves, and two fishes.
- Matthew 14:18 He said, Bring them hither to me.

What can God do with what you have ?

- Matthew 14:19 And he commanded the multitude to sit down on the grass, and took the five loaves, and the two fishes, and looking up to heaven, he blessed, and brake, and gave the loaves to his disciples, and the disciples to the multitude.
- Matthew 14:20 And they did all eat, and were filled: and they took up of the fragments that remained twelve baskets full.

God's Power is shown in our weakness !

MY GRACE

is all you need

MY POWER

works best in weakness

2 CORINTHIANS 12:9

And he said unto me,
My grace is
sufficient for thee:
for my strength is
made perfect in
weakness.

2 Corinthians 12:9

Five smooth stones !

- 1 Samuel 17:42 And when the Philistine looked about, and saw David, he disdained him: for he was [but] a youth, and ruddy, and of a fair countenance.
- 1 Samuel 17:43 And the Philistine said unto David, [Am] I a dog, that thou comest to me with staves? And the Philistine cursed David by his gods.
- 1 Samuel 17:44 And the Philistine said to David, Come to me, and I will give thy flesh unto the fowls of the air, and to the beasts of the field.
- 1 Samuel 17:45 Then said David to the Philistine, Thou comest to me with a sword, and with a spear, and with a shield: but I come to thee in the name of the LORD of hosts, the God of the armies of Israel, whom thou hast defied.

The Power of Christ !

My grace is sufficient for thee: for my strength is made perfect in weakness. Most gladly therefore will I rather glory in my infirmities, that the power of Christ may rest upon me.

-2 Corinthians 12:9



Strength Out of Weakness !

- Hebrews 11:32 And what shall I more say? for the time would fail me to tell of Gedeon, and of Barak, and of Samson, and [of] Jephthah; of David also, and Samuel, and [of] the prophets:
- Hebrews 11:33 Who through faith subdued kingdoms, wrought righteousness, obtained promises, stopped the mouths of lions,
- Hebrews 11:34 Quenched the violence of fire, escaped the edge of the sword, out of weakness were made strong, waxed valiant in fight, turned to flight the armies of the aliens.
- Hebrews 11:35 Women received their dead raised to life again: and others were tortured, not accepting deliverance; that they might obtain a better resurrection:

Gods' strength !

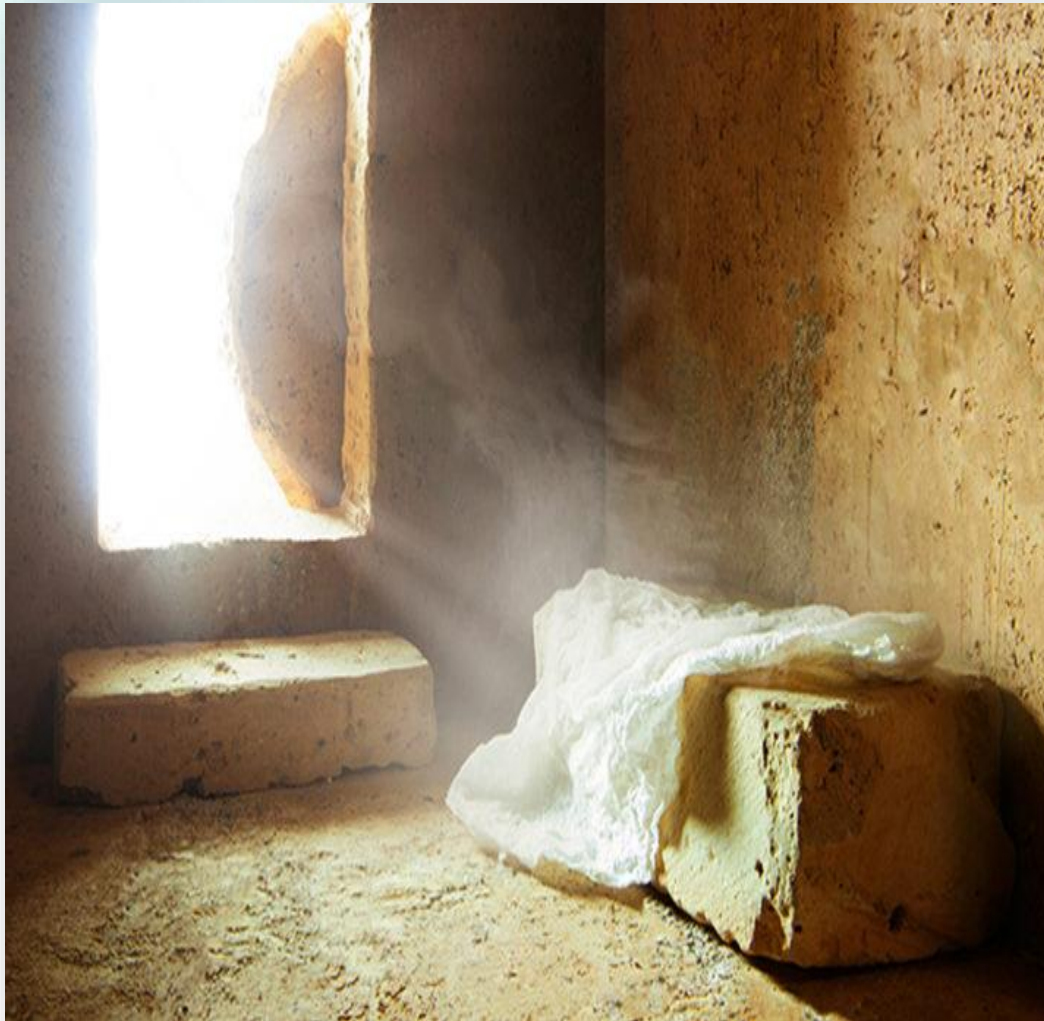
2 Corinthians 12:10

Therefore I take pleasure in infirmities, in reproaches, in necessities, in persecutions, in distresses for Christ's sake: for when I am weak, **then am I strong.**

WHERE OUR
STRENGTH
RUNS OUT,
GOD'S
STRENGTH
BEGINS



Died In weakness ... Resurrected In Strength.



2 Corinthians 13:4
For though he was crucified through weakness, yet he liveth by the power of God. For we also are weak in him, but we shall live with him by the power of God toward you.

The Blessed Hope !

- 14 For if we believe that Jesus died and rose again, even so them also which sleep in Jesus will God bring with him.
- 15 For this we say unto you by the word of the Lord, that we which are alive [and] remain unto the {coming of the Lord} shall not prevent them which are asleep.
- 16 For the Lord himself shall descend from heaven with a shout, with the voice of the archangel, and with the trump of God: and the dead in Christ shall rise first:
- 17 Then we which are alive [and] remain shall be caught up together with them in the clouds, to meet the Lord in the air: and so shall we ever be with the Lord.
- 18 Wherefore comfort one another with these words. 2 Thessalonians 4:15

