

God is in Control

Have you ever been faced with a situation that you could not control? You feel like your life is spiraling and it may be difficult to find a solution to the problem. When we face challenges in our lives, God wants us to know that we are not alone. Life is filled with ups and downs. But we have an almighty Father, who will not give us more than we can bear. In all situations, God is in control.

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Gideon's story is quite a unique one.

The Midianites and the Amalekites were gathered together in the valley of Jezreel (<u>Judges</u> <u>6:33</u>). They were about to attack Israel, and God had tasked Gideon with the responsibility of leading the men to battle.

Now, Gideon knew that God was in control because of the whole wet fleece miracle in Chapter 6. But I'm sure Gideon wasn't prepared for what happened next. The Lord told him that the number of people he gathered to fight was too many. God told Gideon to give the people a series of tests, and that day over twenty thousand people left the camp. Eventually, after all was said and done, Gideon was left with an 'army' of three hundred.

ALL for our good!

God wanted to prove that he was in control. Gideon was in a difficult situation, and what God asked him to do, did not seem to make sense to him. But Gideon was certain of one thing "God is in control." He knew that he could trust God and that God's plan was sure even though the surroundings did not look like it. And in the end, Gideon and his three hundred men were victorious!

God wants us to trust him, no matter the situation. The bible says in <u>Proverbs 3:5</u> "Trust in the LORD with all thine heart; and lean not unto thine own understanding." Today, your

life may be in pieces. You may wonder if God is even aware of what's taking place and why is he allowing these things to happen.

But God has given us a great promise in Romans 8:28 "And we know that all things work together for good to them that love God, to them who are the called according to his purpose."

Do you love God? Are you called according to his purpose? Then why worry about tomorrow when we know for *certain* that God is in control of our lives. We can look towards the future and smile, knowing that everything is going to work for our good. What he did for Gideon and the Israelites, he will do for you.