

# God Uses You Through Inadequacy

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THROUGH it.

Judges 3

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# Judges 3:15

Again the Israelites cried out to the LORD, and he gave them a deliverer—Ehud, a left-handed man, the son of Gera the Benjamite. The Israelites sent him with tribute to Eglon king of Moab.



**LEFT-HANDED  
PEOPLE ARE EVIL**

# Judges 3:16

Now Ehud had made a double-edged sword about a cubit long, which he strapped to his right thigh under his clothing.







## Judges 3:17-19a

He presented the tribute to Eglon king of Moab, who was a very fat man. After Ehud had presented the tribute, he sent on their way those who had carried it. But on reaching the stone images near Gilgal he himself went back to Eglon and said, "Your Majesty, I have a secret message for you."

## Judges 3:19b-21

The king said to his attendants, "Leave us!" And they all left. Ehud then approached him while he was sitting alone in the upper room of his palace and said, "I have a message from God for you." As the king rose from his seat, Ehud reached with his left hand, drew the sword from his right thigh and plunged it into the king's belly.

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God is using Derick not IN SPITE of his inadequacy, but THROUGH it.

God is using me not IN SPITE of my inadequacy, but  
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- Are the things making you feel inadequate things you need to change or things God has wired in you?
- Where do you see yourself trying to change your wiring?
- Where do you see yourself holding back, for fear your inadequacy is too much?



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# Trusting God's Adequacy

By Becca Cooks

# Inadequacy:

- *Lack of quantity or quality required*
- *Insufficient for a purpose*
- *Unable to deal with a situation or life*
  - Actual vs. Psychological

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# Gideon ~ Judges 6-8



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<sup>3</sup> 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.

<sup>4</sup> 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.”

<sup>5</sup> So Gideon took the men down to the water...<sup>6</sup> Three hundred of them drank from cupped hands, lapping like dogs. All the rest got down on their knees to drink.

<sup>7</sup> 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.” <sup>8</sup> So  
Gideon sent the rest of the  
Israelites home but kept the  
three hundred.



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3. Trust God's adequacy, not your arsenal.

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