

The Battle Belongs to the LORD

Judges 6-7



At present, what is one “battle” God has called you to?



Judges 6:2

Because **the power of Midian was so oppressive**, the Israelites prepared shelters for themselves in mountain clefts, caves and strongholds. It was impossible to count them or their camels; they invaded the land to ravage it...



Judges 6:14–15

¹⁴ The LORD turned to him and said, “Go in the strength you have and save Israel out of Midian’s hand. **Am I not sending you?**”

¹⁵ “Pardon me, my lord,” Gideon replied, “but how can I save Israel? **My clan is the weakest in Manasseh, and I am the least in my family.**”



Judges 6:16–17

¹⁶ The LORD answered, “**I will be with you, and you will strike down all the Midianites,** leaving none alive.”

¹⁷ Gideon replied, “If now I have found favor in your eyes, **give me a sign** that it is really you talking to me.



Judges 6:20–21

²⁰ The angel of God said to him, “Take the meat and the unleavened bread, place them on this rock, **and pour out the broth.**” And Gideon did so.

²¹ Then the angel of the LORD touched the meat and the unleavened bread with the tip of the staff that was in his hand. **Fire flared from the rock, consuming the meat and the bread.**



Judges 6:33–34

³³ Now all the Midianites, Amalekites and other eastern peoples joined forces and crossed over the Jordan and camped in the Valley of Jezreel. ³⁴ **Then the Spirit of the LORD came on Gideon,** and he blew a trumpet, summoning the Abiezrites to follow him.



Judges 6:36–38

³⁶ Gideon said to God, “If you will save Israel by my hand as you have promised—³⁷ look, I will place a wool fleece on the threshing floor. If there is dew only on the fleece and all the ground is dry, **then I will know** that you will save Israel by my hand, as you said.”

³⁸ **And that is what happened.** Gideon rose early the next day; he squeezed the fleece and wrung out the dew—a bowlful of water.



Judges 6:39–40

³⁹ Then Gideon said to God, “Do not be angry with me. Let me make just one more request. **Allow me one more test with the fleece, but this time make the fleece dry and let the ground be covered with dew.**”

⁴⁰ **That night God did so.** Only the fleece was dry; all the ground was covered with dew.



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PSALM 47

MONDAY

NOVEMBER 1

Shout to God with cries of joy.

[PSALM 47:1]

RING THE BELL

After an astounding thirty rounds of radiation treatments, Darla was finally pronounced cancer-free. As part of hospital tradition, she was eager to ring the "cancer-free bell" that marked the end of her journey.

Heb. 4:15–16

¹⁵ For we do not have a high priest who is unable to empathize with our weaknesses... ¹⁶ Let us then approach God's throne of grace with confidence, so that we may receive mercy and find grace to help us in our time of need.



Phil. 4:6

Do not be anxious about anything, but in every situation, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God.



Gideon's tentativeness may seem faithless to us, and perhaps it was. **But God was patient with Gideon and gave him the reassurances he asked for.**

Chris Tiegreen

God is patient with our attempts to hear His voice and follow Him and He understands our uncertainties. He will give us enough clarity for us to anchor our faith in what He has said. He wants us to be confident in His words...

Chris Tiegreen

Don't be afraid to ask God for something concrete that would confirm His words.

Don't depend on outward confirmations; He won't be backed into a corner and compelled to prove Himself.

But give Him the opportunity to reassure you. And when He does, believe Him. He wants you to trust the direction He has given you."

Chris Tiegreen

In your “battle” (mission)...

God is the One who called you to it

... so work through your fears with Him

John 10:4, 11

“[The shepherd] goes on ahead of them, and his sheep follow him because **they know his voice...**”



Judges 7:2–3

² The LORD said to Gideon, “You have too many men. I cannot deliver Midian into their hands, or Israel would boast against me, ‘My own strength has saved me.’

³ Now announce to the army, ‘Anyone who trembles with fear may turn back and leave Mount Gilead.’” **So twenty-two thousand men left, while ten thousand remained.**



Judges 7:5-6

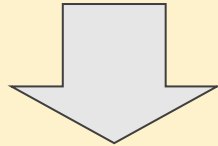
⁵ So Gideon took the men down to the water. There the LORD told him, “**Separate those who lap the water with their tongues as a dog laps from those who kneel down to drink.**” ⁶ Three hundred of them drank from cupped hands, lapping like dogs. All the rest got down on their knees to drink.



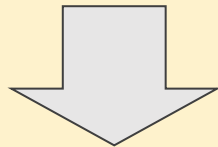
Judges 7:7–8

⁷ The LORD said to Gideon, “With the three hundred men that lapped I will save you and give the Midianites into your hands. Let all the others go home.” ⁸ So Gideon **sent the rest of the Israelites home but kept the three hundred, who took over the provisions and trumpets of the others.**

32,000



10,000



300

In your “battle” (mission) ☐

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God is leading you step by step
... so obey Him step by step



We wonder whether it's the Holy Spirit at work in us, and after reflecting on the experience, realize that it must have been. That's how it [often] plays out—not [necessarily] a distinct experience of Spirit possession, but **an intertwining of God's Spirit with ours**, and with some sort of fruitful result to prove it.

