

## **FOR THE SAKE OF THE HARVEST**

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Judg 6:2-6 The Midianites were so cruel that the Israelites fled to the mountains, where they made hiding places for themselves in caves and dens. Whenever the Israelites planted their crops, marauders from Midian, Amalek, and the people of the east would attack Israel, camping in the land and destroying crops as far away as Gaza. They left the Israelites with nothing to eat, taking all the sheep, oxen, and donkeys. These enemy hordes, coming with their cattle and tents as thick as locusts, arrived on droves of camels too numerous to count. And they stayed until the land was stripped bare. So Israel was reduced to starvation by the Midianites. Then the Israelites cried out to the LORD for help. NLT

Here we find the people of God living in dens and caves. All that they had worked so hard for had been stolen by the enemy. They were afraid. They were in need. They were desperate for help.

We too have an enemy. He also comes to steal, kill and destroy. He wants to take that which rightfully belongs to us. We have to make up our mind that he is not going to get it! We have to be willing to fight for what we want and what God desires for us to have.

There is a harvest for us to reap. There are souls for us to see saved. God wants to bless us in ways greater than we have ever been blessed in before, but in order for us to reap the harvest, we must be willing to fight the good fight of faith.

There is seed to sow. There is a harvest to reap. It is not something that is a luxury. Our very existence depends upon it.

The enemy would come and steal not only Israel's harvest but also take their sheep, oxen and donkeys. Sheep represented their sacrifice. Oxen represented their labor and donkey's represented their means of transportation.

If the devil can steal our sacrifice, if he can stop us from working, if he can take away our means of moving and sharing the Gospel, then all of our work will be in vain.

We cannot allow that to happen! There is a harvest to reap! There are souls to save! There are sacrifices to be made and work to be done.

I refuse to sit by on the sideline and watch the enemy steal what rightfully belongs to me and the people of God. We must be willing to fight!

Gal 6:9 And let us not be weary in well doing: for in due season we shall reap, if we faint not.