

# COMMUNITY GROUPS

living out the gospel with  
one another in our homes

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Text: Judges 6:28–40

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This passage covers the public fallout after Gideon destroys the altar of Baal, God's empowering of Gideon through His Spirit, and Gideon's request for confirmation through the fleece. It highlights the powerlessness of false gods, the supernatural source of true courage, and God's patient, ultimate faithfulness to His word.

1. When the men of the city discovered Baal's altar destroyed, their anger was directed at Gideon rather than their oppressing enemies (vv. 28–30). Why do we often get more protective over our personal idols and lifestyle comforts than we do over God's truth?
2. Joash defended Gideon by pointing out that a true god should be able to defend his own altar, exposing Baal's complete powerlessness (vv. 31–32). How have you seen the "gods" of this world fail to defend or satisfy you when real trouble comes?
3. As enemy forces gathered, the Spirit of the Lord clothed Gideon, transforming a man hiding in a winepress into a bold leader (v. 34). Are you relying on your own personality and willpower to be brave? Explain how you are actively relying on the Holy Spirit to give you courage?
4. Gideon repeatedly asked for physical signs with the fleece to confirm God's promises (vv. 36–40). In what area of your life are you struggling to believe that God will stand by His written promises?
5. While Gideon needed physical signs on the ground, Christ's sacrifice on the Cross serves as God's ultimate confirmation of His promises. Since the Cross is God's ultimate, unmistakable proof of His faithfulness, why do we so often demand extra signs before we obey?

Look to the Cross as the final, unshakable proof of God's faithfulness rather than waiting for extra signs. Pray for the Holy Spirit to clothe you with courage to tear down personal idols and walk in obedient trust.