Chris Tiegreen



Gal. 5:25

If we live by the Spirit, let us also **keep in step with the Spirit.**

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1 Thess. 5:19–21

Do not quench the Spirit. Do not treat prophecies with contempt but test them all; hold on to what is good

Most of our Spirit-led decisions will come to us **somewhere between** a clear, audible voice, and our own independent thought processes. We ask for the Spirit's leading, pray for Him to fill our hearts and minds with His will, hear all sides of the issue, discuss the options, and then trust the wisdom He gives us...

He is involved in the inner workings of our decisions **when we invite Him to lead and seek His agenda alone.**

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Joshua 7:9–11

⁹ During that night the LORD said to Gideon, “Get up, go down against the camp, because I am going to give it into your hands. ¹⁰ If you are afraid to attack, go down to the camp with your servant Purah ¹¹ and listen to what they are saying. Afterward, you will be encouraged to attack the camp.”



Joshua 7:13–14

¹³ Gideon arrived just as a man was telling a friend his dream. “I had a dream,” he was saying. “A round loaf of barley bread came tumbling into the Midianite camp. It struck the tent with such force that the tent overturned and collapsed.”

¹⁴ His friend responded, “This can be nothing other than the sword of Gideon son of Joash, the Israelite. **God has given the Midianites and the whole camp into his hands.**”



Joshua 7:15

¹⁵ When Gideon heard the dream and its interpretation, **he bowed down and worshiped.** He returned to the camp of Israel and called out, “Get up! The LORD has given the Midianite camp into your hands.”



Joshua 7:16–18

¹⁶ Dividing the three hundred men into three companies, he placed trumpets and empty jars in the hands of all of them, with torches inside.



Joshua 7:19

Gideon and the hundred men with him reached the edge of the camp at the beginning of the middle watch, just after they had changed the guard. **They blew their trumpets and broke the jars that were in their hands.**



Joshua 7:20

²⁰ The three companies **blew the trumpets and smashed the jars.** Grasping the torches in their left hands and holding in their right hands the trumpets they were to blow, **they shouted, “A sword for the Lord and for Gideon!”**



Joshua 7:21-22

²¹ While each man held his position around the camp, all the Midianites ran, crying out as they fled.

²² When the three hundred trumpets sounded, **the LORD caused the men throughout the camp to turn on each other with their swords.**

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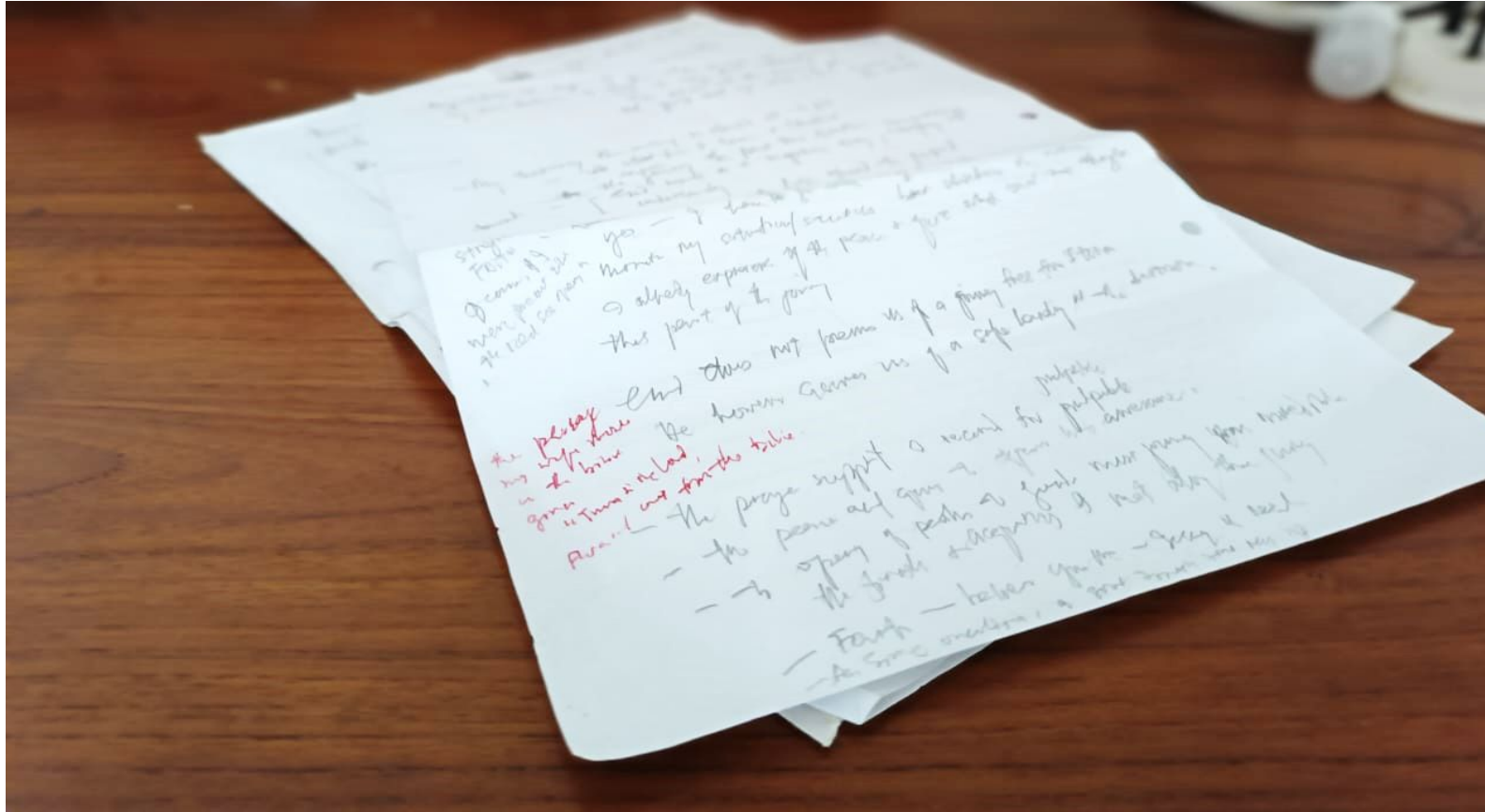
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Pa's testimony



