

Able To Make A Way When There Seems To Be No Way

*FCC Life Group Discussion Notes
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Opening Prayer

Thank You, God, for being the One who makes a way when everything seems impossible, just like You did for Gideon and through Your endless grace. Open our hearts today to trust Your fuzzy math over our own calculations. Help us encourage one another as we step out in faith.

Ice Breaker

What's one time in your life when the numbers didn't add up, but things worked out anyway?

Key Scripture

Ephesians 3:20 (NIV) – *Ask a group member to read aloud.*

Now to him who is able to do immeasurably more than all we ask or imagine, according to his power that is at work within us.

Sermon Summary

God often uses "fuzzy math" that defies human logic to accomplish His purposes, as seen in Gideon's vastly outnumbered army defeating the Midianites. This same principle applies to His immeasurable grace that multiplies beyond our sins and to our faith steps in the God is Able initiative. Today, we trust that God will do super-exceedingly more through our commitments than we can calculate.

Discussion Point 1: Fuzzy Math in Battle

Scripture: Judges 7:2-7 (NIV) – *Ask a group member to read aloud.*

The Lord said to Gideon, "You have too many men. I cannot deliver Midian into their hands, or Israel would boast against me, 'My own strength has saved me.' Now announce to the army, 'Anyone who trembles with fear may turn back and leave Mount Gilead.'" So twenty-two thousand men left, while ten thousand remained. But the Lord said to Gideon, "There are still too many men. Take them down to the water, and I will thin them out for you there. If I say, 'This one shall go with you,' he shall go; but if I say, 'This one shall not go with you,' he shall not go." So Gideon took the men down to the water. There the Lord told him, "Separate those who lap the water with their tongues as a dog laps from those who kneel down to drink." Three hundred of them drank from cupped hands, lapping like dogs. All the rest got down on their

knees to drink. The Lord said to Gideon, "With the three hundred men that lapped I will save you and give the Midianites into your hands. Let all the others go home."

Point Summary: God reduced Gideon's army from 32,000 to just 300 against over 130,000 enemies, ensuring the victory would clearly be His doing, not human strength. This fuzzy math removed any room for boasting in ourselves. It shows God deliberately creates impossible odds to display His power.

Discussion Questions:

1. Why do you think God insisted on shrinking the army so drastically—what does this reveal about His priorities in our challenges?
2. Share a time when God pared down your resources or options in a situation, forcing you to rely on Him alone.

Discussion Point 2: God's Ways Over Ours

Scripture: Isaiah 55:8-9 (NLT) – Ask a group member to read aloud.

"My thoughts are completely different from yours," says the Lord. "And my ways are far beyond anything you could imagine. For just as the heavens are higher than the earth, so my ways are higher than your ways and my thoughts higher than your thoughts."

Point Summary: God's plans and calculations operate on a higher level than our logical, earthly math. In the God is Able campaign, our commitments may seem imprudent by human standards, but they align with His ability to provide. Trusting this difference invites Him to work immeasurably in our lives and church.

Discussion Questions:

1. How does remembering God's ways are higher help when your current circumstances feel like they "don't add up"?
2. In what area of your life right now are you tempted to use your own math instead of trusting God's fuzzy approach?

Discussion Point 3: Fuzzy Math of Grace

Scripture: Romans 5:20 (CSB) – Ask a group member to read aloud.

Where sin multiplied, grace multiplied even more.

Point Summary: Just as sin increases, God's grace super-abounds in an immeasurable, uncalculable way through Jesus' sacrifice on the cross. This flips human justice—where we deserve punishment, we receive unmerited favor. It's fuzzy math that never runs out, covering our debts infinitely.

Discussion Questions:

1. How does the idea of grace multiplying more than sin change the way you view your past mistakes or current struggles?
2. Who in your life needs to hear about this grace that defies the math of "getting what you deserve"?

Wrap-Up

From Gideon's 300-man victory to God's higher ways and overflowing grace, we see He excels at making a way through impossible odds with fuzzy math that always succeeds. **Ephesians 3:20** reminds us He does immeasurably more than we ask or imagine. Let's apply this faith as we commit to God is Able, trusting His power at work in us.

Challenge

This week, review your three-year commitment card for the God is Able initiative and pray daily for God to make a way where it seems impossible—then submit it after service or using the offering boxes, and join us for Celebration Sunday on November 16 for one combined service at 10:00 am.

Closing Prayer

Thank You, Lord, for Your fuzzy math that turns impossibilities into victories and multiplies grace beyond measure. Help us obey in faith this week with our commitments. Amen.