

# THINNING THE CROWD



**JOHN 6:66-69**

# I. Sometimes, the hard teachings of Jesus thinned the crowd (John 6:66-69).



- What does it say about us when we allow hard sayings to turn us away?
- How can we develop a heart that realizes that He alone has the words of life?

## II. The required level of commitment thinned the crowd **(Mark 10:17-22)**.



- What should we learn from the fact that Jesus didn't chase after this man?
- What do we have that we need to be willing to let go?

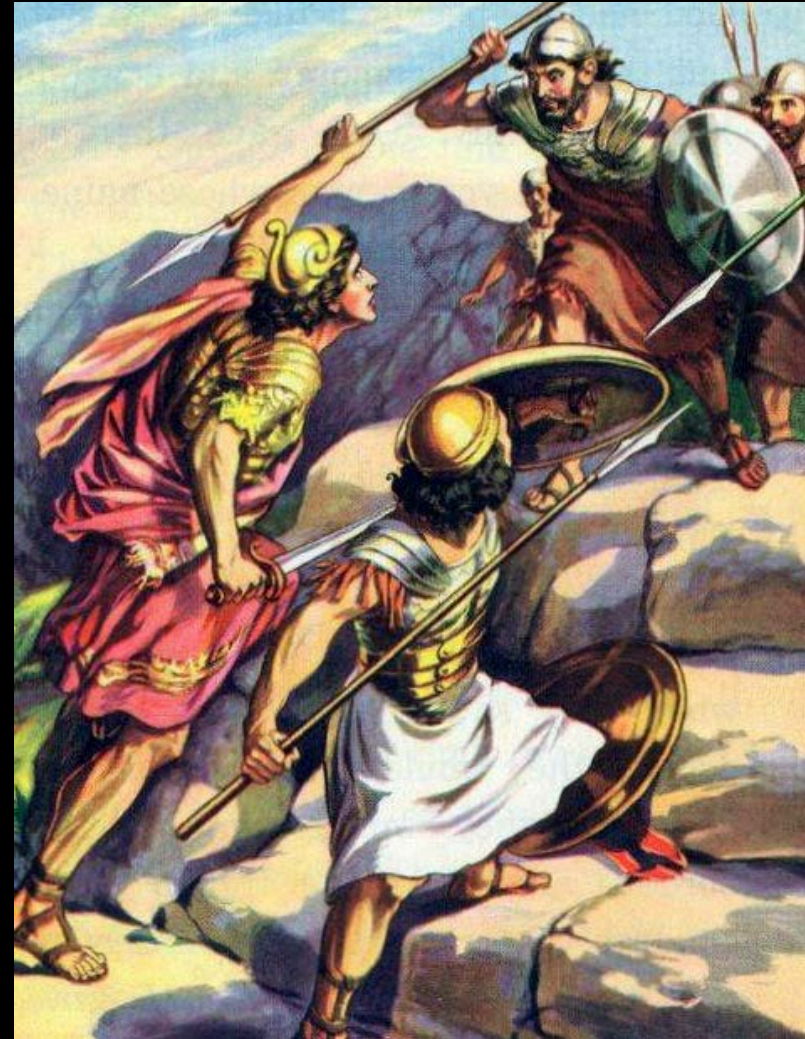
### III. Sometimes, God purposely thinned the crowd (Judges 7:1-7).



- What happens when God's people believe that we have accomplished His will?
- What do you see God accomplishing with a reduced but faithful army?

# IV. We have no reason to fear when the crowd has been thinned (I Samuel 14:6-7).

- How can we develop a complete trust in God, even when vastly outnumbered?
- How can we develop relationships that are eager to serve alongside of us?
- With whom are you developing these relationships?



# V. God accomplishes His will with His thinned crowd (Luke 14:25-27).



- How have we allowed the required commitment of discipleship to push us away?
- How can we develop a devotion that places us squarely in His thinned crowd?



**Call to Action: To  
develop a devotion that  
continues to serve even  
in hard times.**



- Is your faith able to stand, even in hard times?
- Is there something you need to let go so you can grow closer to Jesus?
- Is your faith completely in God's working?
- How are you calling others to a deeper level of commitment?
- Do you truly love Jesus above all else?

**-How can we help?**