“After accepting Christ, I attended church regularly every Sunday and gave my tithes. I was all in all an obedient Christian... but my faith was lacking...”

Chia Tong Saik



“But in this episode these past few months with my brain tumour, God strengthened my faith...”

Chia Tong Saik



“It was the worst of times, but it was it was the best of times...

It was incredible how God sent people to us, to support us and show us the way forward—friends as well as strangers...”

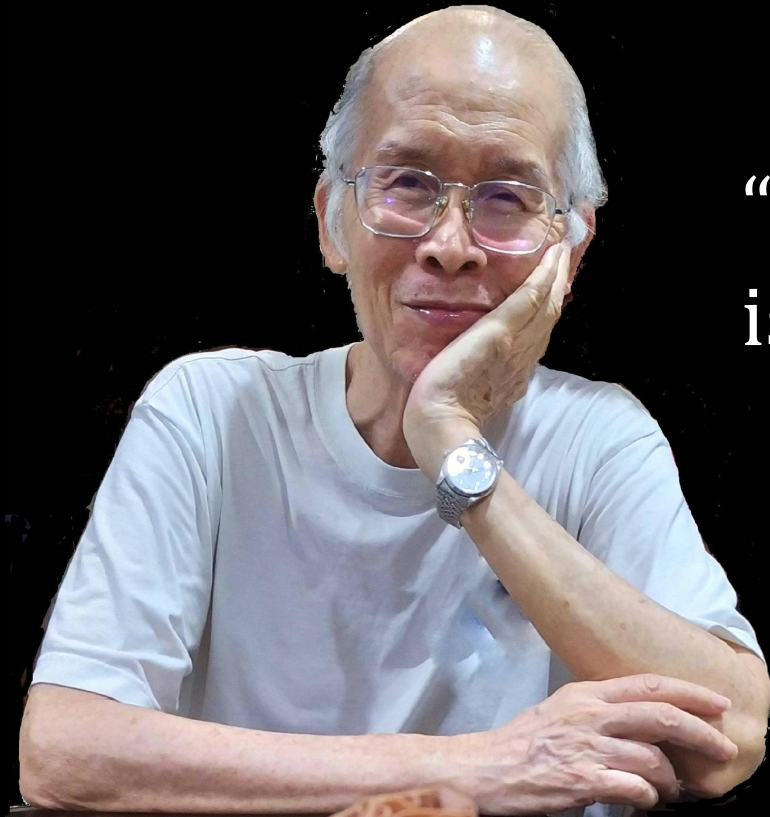
Chia Tong Saik



“And the prayer support I received was palpable. I was very relaxed throughout. I felt a guiding light and an inner peace, a peace which I have never felt before.

