

## WHEN A FEW IS MORE THAN ENOUGH

Judges 6:33-7:25

### ***Gideon tests God by putting out a fleece. 6:33-40***

- ◆ Recall God's previous promise of victory and sign in 6:14,17-22.
- ◆ Why seek a sign having to do with a threshing floor, fleece and dew?
- ◆ Is "putting out a fleece" to know God's will a good idea for us to do?

### ***God tests Gideon by limiting him to few troops. 7:1-15***

- ◆ Test #1 = Troop strength is drastically reduced, see Dt. 20:1ff.  
Rationale for reducing troops is to reduce boasting.
- ◆ Test #2 = God reduces troops to a ridiculous size (450 to 1).
- ◆ God grants an unsolicited faith-booster through two Midianites (pagan dreams from God, Gen. 20:3-6, Dan. 2:1-3). Note irony!

### ***God enables Gideon's few troops to win the battle. 7:16-25***

- ◆ See confused self-destruction also in II Chron. 20:23, I Sam 14:20.
- ◆ Ps. 83:9ff. and Isa. 9:4 recall this, and Gideon is listed in Heb. 11:32 .  
What did Gideon learn here that we should learn as well?

