

**There Was No King in Israel  
Pt 7 – Gideon: The Tragic Failure of a Judge  
Judges 7:23- 8:32**

Gideon's \_\_\_\_\_ of God v.23 – 8:3

- Gideon \_\_\_\_\_ what God has disbanded
- Gideon calls on the men of \_\_\_\_\_
- Ephraim's \_\_\_\_\_ and Gideon's \_\_\_\_\_

Gideon takes the \_\_\_\_\_ v.4-9

- \_\_\_\_\_ am pursuing Zeba and Zalmunna
- Other peoples \_\_\_\_\_

The new \_\_\_\_\_ of Israel v.13-17

Gideon's \_\_\_\_\_ v.18-32

- The death of Zeba and Zalmunna
- The crescent \_\_\_\_\_
- Is he a \_\_\_\_\_ or not
- The Ephod

**My Response:**

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Discussion Questions**

What character issues do we find in Gideon early in his life that lead to his failure later in life?

How is it telling of the story contained that God speaks throughout chapter 6 and 7 and is silent after the initial battle ends? What does this tell you about our own lives?

How do you see the downward spiral of the book of Judges played out in the judgeship of Gideon?

Who is the real king of Israel and why is Gideon's sham of a refusal part of the downfall of the nation?

Is it easier to see the flaws of others than to see our own? Are you ever tempted to be harsh with others who have the same weaknesses that you have? How do we deal with this in a Godly way?