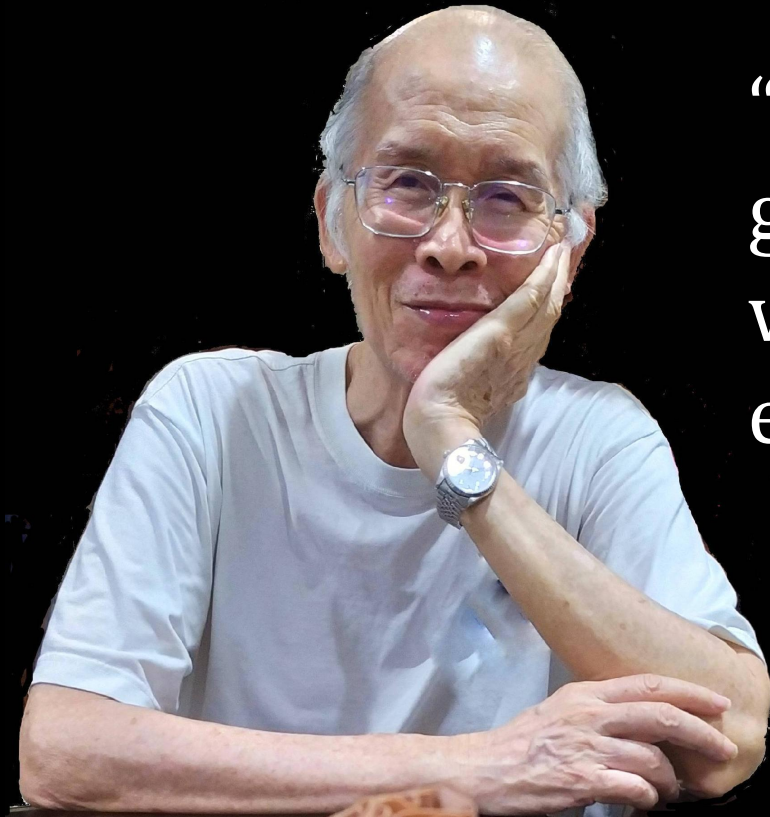
The peace I am experiencing is awesome, incredible...”

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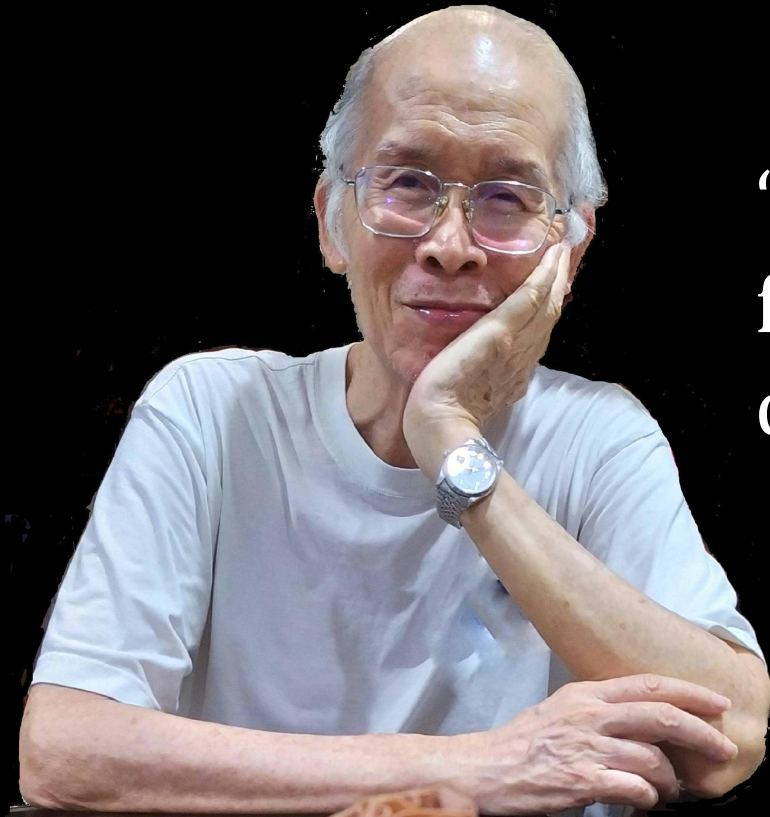
“Believe you me, Jesus is real. Perhaps he is using me to help spread the gospel...”

Chia Tong Saik



“I am not out of the woods yet, I have to go back every 6 months to check, but whatever the outcome, I am already experiencing the peace...”

Chia Tong Saik



“God does not promise a journey free from storms, but a safe landing at the destination.”

Chia Tong Saik

Prov. 21:31

The horse is prepared for the day of the battle, but the victory belongs to the LORD.

Rom. 8:28

And we know that in all things God works for the good of those who love him, who have been called according to his purpose...

Rom. 8:31–32

If God is for us, who can be against us? ³² He who did not spare his own Son, but gave him up for us all—how will he not also, along with him, graciously give us all things?

Rom. 8:37

...in all these things [suffering, trouble, hardship etc.]
we are more than conquerors through him who loved us.