



Shamgar: One Verse, One Victory



Explore the story of Shamgar and uncover powerful lessons of courage and faith from one verse.



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Introduction

Welcome to this 7-day journey focusing on Shamgar, a brief but impactful figure in the Bible. Often overlooked, Shamgar's story is encapsulated in just one verse which cries out with significance and teaches us about courage, faith, and God's power at work through the seemingly small and unlikely. As we dig into the Bible, we will see how one act of boldness can bring victory and how God chooses to work through ordinary people to accomplish extraordinary things.

Shamgar appears in Judges 3:31, where it says he struck down 600 Philistines with an oxgoad. This single verse tells us much about God's provision, unexpected deliverance, and the impact that trust in Him can have. Our study will not only reflect deeply on this passage but also on related Scriptures that highlight God's strength, the importance of faith in tough times, and how He raises up champions in days of need.

Each day will guide you with Scripture, devotional thoughts, reflection questions, journaling prompts, and prayers to help you engage personally. Whether you are facing battles yourself or seeking encouragement to act with bravery, this study will inspire you to trust God's mighty power and step forward, knowing He goes before you. Let's begin this adventure with an open heart, ready to discover what one verse and one victory can teach us.





Day 1: 🛡 Courage Found in Unlikely Places



Your Verse

Judges 3:31 - "After Ehud died, the Israelites again did evil in the eyes of the LORD. Then the LORD gave Eglon king of Moab power over Israel."

Supporting Scriptures

- *Joshua 1:9 - "Have I not commanded you? Be strong and courageous. Do not be afraid; do not be discouraged, for the LORD your God will be with you wherever you go."*
- *Psalms 27:1 - "The LORD is my light and my salvation—whom shall I fear? The LORD is the stronghold of my life—of whom shall I be afraid?"*



Day 1: ☹️ Courage Found in Unlikely Places

Devotional: God Raises Courage in Hard Times

When we first meet Shamgar, we glimpse a time of hardship and oppression for Israel. The people were living under the power of their enemies, and courage seemed scarce. Yet, it is in these moments that God often raises the most unlikely heroes.

The narrative reminds us that no situation is too dark for God's intervention. Shamgar's boldness emerges not because of his prominence or strength but due to a God-given courage. This encourages us to remember that God's power is made perfect in weakness and that He equips even the smallest, most unexpected individuals for His purposes.

Today, reflect on times when fear or doubt has held you back. God calls us to be courageous because He promises to be with us always, no matter the battle. Just as He strengthened Shamgar, He strengthens us, encouraging bold steps in faith.



Reflect and Apply

1. What enemies or challenges feel overwhelming in your life right now?

2. How can remembering God's presence help you find courage?

3. In what ways might God be preparing you for a 'Shamgar moment'?



Day 1: ☹️ Courage Found in Unlikely Places

Journaling Prompts

1. Write about a time you faced a fear and how God helped you overcome it.

2. List qualities God uses to make ordinary people courageous.

3. Describe how you can rely on God's presence this week.



Day 1: 💖 Courage Found in Unlikely Places

Prayer for Today

Dear Lord, thank You for Your promise to be with me always. When fear or challenges come, help me to remember Shamgar's story and the courage You provided him. Strengthen my heart, give me boldness, and remind me that You can use me, no matter how small or unlikely I feel. Teach me to trust in Your power and step forward in faith, knowing You fight for me. I surrender my fears to You today.

Amen. 🙏 🛡️ ✨





Day 2: ✕ Weapons of Faith and Obedience



Your Verse

Judges 3:31 - "Shamgar son of Anath struck down six hundred Philistines with an oxgoad; he saved Israel."

Supporting Scriptures

- *2 Corinthians 10:4 - "The weapons we fight with are not the weapons of the world. On the contrary, they have divine power to demolish strongholds."*
- *Ephesians 6:10-11 - "Put on the full armor of God, so that you can take your stand against the devil's schemes."*



Devotional: Using God–Given Tools for Victory

Shamgar’s victory was achieved with an unlikely weapon – an oxgoad, a farming tool rather than a sword. This speaks volumes about how God uses what we have, however ordinary it seems, to bring about His plans. It’s not about the strength of the weapon but the power of God behind it.

Faith and obedience become our true weapons in spiritual battles. When God calls us to act, even if we feel unprepared, we can trust that He makes our efforts effective. Shamgar’s story challenges us to reflect on what tools and talents God has placed in our hands that we might underestimate.

What ‘oxgoad’ might God be asking you to pick up? Are you willing to use what you have, rely on Him, and engage in His work boldly and faithfully?



