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- God's power is most fully displayed when his people are **weak**.
 - The Lord remembers that we are **dust**. (Ps. 103:14)
 - The Lord is not looking for your strength, or bravery, or natural gifts.
 - He wants your **reliance** on him.
- Why is it so important that we know we are weak?
 - We must know our weakness in order to be **saved**.
 - We must know our weakness in order to truly **repent**.
 - We must know our weakness in order to truly **grow**.

The Encouragement in Weakness (7:9-18)

- When we know we are weak, we need to remember that God is **strong**.
- God sees what we are in **him**, not in ourselves.
- What does this incident tell us about our Christian lives?
 - First, God is the great Reassurer.
 - Second, God may ask us to take risks on our way to assurance.
- How does God assure us?
 - God assures us through his **word**.
 - God often assures us through other **people**.
 - God often assures us through the circumstances of life.
- How do we know we have been assured by God?
 - Any time we are led to heartfelt praise and **worship** of God.
 - Any time we are led to radical, confident **obedience** to God.

God's Victory Through Weakness (7:19-25)

- God got the **victory**, not Gideon.
- God got the **glory**, not Gideon.
- And yet God used Gideon, not because of his fitness, but because of his **faith**. (Heb. 11:34)
 - How should this change our understanding of a servant of Christ?
 - How should this challenge our view of a successful church?

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