

**Courage in Troubling Times:
When Standing Up Means Standing Alone
Shamgar: Judges 3:31, 5:6-8 (page 167)**

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Background:

Shamgar shows us that standing alone against opposition means that we will need to:

- **Start where we are today (Luke 9:57-62)**
 - humble ourselves before God (James 4:6; 1 Peter 5:5)
 - refuse to be intimidated by fear
(1 Sam 17:32-37; Luke 12:4-5)

- **Use what we have today (Romans 12:4-8)**
 - offer God what we have (1 Kings 17:8-14; Acts 3:1-10)
 - limited resources in God's hands are powerful
(John 6:5-13; Exo 4:1-5)

- **Do what we can today (Mark 9:41)**
 - be available to God for His purpose
(Isa 6:1-13; Mark 1:1-8)
 - trust the faithfulness of God
(Mark 2:1-12; Num 14:5-10)

Remember....

Shamgar teaches us that when we are willing to stand up - *alone if necessary* - that God will use ordinary people to accomplish extraordinary results for His glory.