Day 2: ✕ Weapons of Faith and Obedience

Reflect and Apply

1. What 'ordinary tools' has God given you that could be used for His purposes?

2. How does Shamgar's story challenge your view of spiritual warfare?

3. In what areas are you called to act in obedience despite feeling unprepared?



Day 2: ✕ Weapons of Faith and Obedience

Journaling Prompts

1. List the gifts, talents, or resources God has given you.

2. Write about a time you obeyed God despite fear or doubt.




3. Reflect on how faith changes the effectiveness of your actions.



Day 2: ✂ Weapons of Faith and Obedience

Prayer for Today

Lord God, thank You for equipping me with everything I need to live for You and to face life's battles. Help me to trust that You can use my talents and resources, no matter how small or unusual they seem, for Your victorious purposes. Give me faith to obey Your call and courage to step into the fight with confidence that Your power works through me. May my life bring glory to You.

In Jesus' name, Amen.   





Day 3: 🔥 Standing Firm in God's Strength



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Supporting Scriptures

- *Philippians 4:13 - "I can do all this through him who gives me strength."*
- *Isaiah 41:10 - "So do not fear, for I am with you; do not be dismayed, for I am your God. I will strengthen you and help you; I will uphold you with my righteous right hand."*



Day 3: 🔥 Standing Firm in God's Strength

Devotional: Victory Comes Through God's Strength

Shamgar's remarkable victory was a demonstration of God's strength—not human might. He didn't rely on his own power but was empowered by the Lord to accomplish something extraordinary.

As Christians, we are called to stand firm in the strength God provides, especially when facing overwhelming challenges. The Apostle Paul reminds us that we can do all things through Christ who strengthens us. Even when the battle seems impossible, God's strength is sufficient.

Consider the battles you face today. Are you relying on your own strength, or are you standing firm in His? Shamgar's story encourages us to surrender our limitations and lean fully on God's mighty power.



Day 3: 🔥 Standing Firm in God's Strength

Reflect and Apply

1. What challenges currently feel too big for you to handle alone?

2. How can you intentionally draw strength from God daily?

3. What does standing firm in God's power look like in your life?



Day 3: 🔥 Standing Firm in God's Strength

Journaling Prompts

1. Describe a situation where God strengthened you.

2. Write a prayer asking God for strength in current struggles.

3. Reflect on ways you can daily remind yourself of God's power.



Day 3: 🔥 Standing Firm in God's Strength

Prayer for Today

Father, thank You that Your power is made perfect in my weakness. Help me to stop relying on my own understanding and strength, and instead stand firm in You. When I face difficult battles, remind me that You are my strength and my help. Fill me with confidence that with Your power, victory is certain. I trust in You to uphold and guide me.

In Jesus' mighty name, Amen. 💪 🔥 🙏





Day 4: ✨ God's Unlikely Champions



Your Verse

Judges 3:31 – "Shamgar son of Anath struck down six hundred Philistines..."

Supporting Scriptures

- *1 Corinthians 1:27 – "But God chose the foolish things of the world to shame the wise; God chose the weak things of the world to shame the strong."*
- *Hebrews 11:34 – "...whose weakness was turned to strength; and who became powerful in battle and routed foreign armies."*



Day 4: ✨ God's Unlikely Champions

Devotional: God Uses the Weak and Unexpected

Shamgar stands as an example of God choosing people unexpected by the world's standards to fulfill His mighty purposes. The Bible repeatedly reveals that God's power often shines brightest through those considered weak or insignificant by society.

This truth brings great encouragement. It means that no matter our background, status, or abilities, God can and will use us if we are willing. Shamgar's victory reminds us that our calling and effectiveness come from God's choosing, not from human qualifications.

Reflect on how you view your own place in God's plan. Are you willing to trust Him to use you, perhaps in ways you don't yet understand? Let Shamgar inspire courage to step into God's call, even when it feels beyond your capability.



Reflect and Apply

1. How do you feel about being used by God despite your weaknesses?

2. What does God's choice of Shamgar say about His kingdom values?

3. Where might God be calling you to step out in faith?



Day 4: ✨ God's Unlikely Champions

Journaling Prompts

1. Write about how God has used your weaknesses for good.

2. List ways God has equipped you despite feeling unqualified.

3. Pray for openness to God's calling on your life.



Day 4: ✨ God's Unlikely Champions

Prayer for Today

Lord, thank You for choosing to use me despite my weaknesses and fears. Help me to embrace my identity in You and live boldly as one of Your champions. Teach me to rely on Your power and not my own. May Your strength be perfected in my weakness so that Your glory shines through my life.

In Jesus' name, Amen. ✨ 🙏 🌀





Day 5: Faith That Acts Boldly



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Your Verse

Hebrews 11:32-34 - "And what more shall I say? I do not have time to tell about Gideon, Barak, Samson and Jephthah, about David and Samuel and the prophets, who through faith conquered kingdoms..."

