

Where Do They Come From?

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Judges 3:7-11

In James A. Michener's Korean War novella, *The Bridges at Toko Ri*, an admiral watches jet fighters being launched from the deck of an airplane carrier. Reflecting on the young pilots flying into harm's way, he ponders, "Where do we get such men?" These were ordinary young men who, when pressed into the extreme demands of wartime, rose to the challenge.

Time and again in the book of Judges, we read that "the Israelites did evil in the sight of the LORD" (3:7). This led God to remove His blessing and protection, subjecting them to oppression by their enemies. Eventually, when they "cried out to the LORD, he raised up for them a deliverer" (v. 9). Where did God find such men and women? They were ordinary people whom God was able to use.

The God of the Bible rarely acts alone. He created Adam and Eve to care for His creation. Even today, God works through common people to do uncommon things by His divine Spirit.

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