

# Against All Odds (Part 2)

Judges 6 & 7

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The pressure builds (Judges 6:1-33)

Manifestation of the Holy Spirit (Judges 6:34-35 c.f. 1 Cor. 12:7)

Lots of volunteers! (Judges 7:1)

Too many? (v.2) God made it clear that *He* was going to defeat the enemies of Israel, and that He was going to use the Israelites to do it

2/3 of the volunteers didn't really want to do anything too hard (v. 3)

Still too many. Of the ones who were willing God chose 3% (v. 4-7)  
God would ~~do the work~~, using the Israelites.

- 1) "[God] will save you" (v. 7b)
- 2) "Give the Midianites into your hands" (v. 7c)

When we feel overwhelmed (even if we *do* recognize that *God* has reduced the resources we think we need) (v. 9-14)

Forced to rely *completely* on God (v. 15-22)

God used a little group *begin* the work. Then He brought in many more to be part of the work. (v. 23-25)

The point: not so much how many people were involved, but how God used willing and even reluctant volunteers to accomplish His work. They (we) were *part* of what *God* was doing.

We can trust God to do things that are beyond our capability

When we feel overwhelmed by the circumstances of life don't abandon the cause because it seems like there is no hope. That's when God can most visibly do His work.