

Sermon Title: **“TRUMPETS & TORCHES”**

Judges 7:19-25

- "Middle watch" = the Jewish people divided the night (from 6 PM to 6 AM) into 3 watches
 - So, the beginning of middle watch would be 10 PM
 - It was during this changing of the guard that this attack was going to take place (which would cause great chaos)
- It's interesting that these 300 men are holding a torch in their left hand & a trumpet in their right
 - That means NONE of these 300 men are holding any type of weapon
 - Simply hearing & seeing startled the slumbering soldiers & the result was widespread panic
- How hysterical!!! The 300 men just stood in place & DIDN'T move
 - Full grown men (well-trained in battle) were so scared that they ran around crying
- "When they blew 300 trumpets" = this means that the Israelites kept blowing their trumpets incessantly (adding to the panic)
- Remember in the Midianite camp were the Midianites, the Amalekites, & those from the East
 - This meant that this army DIDN'T speak the same language
- Gideon sent word up ahead to those in the hill country of Ephraim
 - Those from Ephraim took away ANY possible escape route over the Jordan (the Midianites were completely surrounded)

SO WHAT?

- BE STILL ...
- BLOW A TRUMPET ...
- & HOLD A TORCH!