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Sunday, February 11, 2024

Sermon Series: Gideon: God Uses Wimps

Sermon Title: Pete and Repeat
Scripture: Judges 6:1-10
Speaker: Pastor Kendall Harger

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<u>Sermon Notes</u> February 11, 2024

Pete and Repeat

<u>Big Idea</u>
Sometimes it takes way too long for us to call out to the Lord.

Judges 6:1-10

Judges 6:1-6 -Israel did evil in the Lord's sight -The Lord handed them over to the Midianites -Midianites are very cruel -Crops, sheep, donkeys, goats, and cattle – gone! -Their land is stripped bare -Israel is starving -Israel is hiding -This has been going on for 7 years

In the Book of Judges there is a repeating pattern.

Israel is stuck in repeat mode.

- -the people abandon God with disbelief and worshiping false gods
- -God gets angry and punishes the people
- -the people cry out for God's help
- -God raises up a deliverer or judge
- -the people repent and turn back to God
- -the people fall back into disbelief and worshiping false gods...

Philippians 1:6

And I am certain that God, who began the good work within you, will continue his work until it is finished on the day when Christ Jesus returns.

Colossians 2:6-7

And now, just as you accepted Christ Jesus as your Lord, you must continue to follow him. Let your roots grow down into him, and let your lives be built on him. Then your faith will grow strong in the truth you were taught, and you will overflow with thankfulness.

Isaiah 26:3

You will keep in perfect peace all who trust in you, all whose thoughts are fixed on you!

Sermon Questions

<u>Ice Breaker</u>: The phrases in Judges 6:8-9 say "I brought ... rescued ... drove out ... gave you" referencing God's saving actions for the Israelites. How has God been good to you in the past months?

- 1. Share a memorable point, a spiritual lesson, a personal application, a question, or something that challenged you from the sermon last Sunday.
- 2. Israel's first response to the Midianites oppression is to hide (6:2), but things worsen. They finally cry out to the Lord for help (6:6). Why do you think it took the Israelites so long to cry out to the Lord? Why does it sometimes take us so long to cry out to the Lord?
- 3. In what way did God's response to the Israelites' cry for help in chapter six differ from his previous responses (Judges 4:1-4; 3:7-9, 12-15)? Why do you think God's initial response was different?
- 4. Midian oppresses the people of God like never described before in the book of Judges. When they cry out to God for help, God sends a prophet. How would you summarize what the prophet said to Israel in verses 8–10?
- 5. Throughout Judges and in this story especially, God is straightforward and clear about his conviction of sin and call to action. In what kinds of situations have you experienced God directly deal with you—maybe by convicting you of sin or calling you to do something? How did you respond?
- 6. God faithfulness outshines Israel's sin. He continues to rescue them even though they don't completely turn back to him first. In what situations has God shown his faithfulness to you?
- 7. What steps can we take to ensure we remain faithful to God's word, learning from the Israelites' cycle of disobedience and oppression?