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JUDGES 8:1-35

God moved in a powerful way to defeat the Midianites, who were wicked raiders, and oppressors of Israel. He used the fearful Gideon and only 300 soldiers to demonstrate that the victory was from Him and Him alone. He made a fearful man a mighty warrior in an unconventional way. The 300 chosen warriors with pots, torches, and shofars routed an enormous army. We left off with Gideon calling additional soldiers from Ephraim to help capture the Midianite leadership. He continued in pursuit of the kings. In our passage today, we see Gideon's victory and his "warts". As J. Vernon McGee said, "God doesn't hide anything from us in the Bible, He paints man's picture as he is. God paints man in all his sinful colors." What warnings should we pay attention to after God led Gideon into his great victory?

1. Even amid great victories, we often experience _____ that we must diffuse with great _____.
2. Justice is a godly attribute; however, we must not conflate our desire for _____ and our desire for _____.
3. Great victories can lead to great _____. We must guard against the dangers of success in both _____ and _____.