

EPIC: A Hero's Victory

Hero: A person who, in the face of danger, combats adversity through feats of ingenuity, courage or strength!

Ephesians 2:10 (ESV)

For we are his workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand, that we should walk in them.

Epic: A long poem narrating the deeds and adventures of heroic figures!

As God becomes our source of identity, we are able then to align with His detailed design for our lives. The victories in our lives are found on the other side of obedience to Him.

Walking in obedience to God leads us to purpose and the *Epic Life* we are meant to live.

Judges 7:9-12 (NLT)

That night the LORD said, "Get up! Go down into the Midianite camp, for I have given you victory over them! But if you are afraid to attack, go down to the camp with your servant Purah. Listen to what the Midianites are saying, and you will be greatly encouraged. Then you will be eager to attack." So, Gideon took Purah and went down to the edge of the enemy camp. The armies of Midian, Amalek, and the people of the east had settled in the valley like a swarm of locusts. Their camels were like grains of sand on the seashore—too many to count!

1. Being honest and real with God sets us up for Him to reveal His plan that leads to victory.

Judges 7:15 (NLT)

When Gideon heard the dream and its interpretation, he bowed in worship before the LORD. Then he returned to the Israelite camp and shouted, "Get up! For the LORD has given you victory over the Midianite hordes!"

2. Worship and acknowledging God is a precursor to victory. This is how we align ourselves with His plan and prepare our hearts for the battle that is to come.

Judges 7:19-20 (NLT)

It was just after midnight, after the changing of the guard, when Gideon and the 100 men with him reached the edge of the Midianite camp. Suddenly, they blew the rams' horns and broke their clay jars. Then all three groups blew their horns and broke their jars. They held the blazing torches in their left hands and the horns in their right hands, and they all shouted, "A sword for the LORD and for Gideon!"

3. Obedience is the weapon that leads to the victory.

Judges 7:21 (NLT)

Each man stood at his position around the camp and watched as all the Midianites rushed around in a panic, shouting as they ran to escape.

- 4. There is no battle impossible for God. When we hear Him and obey, we will walk in victory!**