

## Growing in Faith

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Judges 6:25-7:25

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### **Cleansing Starts at Home 6:25-32**

- Israel became syncretistic in their worship: God & gods
- Beware of combining worship of God with other forms of worship
- Remember the 4 G's:
  - God is Great so I don't have to be in control
  - God is Glorious so I don't have to fear others
  - God is Good so I don't have to look elsewhere
  - God is Gracious so I don't have to prove myself
- Gideon is told to rid the family (town) of the false god
- Gideon does as God instructs
- Gideon is named *Jerubbaal* - *let Baal contend against him*

### **Gideon Gathers an Army 6:33-35**

- Gideon is covered by God's Spirit
- Gideon raises an army of 32,000 men

### **Gideon Seeks Knowledge of God 6:36-40**

- Gideon puts out fleeces...
- If Gideon's request was wrong why did God respond?
- Could Gideon have been seeking knowledge of God?
- We now have Christ & God's Word - Heb 1:1-2; 2 Tim 3:16-17
- So ask God to build up our faith & read His Word.

### **The Battle Belongs to God 7:1-9**

- God wants Gideon to have fewer men!
- Why? V2 lest Israel boast over me
- Israel has already forgotten God's instructions Dt 8:11-20
- Greatest spiritual danger - take glory from God
- Remember Salvation is by God's gracious action, not ours!
- 22,000 fearful men sent home v3 leaving 10,000 men
- Then men culled to just 300!
- God wants His people to understand how powerful, gracious and merciful God is: My only duty is to trust & obey God!

### **Lessons:**

- God won't share His glory with us. 2 Cor 12:7-9
- God uses our weakness for His purposes
- Learn repentance: sorrow and repent over how you have offended a Holy God, it is only as you remember how weak & unlovable you are can you understand God's love & grace!
- Be like sinful woman: Lk 7:47 not the Pharisee Lk 7:39
- When good things become too important to us... they become little g gods and we respond sinfully when they are threatened (anger, fear, bitterness)
- Look to God alone to find your safety & significance! Learn to trust and obey God alone because of Christ's work!

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