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 TENSIONS between

Faith + fear

Courage + cowardice

Strength + insecurity

Obedience + hesitation

Confidence + concern

Belief + Doubt

What is + what God does

Who we are + who God says we are

Who God disciplines + who God loves

A God who can not lie + what happens when what He says isn't true




 Judges 6:1-6



Midian - uncultivated & unintelligent group, no great leader, but there were a LOT of them. 200 years before Gideon, their size was TOO big for Israel to handle. They decided to back off Israel and then take everything after harvest... they would do it again and again.


 God speaks to His children!



Through the loving act of his word or through his discipline.

Proverbs 3:11-12 nlt

   When we the people of God ignore the word of god...we must endure the discipline of God.

God is Good "all the time" — church call backs  

But God is jealous -  Exodus 34:14

  Story- man loves this woman but wants one month to do whatever he wants...she says no... then a while later he goes back, says I'm fully yours and asks for 1 week to do whatever he wants - she says NO.... He goes back and asks for 1 day to do whatever he wants...NO absolutely not. He's devastated. He goes again and asks for 30 minutes. She says NO and he tells her to not be jealous.

⚠️ we do not think she is crazy at all for saying no, yet we are shocked & frustrated when God stops tolerating our faithfulness and choosing to give him only 90%/ 98% or 99.9% of us... it's no different!!! ⚠️⚠️

I'm this season of divine discipline the lord is it breaking his covenant- he is honoring it.

THEY failed to honor god with their obedience, affections, offerings. They gave TO BAAL what God deserved.

📖 Judges 6:7-10

💥 Their active disobedience wasn't an accident

✨ He just told them to be faithful ✨

2 deities

🚫 the god Baal - most powerful, followers would sacrifice their children in order to gain personal prosperity.

🚫 the goddess Asherah - fertility goddess, believed to be Baal's mother & mistress, followers worshiped her by engaging in immoral & pagan sex practices. OBSCENE public sexual sin.

💥 the Israelites didn't want to abandon God altogether - they didn't divorce the Lord for a new god. They just wanted to invite other gods into the home. They wanted to add the other gods into the relationship with God. A polyamorous relationship.

And God says ABSOLUTELY NOT.

> story of the guy wanting to marry the girl

📖 Exodus 20:3

God loves his people even though they are sinners

📖 John 3:16

📖 Romans 5:8

☆☆☆ Jesus is so wonderfully good.