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Text: Judges 6:1-7

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At this point in the book of Judges we are back to Israel “doing what is evil in the sight of the Lord”, but when Israel cries out to the Lord, instead of sending them a judge immediately, He sends a prophet who rebukes Israel for their continued disobedience. At this point we meet Gideon, an unlikely hero in people’s eyes, but this is where God works best! Let’s see what the Lord is trying to teach us in this text.

1. In verses 1-10 it is hard not to look at it and say “Looks like God has had enough, how can He be with them even if He left them?”. Why did God change his approach with Israel this time? Did God really change how He was to handle His people? What are some ways we can pray when it seems like life is crumbling around us? Go ahead and read Romans 3:23, Ezekiel 36:26, and Psalm 55:10 to see how our prayers could look

Pastor Ted shared 3 ways Jesus Presence Supplies Power:

- The power of a New Identity
 - The power to Rightly Fear
 - The power to Obey
2. What verses or passages come to mind when you think about having a new identity? Here are a few to read what Paul says about us; Galatians 2:20 being crucified with Christ, 2 Corinthians 5:17 if we are in Christ we are a new creation!, Romans 7:21 is our struggle of wanting to do good, but evil is right there with me, but Romans 6:6 that because we are crucified with Christ that we are no longer slaves to sin!
 3. What does the expression of “Having a healthy fear of something” actually mean? What was Gideon’s reaction when The Angel of the Lord burned the food on the rock in verse 21? How can our fear of God change how we navigate our days?
 4. In verses 26 and 27 Gideon obeys the Lord, but it was done at night in secret. What does it mean to obey the Lord after reading those verses? Why would

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Gideon's obedience even though it seems sheepish be an encouragement to you and I?

God uses the least of these to do mighty things. 1 Corinthians 1:27 tells us that God chose the foolish things of this world to shame the wise, and the weak things of this world to shame the strong. When we feel inadequate, when we feel like we can't do it, that is when God is ready and wanting to show you that "You can't, but HE can!" John 16:33 we take heart because He has overcome the world!