Supporting Scriptures

- *James 2:17 - "Faith by itself, if it is not accompanied by action, is dead."*
- *Proverbs 3:5-6 - "Trust in the LORD with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding..."*



Day 5: 🌿 Faith That Acts Boldly

Devotional: Faith Moves Forward Courageously

Shamgar's story fits within the larger narrative of biblical heroes who conquered challenges through faith-activated action. Faith is not passive; it calls us to act boldly in trust that God will work through our steps.

The heroes mentioned in Hebrews 11 are examples of living faith—faith that moves mountains and defeats enemies. Shamgar's victory echoes this truth. It reminds us that God calls us to trust Him wholeheartedly and then take the action He requires, even when it's risky or uncertain.

Ask yourself if your faith is leading you to step out boldly. How might you partner with God today by acting courageously in the situations He presents?



Reflect and Apply

1. Is your faith prompting you to take action in any area of life?

2. How do you balance trust in God with obedience?

3. What bold step of faith might God be calling you to take?



Day 5: 🌿 Faith That Acts Boldly

Journaling Prompts

1. Write about a time your faith led you to act and the outcome.

2. Reflect on barriers keeping you from acting in faith.

3. Pray for courage to trust and obey God in new ways.



Day 5: 🌿 Faith That Acts Boldly

Prayer for Today

Faithful God, increase my faith and help me to act boldly on Your call. Teach me to trust You fully and to step forward in obedience, knowing You are with me. Remove doubt and fear, and fill me with Your courage to live a life that honors You. Use me as a vessel to bring Your victory in every situation.

Amen. 🌿 🔥 ✚





Day 6: 🌈 God's Deliverance Through Us



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Your Verse

Psalm 34:17 – "The righteous cry out, and the LORD hears them; he delivers them from all their troubles."

Supporting Scriptures

- *Exodus 14:13 – "Do not be afraid. Stand firm and you will see the deliverance the LORD will bring you today."*
- *Romans 8:28 – "And we know that in all things God works for the good of those who love him."*



Day 6:  God's Deliverance Through Us

Devotional: Becoming Instruments of God's Deliverance

Shamgar's triumph reminds us that deliverance is a gift from God—He hears our cries and responds faithfully. But it also shows that God can use us as instruments of that deliverance.

When we face trouble, God invites us to stand firm, trust Him, and watch Him work through our obedience. Deliverance often comes in unexpected ways, and God frequently uses His people to bring freedom and victory to others.

Consider ways God might be calling you to be part of His deliverance work. How can you be His hands and feet to those in need or under oppression today?



Day 6:  God's Deliverance Through Us

Reflect and Apply

1. How has God delivered you in times of trouble?

2. In what ways can you bring deliverance or hope to others?

3. Are you willing to be used by God to bring freedom?



Journaling Prompts

1. Write about a personal experience of God's deliverance.

2. List people or situations where you can be a source of hope.

3. Pray for willingness to participate in God's rescue mission.



Day 6: 🌈 God's Deliverance Through Us

Prayer for Today

Lord, thank You for hearing my cries and delivering me from trouble. Help me to stand firm in faith and to be a vessel of Your deliverance to others. Open my eyes to opportunities where I can bring hope and freedom through Your power. Use me, Lord, for Your glory and the good of those around me.

In Jesus' name, Amen. 🌈 🙏 🕊





Day 7: ✨ Victorious Faith for Today



Your Verse

1 John 5:4 - "For everyone born of God overcomes the world. This is the victory that has overcome the world, even our faith."

Supporting Scriptures

- *Romans 8:37 - "No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us."*
- *Revelation 12:11 - "They triumphed over him by the blood of the Lamb and by the word of their testimony; they did not love their lives so much as to shrink from death."*



Devotional: Living as Victors Through Faith

As we conclude this study, we celebrate the victory found in faith—a victory not dependent on circumstances but rooted in Jesus Christ. Shamgar's one verse victory is an example of overcoming by trust in God's power.

Our faith gives us triumph over every obstacle the world places before us. We are called to live boldly, testify to God's goodness, and walk in the confidence of His love and provision. Remember that your faith, like Shamgar's, can achieve lasting victory because it is empowered by God's grace.

Go forward encouraged, knowing you are a conqueror in Christ and that your faith can change your story and impact the world around you.



Reflect and Apply

1. What does it mean for you to ‘overcome the world’ by faith?

2. How can you cultivate victorious faith daily?

3. What testimony can you share of God’s victory in your life?



Journaling Prompts

1. Write your personal victory story with God's help.

2. Describe steps to strengthen your faith in daily life.

3. Pray for boldness to testify about God's goodness.



Day 7: ✨ Victorious Faith for Today

Prayer for Today

Heavenly Father, thank You for the victory that faith brings. Help me to live every day as a conqueror through Your strength. May my life shine as a testimony of Your love and power. Give me courage to walk boldly in my faith and to encourage others with Your truth. I declare victory in Jesus' name.

Amen.





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