



OVERLOOKED — Week 4

One Man, One Unlikely Weapon

Scripture: Judges 3:31

Key Takeaway: God can use what you already have in your hands to accomplish something you never imagined.

Opening Discussion: Have you ever felt unqualified or unequipped to do something that needed to be done? What held you back?

1. You Don't Have to Be Famous to Make a Difference

Shamgar receives only a brief mention in Scripture, yet Judges 3:31 says, "He too saved Israel." His name may not be well known, but his actions mattered. In the church, many people make a difference through quiet acts of service that others may never notice.

- Why do you think we sometimes measure significance by how much recognition someone receives?
- What are some behind-the-scenes ways people make a difference in our church or community?
- How can we encourage people whose faithful service often goes unnoticed?

2. Stop Focusing on What You Don't Have

Shamgar used an oxgoad, an ordinary farming tool, in an extraordinary way. His account reminds us not to focus so much on what we lack that we overlook what we already have to offer.

- What abilities, experiences, or resources do people sometimes underestimate in themselves?
- How can comparing ourselves with others keep us from using our own gifts?
- What is something you already have that God could use to encourage or help someone else?

3. Make a Difference Where You Are

Scripture doesn't tell us how Shamgar's confrontation began, but it does tell us that his actions mattered. We don't need to wait for perfect circumstances to take a meaningful next step. We can serve right where we are, with what we have.

- What are some reasons people put off serving or helping until they feel more ready?
- What is the difference between preparing to serve and using preparation as an excuse to wait?
- Who is someone you could encourage, help, or welcome this week?

Personal Application: What can I do with what I have right now? Identify one practical way you can use your time, abilities, experience, or resources to make a difference for someone this week.

Closing Prayer