

# Personal Dedication

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## I. Introduction.

A. Text: Judges 3:31, 5:6.

B. Character: Shamgar.

## II. He lived in enemy occupied territory.

A. We too live in enemy occupied territory.

B. This is our Father's world by creation, but the world is an enemy occupied territory otherwise. Jesus did not dispute the Devil's claim to power. (Luke 4:5-7, John 14:30)

C. Satan blinds the mind of unbelievers concerning the gospel. (2 Corinthians 4, Matthew 16:18)

## III. Shamgar was occupied in an underground movement.

A. We too are occupied in an underground.

B. When we pray for God's kingdom to come, we pray for Satan's kingdom to go.

## IV. Shamgar started picking off one at a time. We must bring in one to the kingdom at a time.

## V. Shamgar started where he was at.

A. He was a simple farmer to begin with.

B. We must do the "Christian work" wherever we are at in the present.

C. Whatever we are doing at the time ought to be the most important thing in the world.

D. God gives us one step at a time.

E. Start genuinely where you are.

## VI. Shamgar started with what he had.

A. We need to use what we have.

B. Whatever little thing we have, God can use in a big way.

C. The biggest thing we have is ourselves. We can make up our minds as to what we will do with ourselves.

D. It starts with dedication.

**Application questions**

1. According to the speaker, how does Shamgar model the Christian life?

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2. Why is it important that the Christian trust that God can use him with what he has and where he is at?

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3. How are you occupied in the “underground movement” against the gates of hell? What are two creative ways you can reach out to a soul for Christ this week?

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