

AUGUST 13

**“YOU MAY BE EXHAUSTED,
BUT IT’S THE VERY TIME
YOU OUGHT TO KEEP ON RUNNING.”**

READ

Judges 7:2-15 and 8:4

When the Lord heard the cry of Israel being oppressed by the Midianites, He showed up where Gideon was hiding and said, “Mighty man, I will deliver Israel by your hand.” Gideon said, “I am from the smallest family in the smallest tribe. Nobody knows who I am or where I am. I can’t do it. I’m unworthy.” God just said, “Get up! I’ve got a job for you.” God reduced Gideon’s army to 300 men, then said, “Now, we can get the job done.” On cue, Gideon’s men shouted, blew trumpets and broke pots with burning torches inside. Sometimes earthen vessels have to be broken, so the enemy sees the light and knows he doesn’t stand a chance. The Midianites far outnumbered God’s people, but God has a way of multiplying good, so the enemy knows he’s outnumbered by the power of God. The enemy panicked and nearly destroyed themselves. Without a sword, a little man from a little family from a little tribe led 300 to defeat the greatest army in the Middle East. After all of this, Gideon and his men stood at the Jordan River exhausted but still in pursuit. You may be exhausted from the fight today, but it’s the very time you ought to keep on running.

PRAY

Lord, You are mighty and the battle belongs to You. We do not know what to do, but our eyes are upon You. I will keep running in the power of Your might.

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