

## Judges 8

### “Where the Real Battle Lies”

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- I. Haters gonna \_\_\_\_\_. (Judges 8:1-3)
  - A. Sometimes you can either be right or \_\_\_\_\_. (Judges 8:1-3)
  - B. Personal \_\_\_\_\_ is less important than the greater good of God’s glory. (Judges 8:1-3; Proverbs 19:11, 26:20)
  - C. A \_\_\_\_\_ answer turns away wrath. (Judges 8:2-3; Proverbs 15:1)
- II. Skaters gonna \_\_\_\_\_. (Judges 8:4-9, 13-17)
  - A. God will call us all off the \_\_\_\_\_ and into the \_\_\_\_\_. (Judges 3:4-5)
  - B. Some will shirk God’s \_\_\_\_\_. (Judges 8:6)
  - C. There is a \_\_\_\_\_ price to taking the \_\_\_\_\_ road. (Judges 8:7-9, 13-17)
- III. Behold your \_\_\_\_\_ will find you out. (Judges 8:10-11, 18-21)
- IV. Make sure your \_\_\_\_\_ matches your \_\_\_\_\_. (Judges 8:22-35)

#### **Additional Notes:**



## Diving Deeper in Scripture Together

### Questions for Discussion & Reflection

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1. "The real battle is often not in *attaining* victory; it is usually in *maintaining* the victory." How do you struggle to maintain your spiritual victory?
2. "So Satan waits until our guard dissipates then he infiltrates & subjugates." Compare Luke 4:13. How have you experienced this?
3. When faced with a choice between being right and righteous - what do you do? Why does Gideon execute the two kings and the elders of the towns - but overlook the jealous pride of the Ephraimites?
4. Have you ever experienced unreasonable criticism? How did you respond? What can you learn from Gideon's example?
5. Read Proverbs 15:1. How does Gideon practice this principle? How can you?
6. Read Proverbs 19:11. How can you put this into practice?
7. Penuel and Succoth refuse to show generosity to support God's work. How can you support God's work - even if you aren't on the "front lines" (for example, in full-time ministry)?
8. "Gideon's *theology* claimed that God was in charge, but Gideon's *psychology* became that *he* was in charge." Does your psychology match your theology? Do you align your behavior with the expectations of the culture around you?
9. How do you need to fight to maintain victory - in your marriage, family, work and church? Are there places in your life where you might have let down your guard?