

Donna's Devotional

God Receives the Glory

I was challenged this week by the story of Gideon. When Gideon took his 23,000 men to defeat the Midianites, the Lord said "Gideon, the people who are with you are too many for Me to give the Midianites into their hands, lest Israel claim glory for itself against me, saying 'My own hand has saved me'" (Judges 7: 2).

God wanted it to be very clear that He was the one who provided the victory. Gideon sent 22,000 people home and thought he was set to go. God had another plan. And God told Gideon, "The people are still too many." God had Gideon eliminate all except three hundred men.

God allowed the situation to seem impossible from man's viewpoint. What could three hundred men do in the face of the "Midianites and Amalekites and all the people of the East [who] were lying "in the valley as numerous as the locusts; and their camels were without number, as the sand by the seashore in multitude" (Judges 7:12).

Even though the situation seemed hopeless, God had a plan. All he expected Gideon to do was to obey. You know the end of the story: Gideon obeyed even though he did not understand what God was doing. God gave the victory. He did it in a way that man could not claim the glory. He allowed it to be impossible for man so that He could show "with God all things are possible". Praise God that He received the glory.

Are there any impossible situations we are facing in our lives at this time? If so, let us remember God wants us to obey and follow His plan so that He can receive the glory for the victory He gives.