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Topic: God uses Obscure People

Scripture text: Judges 3:31

1. There are many unknown obscure people in the Bible that God used. Sometimes they are only mentioned once in the Bible. Few people will remember their names too. Some of these include the 3 mighty men of David, the widow who took care of Elijah, the small boy who gave his 5 loaves and 2 fishes to Jesus.
2. In Judges 3:31, an obscure Judge by the name of Shamgar is mentioned. His name is mentioned a second time only in 5:6. A Judge is a deliverer for Israel against her enemies.. It was not mentioned how long Shamgar reigned as a Judge.
3. We know Shamgar is a man of courage to fight the enemies of Israel. Shamgar killed 600 Philistines. Shamgar name means "sword" and indeed he was a warrior for the Lord.
4. Shamgar only used his ox goad, an agricultural tool, to kill the Philistines. It was not a weapon of war but that was the only resource he had on his hand to fight the Philistines who had their swords. God was there to fight for Shamgar to win the battle.
5. God can accomplish His purpose in us when we yield ourselves to Him though we may be small, with no talents and little resources. In 1 Cor 1, God uses weak and base things so all glory will go to His name.