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**Sermon Outline for "Separating The Men From The Boys"
("A Few Good Men")**

Scriptures: Judges 7:3, 6,17 & 21 (KJV) ³Now therefore go to, proclaim in the ears of the people, saying, Whosoever is fearful and afraid, let him return and depart early from mount Gilead. And there returned of the people twenty and two thousand; and there remained ten thousand. ⁶And the number of them that lapped, putting their hand to their mouth, were three hundred men: but all the rest of the people bowed down upon their knees to drink water. ¹⁷And he said unto them, Look on me, and do likewise: and, behold, when I come to the outside of the camp, it shall be that, as I do, so shall ye do. ²¹And they stood every man in his place round about the camp: and all the host ran, and cried, and fled.

Subject: "Separating The Men From The Boys" ("A Few Good Men")

Introduction: Oftentimes in life we can have more than we need.

Ironically, . . . we can add by subtracting.

. . . we can gain by losing.

. . . we can win by separating the men from the boys.

Aim: For us to understand that it is not how many you got but how much you got.

Definitions:

Separate - Means to come apart.

Few - Not many. A small number.

Mobilization - The act of making something movable.

Introductory Examples:

1. **Relationships.** Marriage - Sometimes you may have to separate to find out if you really love someone. (Even divorces don't have to be final. It may take a divorce to make some people come to their senses.)
2. **Rottenness.** Sometimes you have to get rid of the bad apples to protect the good ones.
3. **Requirement.** God selects who He wants to be His representatives. [He picked Gideon and His gang.]

In Order to Separate the Men From the Boys:

- A. There needed to be a willingness to fight! God needed to know that if there was a mouse in the house that would greatly impact or affect the morale of the others.
- B. There needed to be a willingness to focus, otherwise they might take their mind off the mission.
- C. There needed to be a willingness to follow because of Gideon being a model, they became mobile.

Points to Consider:

I. A Willingness to Fight!

A. Mouse

B. Morale

II. A Willingness to Focus.

A. Mind

B. Mission

III. A Willingness to Follow.

A. Model

B. Mobile

Scriptural References: Judges 6:12; Deuteronomy 20:8; Matthew 22:14; I Peter 5:8; Matthew 25:13; I Corinthians 11:1 Romans 8:37; Psalms :91:7; Psalms 91:6; Deuteronomy 32:30; Matthew 9:37 [I Sam 10:26]

Most People Focus On:

1, Me (themselves)

2. Minister

3. Membership

(More attention is given to the saints, in the churches, than the sinners!)

Closing Examples:

Gideon's International / Bibles

Government - The Army - "A few good men"

God - Matthew 9:37 - 38 ["Boys will be boys"]

Closing Biblical Examples:

[1 Samuel 10:26]

[Matthew 10:5]

Closing Statement: "Watch out for the other guy"