

**“DEALING WITH DISCOURAGEMENT & DISUNITY”
(Judges 8:1-21)**

I. THE PRINCIPLES OF VICTORY (7:1-25)

II. THE PROBLEMS AFTER VICTORY (8:1-21)

A. Dealing with the Problem of DISUNITY (8:1-3)

1. Following this great victory, there was a problem with the tribe of _____. (8:1a)

** What is significant about this tribe?*

** Where does the greatest danger often come from in terms of victory?*

2. This tribe complained that Gideon had not _____ them in the battle. (8:1b)

** How should Ephraim have responded?*

** How does this same problem show itself today?*

3. This sharp division seems to have stemmed from personal _____ and wounded _____.

** Where was their focus in this situation?*

4. Gideon's response reflects practical _____ coupled with a _____ on the task at hand. (8:2-3)

** How does Gideon reply?*

** What can we learn from this?*

B. Dealing the Problem of DISCOURAGEMENT (8:4-21)

1. Gideon's army had to deal with the problem of _____ . (8:4)

** Would God provide for their needs?*

** How does God normally provide for our needs?*

2. Gideon and his army next face the challenge of _____ by the men of Succoth and Penuel. (8:5-9)

** How does Gideon respond to this?*

** What can you learn from this?*

3. Gideon displays the noble quality of _____ in pursuing and defeating the Midianites across the Jordan. (8:10-21)

** Was Gideon a man of purpose?*

** Was Gideon a man of his word?*

** Had God made Gideon a "mighty man of valor?"*

** How does all of this apply to you?*