

# Get into the Game

**Text:** Judges 3:12-30

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**Topics:** Victory, Weakness, Obstacles

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**Supplemental Text:** See below:

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Getting into the Game will require you to...

1. Surrender your \_\_\_\_\_ to God (vs. 12-16).
  - A. Ehud was left-handed. This was a great weakness on the battlefield as left-handed fighters were a mismatch for right handed armies.
  - B. God took Ehud's weakness and used it as an advantage against the evil king Eglon.
  - C. God can use your weaknesses as an advantage in His kingdom work. (1 Corinthians 1:27; 2 Corinthians 12:9-10)
  
2. Slay all obstacles with God's \_\_\_\_\_ (vs. 17-25).
  - A. Victory can only be achieved in the power of God. (Philippians 4:13; Romans 8:13-14)
  - B. God trains you for victory (Read Psalm 18:28-42; Hebrews 12:1-2)
  
3. Seize the victory with God's \_\_\_\_\_ (vs. 26-31).
  - A. Church involvement is vital for victory. (Hebrews 10:24-25)
  - B. The Bible says we are to carry one another's burdens. (Galatians 6:1-2)
  - C. We should confess our sins to each other. (James 5:16)

Where is Jesus in Judges 3?

- 1. The promise God gave Abraham of a descendant who would bless the whole earth (Genesis 12:1-3) was in peril in Judges 3:14. Had the Moabites overpowered and annihilated the Israelites - the promised messiah, Jesus, would not have come.**
- 2. Ehud is a "type" of Christ who delivers God's people from bondage and slavery. Jesus brings true freedom to all who trust in Him.**
- 3. Through the weakness of Ehud, God brought salvation to Israel. Through the weakness of the death of Jesus on a cross, God has brought salvation to us.**

# Application Questions

1. When have you ever had to be resourceful or especially creative to solve a problem?
2. What special talent do you wish you had?
3. Why did Eglon gain power over Israel? (3:12)
4. How is Ehud described? (3:15)
5. What strategy did Ehud use to defeat the Moabites? (3:15-28)
6. Of what significance is it that Ehud was able to cut down the king of Moab single-handedly? (3:15-28)
7. What was Eglon's fatal mistake? (3:17-20)
8. How did Ehud gain entrance to see the king of Moab? (3:18)
9. How was Ehud able to escape after he had killed Eglon, the king of Moab? (3:23-26)
10. To whom did Ehud give credit for Israel's victory over Moab? (3:28)
11. How did Israel subdue the rest of the Moabites after their king (Eglon) was killed? (3:28-30)
12. What words would you use to describe Ehud?
13. Which character traits of Ehud would you like to have yourself?
14. How did God use Ehud?
15. What does this story teach you about the kind of people God uses to achieve His purposes?
16. How does this story challenge you to view believers who may not seem as capable as others?
17. What characteristics of yours has God used in ministry to others?
18. What have you learned from this passage about prayer? (See vs. 18)
19. For what difficulty or challenge in your own life do you need God's help?
20. When have you seen God answer prayer in a unique or creative way?
21. In what way could you say thank You to God this week for the special talents He has given you?
22. What specific steps could you take in the next few days to use one of your gifts, abilities, or weaknesses for God's glory?
23. How could you encourage a friend today to use an ability God has given him or her?