

# Cultivating Humility & Curbing Ambition

Judges 7:23–8:32

[**Gideon's Vendettas; His Claim to Royalty; His Promotion of Idolatry**]

Sunday, January 18, 2026 - Pastor Patrick Ransom

## SERMON OUTLINE

## SERMON NOTES

### I. PROBLEM: GIDEON'S PRIDE

- A. Gideon's misplaced values [army; leaders; kings] (7:23–8:3)
- B. Gideon's **intolerance** of anyone standing in his way (8:4–17)
- C. Gideon's craze for power (8:18–26)

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### II. CONSEQUENCES: GIDEON'S PERVERSION

- A. Gideon's idolatry and its promotion (8:24–27)
- B. Consequences of Gideon's **misplaced** ambition (8:27–33)
- C. Disaster that comes from ungodly pride and ambition

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### III. APPLICATION: CULTIVATE HUMILITY & CURB AMBITION!

- A. Specifics on how we can cultivate humility and curb ambition.

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**NEXT WEEK:**  
**Relinquish Ungodliness & Avoid Retribution**

Judges 8:33–10:5