

## “Tell The Stories”

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This is a special time of year. With both Veteran's Day and Thanksgiving this month, we have great opportunities to pause and remember both the heroes of our faith, our country, and our way of life.

This is also a time to remind children, and those young in the faith, of the miracles done by our Heavenly Father and how believers who have gone before us have served our God and seen his glory flow through their lives. Psalm 78 says it well:

2 I will open my mouth in parables, I will utter hidden things, things from of old- 3 what we have heard and known, what our fathers have told us. 4 We will not hide them from their children; we will tell the next generation the praiseworthy deeds of the LORD, his power, and the wonders he has done. 5 He decreed statutes for Jacob and established the law in Israel, which he commanded our forefathers to teach their

children, 6 so the next generation would know them, even the children yet to be born, and they in turn would tell their children. Psalm 78:2-6 (NIV)

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notes:

Telling both the stories of the heroes of our country and the heroes of our faith remind us all of how fortunate we are that we serve such a loving and majestic God and that we have countrymen and brothers and sisters in the faith that were willing, in some cases, to sacrifice everything to walk in the path that God laid before them even though it may cost some of them their earthly lives.

Tell the stories. Be encouraged that as we walk obediently with God, others will then tell our stories, blessing others and bringing God more glory.

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## “When We Cry Out” (Teaching Sketch)

Judges 6:7-10 (NIV)



God's ways are not our ways, we are told in the scriptures.<sup>[a]</sup> This is what the Israelites found when they cried out to God because of the oppression of the Midianites (brawling contentious ones).

### Man's Expectations

Man's expectations are, more often than naught, that God will become involved in the way man would or wants. When man expects God to do it man's way there is a definite lack of humility and understanding apparent on man's part.

### Lost Focus

Israel spent seven long years not enjoying the hand of God because they had lost their focus on God and his desire to relate to his chosen people. God wants to have an intimate relation with his people. It is this desire of God which needs to motivate mankind reaching out to God. This was not the case as related in our scripture. God's people cried out for help because of pain rather than passion for God.

Notes:

[a]  
Isaiah  
55:7-9

### A Prophet

A prophet was God's response to his people. A prophet with a message from God for those crying out. Can you just imagine the disappointment when an army of angels or a few well placed plagues did not appear to avenge and protect "God's People" the way they thought God should have, would have, could have!

### The Lord Speaks

God, through his prophet, spoke to the Israelites, rather than meeting their expectations of what needed to be done. God's prophet gave the Israelites a history lesson.

1. The first part of the lesson was their deliverance from the bondage of Egypt. Egypt is often used to represent bondage in scripture. This can be seen as the condition of the individual before they accept Christ. Slavery to sin. Ignorance of the blessings of God and his Kingdom.
2. The second part of the

Please note: This is a teaching sketch only and not the complete teaching.

**Scripture:**

**Judges 6:7-10 (NIV)**

7 When the Israelites cried to the LORD because of Midian, 8 he sent them a prophet, who said, "This is what the LORD, the God of Israel, says: I brought you up out of Egypt, out of the land of slavery. 9 I snatched you from the power of Egypt and from the hand of all your oppressors. I drove them from before you and gave you their land. 10 I said to you, 'I am the LORD your God; do not worship the gods of the Amorites, in whose land you live.' But you have not listened to me."

7Let the wicked forsake his way, and the unrighteous man his thoughts: and let him return unto the LORD, and he will have mercy upon him; and to our God, for he will abundantly pardon. 8For my thoughts are not your thoughts, neither are your ways my ways, saith the LORD. 9For as the heavens are higher than the earth, so are my ways higher than your ways, and my thoughts than your thoughts. (Isaiah 55:7-9 KJV)

**Notes:**

[a] Israel & Israelites — Those who prevail with God

[b] Midian & Midianites — Brawling contentious ones

[c] Amalekites — a misery wicked workman (The Israelites had to pass through their territory in Arabia to reach Canaan .)

[d] Gaza — *strong, vehement, harsh*:—fierce, + greedy, mighty, power, roughly, strong.

[e] Amorite — to challenge with words.

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history lesson given by God’s prophet is their deliverance from, “the hand of their oppressors the occupants of the “Promise Land” by driving the oppressors out before them and giving the promise land to them. God kept his word. God does not lie!

3. Ending the history lesson through the prophet, God reminds them, “‘I am the LORD your God; do not worship the gods of the Amorites, in whose land you live.’ But you have not listened to me.”

**Living In The Promise**  
God reminded the Israelites of all he had done for them as a people, his people. It was then he told them the admonition he had given them regarding being true to worshiping him and not other gods. They lived in a land where the demonic powers had been deposed thus delivering the Israelites from their oppression. The Israelites did evil by not living in the promise. We, believers, must live in the “Promise Land,” the Kingdom of God, where there is salvation, healing, and deliverance!

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