

## **Stand In Your Place Judges 7:15-21**

### **Gideon And The Midianites**

Midianites impoverished Israel - **Judges 6:3-6**

Gideon was selected to deliver Israel

His success depended on each man being steadfast in performing his job

### **Men Who Stood In Their Place**

Moses - **Hebrews 3:2; 11:24-26**

Stephen - **Acts 6:8-10**

Paul - **Galatians 2:5; Philippians 1:16; 2Timothy 4:6-8**

### **Men Who Did Not Stand In Their Place**

King Saul - **1Samuel 15:22-23**

Judas - **Acts 1:25**

Demas - **2Timothy 4:10**

### **The Church Needs Workers Willing To Stand In Their Place**

It needs elders willing to stand in their place - **Acts 20:28; 1Peter 5:2**

Need deacons willing to stand in their place - **1Timothy 3:10**

They must not try to do the work of elders

Need preachers willing to stand in their place - **2Timothy 4:1-5**

Subject to the elders not "pastors" over the church

At times the preacher does work of the elders; this ought not to be

Needs members willing to stand in their place

Willing to submit to elders if and when there are elders - **Hebrews 13:17**

Everyone willing to work - **Ephesians 4:16**

Steadfast in life - **1Corinthians 15:58; Matthew 25:14-30**

Everyone has a part to do according to their ability

Material and spiritual realm - Bible teachers; those who clean, mow, etc.

Their place is in the local church

Local congregation the only unit God designed through which members can work collectively

Only way fulfill collective responsibility is in local congregation.

Certainly, we have a work to do as an individual but just as much so, we have a collective work

This collective responsibility needs to be taken seriously and you can't fulfill it if you are out of place.

### **Everyone needs to know his place and needs to stand in it**

Success is assured if we stand in our place and do our job

Everyone does not have the same place or the same work to do in a particular congregation -

**Ephesians 4:11-16**

Are you standing in your place? Are you doing your work

Do you have a place in the church? If not you cannot be saved, because all the saved are placed in the church

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