

SERIES: JUDGES

TEXT: Judges 7:19 - 8:35

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This battle enabled the Israelite's (particularly Gideon) to "experience God." God left the Canaanites in the land so that the Israelite's would have to go to war with them, and in so doing, they would experience His presence and power. I have to smile to myself as I think of Gideon's protest earlier in chapter 6:13--*"O my lord, if the Lord is with us, why then has all this happened to us? And where are all His miracles which our fathers told us about, saying, 'Did not the Lord bring us up from Egypt?' But now the Lord has abandoned us and given us into the hand of Midian."* - Bob Deffinbaugh

How has God used battles in your life to help you better "experience Him?"

Where do you tend to overestimate the strength of the enemy and underestimate the greatness of God?

When have we turned to believers for assistance and been disappointed in their unwillingness to help? What was their reason for not coming to our aid?

Why does the retribution on Succoth and Penuel seem so severe and harsh to us? What message could God be sending here?