

*Is it really  
true...  
that when I  
am weak  
God is  
strong?*



Judges 6-7

# GIDEON'S WEAKNESS



## The Call of Gideon

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## Psalm 33:16–18

<sup>16</sup>The king is not saved by his great army; a warrior is not delivered by his great strength.

<sup>17</sup>The war horse is a false hope for salvation, and by its great might it cannot rescue.

<sup>18</sup>Behold, the eye of the Lord is on those who fear him, on those who hope in his steadfast love...

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**GOD STILL  
WORKS**

**God's strength  
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