

Boasting on the Battlefield

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1. Reject _____ (embrace _____)

2. _____ in God (develop God - _____)

God: The _____ of the _____.

Tactical keys for the battlefield:

Be _____. Be _____.

The big idea: Like God's battle plan for Gideon, the cross of Christ is weakness and foolishness to the world. But it is strength and wisdom to the Christian. The weaponry of God is not the weaponry of the world. See 1 Corinthians 1:22-31, 2 Cor 4:6-7, 2 Cor 10:3-4, 2 Cor 12:9-10.

Today's Battlefields:

The battlefield of _____

The battlefield of _____

FOR FURTHER REFLECTION

1. Read Judges 7:2. Self-confidence is often considered a very important developmental trait. As believers, how should we think about self-confidence? Is it a good thing? Bad thing? What is a good sort of confidence and how can we develop this?
2. Is God's goal to make much of us, or much of Himself? Discuss from this account of Gideon. What implications does this truth have for our lives?
3. We see the value of fearlessness and readiness in being used by God – like the 300 men in Gideon's army. Define these two and how they relate to our Christian life today?
4. God showed us in the account of Gideon that He likes to use weak and foolish things for His glory (cf. 1 Cor 1:22-31). Why? Explain.
5. Does this mean that He does NOT use big or impressive things? Discuss.
6. What makes it hard for us to admit weakness and embrace "foolishness" (in the eyes of the world)?
7. There are areas of our lives where we are prone to boast in self-approval and attribute success to our own strength. In what areas of your life must you admit your weakness? Are there any strategies you can employ to help you view yourself – and your strengths and talents – as you ought?
8. Pray about the above things from question #7.