

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?**

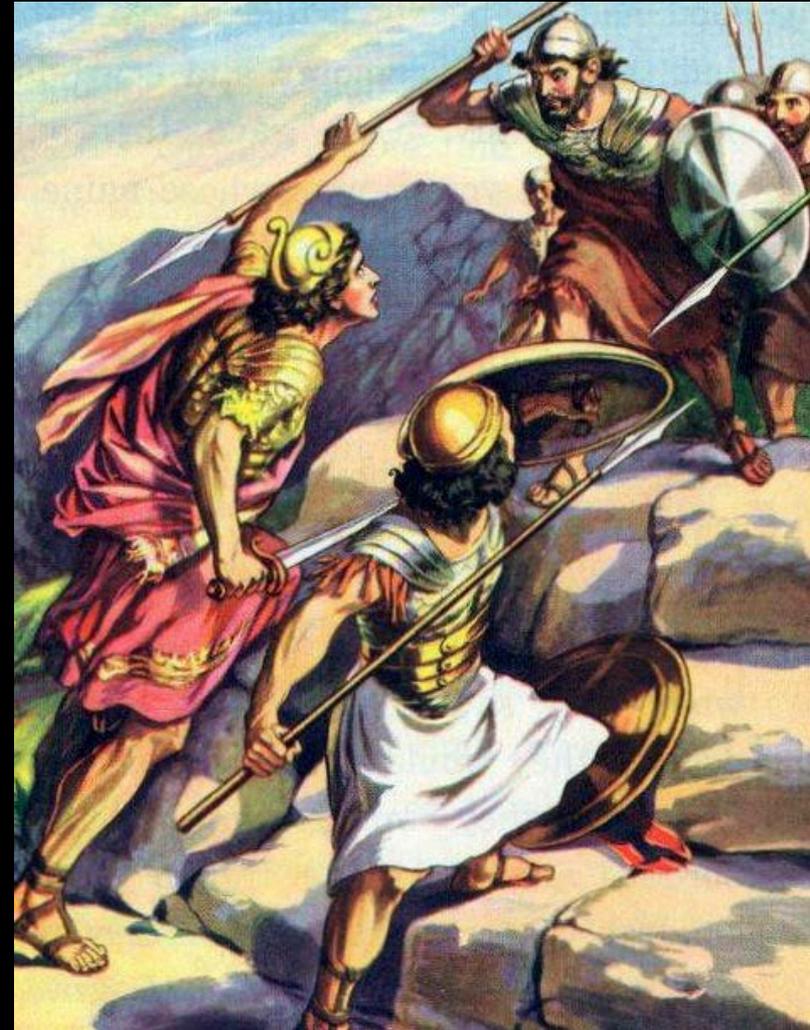
III. Sometimes, God purposely thinned the crowd (Judges 7:1-7).



- 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?



PSALM 101:1-5

1 I will sing of mercy and justice
to you, O Lord, for you have
been gracious to me and
merciful. You have been
kind to me, O Lord, and
your mercy has been
great. You have been
kind to me, O Lord, and
your mercy has been
great. You have been
kind to me, O Lord, and
your mercy has been
great.

PSALM 101:6-10

6 I will sing of mercy and justice
to you, O Lord, for you have
been gracious to me and
merciful. You have been
kind to me, O Lord, and
your mercy has been
great. You have been
kind to me, O Lord, and
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your mercy has been
great.

PSALM 101:11-15

11 I will sing of mercy and justice
to you, O Lord, for you have
been gracious to me and
merciful. You have been
kind to me, O Lord, and
your mercy has been
great. You have been
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great.

PSALM 101:16-20

16 I will sing of mercy and justice
to you, O Lord, for you have
been gracious to me and
merciful. You have been
kind to me, O Lord, and
your mercy has been
great. You have been
kind to me, O Lord, and
your mercy has been
great. You have been
kind to me, O Lord, and
your mercy has been
great.

PSALM 101:21-25

21 I will sing of mercy and justice
to you, O Lord, for you have
been gracious to me and
merciful. You have been
kind to me, O Lord, and
your mercy has been
great. You have been
kind to me, O Lord, and
your mercy has been
great. You have been
kind to me, O Lord, and
your mercy has been
great.

PSALM 101:26-30

26 I will sing of mercy and justice
to you, O Lord, for you have
been gracious to me and
merciful. You have been
kind to me, O Lord, and
your mercy has been
great. You have been
kind to me, O Lord, and
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**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?