

SERMON DISCUSSION GUIDE

Sunday, October 17, 2022

Judges 7:1–10:5

In Those Days: The Danger of Success

GOING DEEPER

C.S. Lewis said that pride is the greatest enemy we have.

- What do you think that means?
- Can you think of a personal or cultural story where someone's pride really caused a major catastrophe?

Read Judges 7:1–10:5. In Judges 7:2, we read, "The LORD said to Gideon, 'You have too many warriors with you. If I let all of you fight the Midianites, the Israelites will boast to me that they saved themselves by their own strength.'"

- Why do you think God is concerned about our boasting?
- Can you think of an area of your life where you are tempted to take God's credit for what he has really done?

In Judges 8, it seems like there are major pitfalls after a success.

- What are they? List them out.

APPLICATION

- What decisions have you made without consulting God?
- What are some ways you sometimes expect admiration and feel jilted when you don't get it?
- How do your insecurities lead you down the wrong paths?
- Maybe our greatest danger in our successes is forgetting God is the source. How have you done that?
- Where do you need to submit to God's leading and celebrate his work in you?