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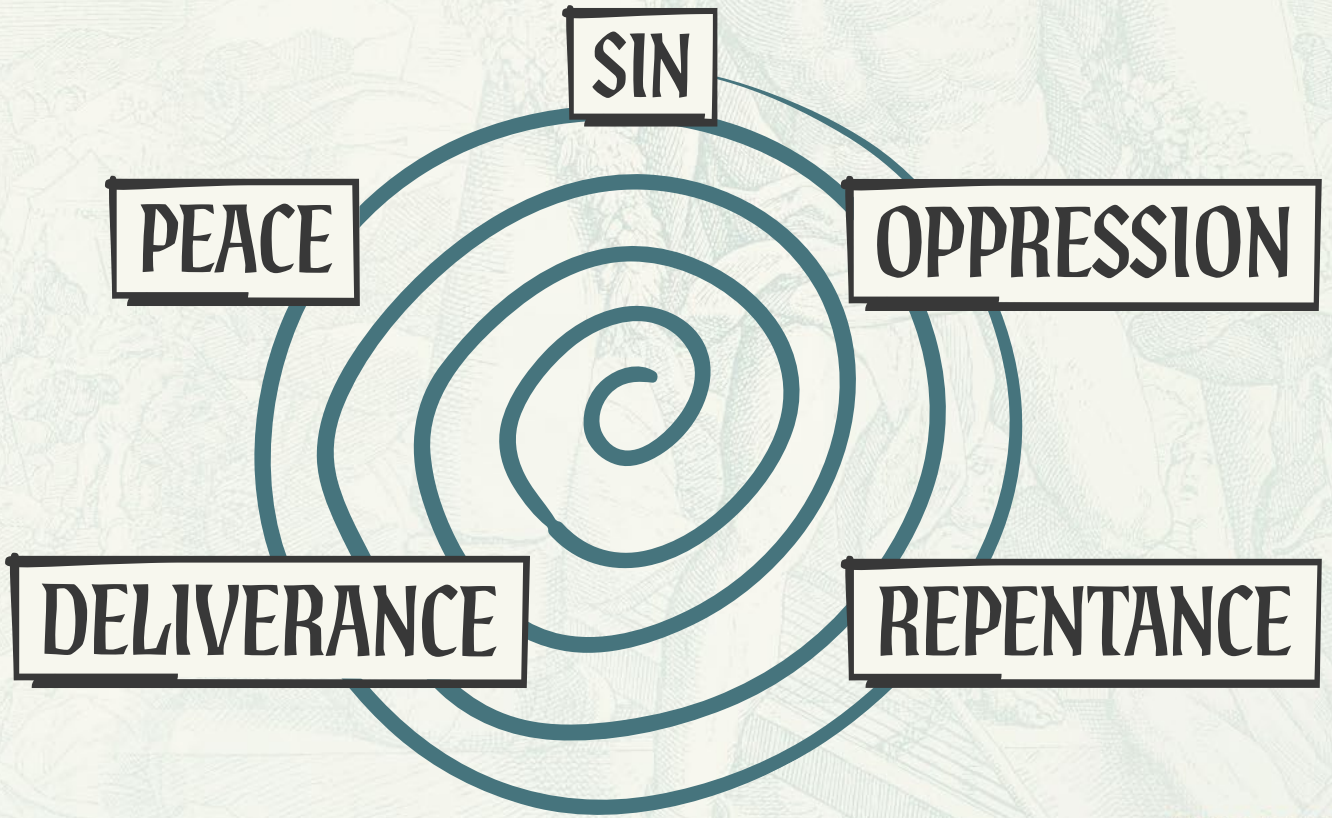

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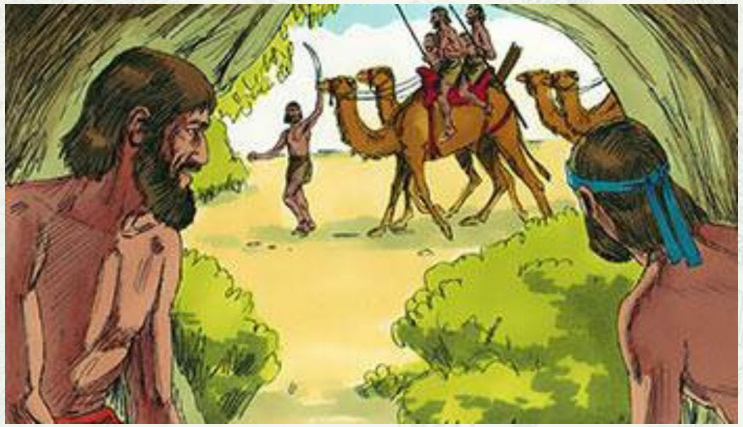
With His Word – Judges 6:1-10 (ESV)

[1] The people of Israel did what was evil in the sight of the LORD, and the LORD gave them into the hand of Midian seven
years. [2] And the hand of Midian overpowered Israel, and
because of Midian the people of Israel made for themselves
the dens that are in the mountains and the caves and the
strongholds. [3] For whenever the Israelites planted crops, the
Midianites and the Amalekites and the people of the East
would come up against them. [4] They would encamp against
them and devour the produce of the land, as far as Gaza, and
leave no sustenance in Israel and no sheep or ox or donkey.

With His Word – Judges 6:1-10

5 For they would come up with their livestock and their tents;
they would come like locusts in number—both they and their
camels could not be counted—so that they laid waste the
land as they came in. 6 And Israel was brought very low
because of Midian. And the people of Israel cried out for help
to the LORD.





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7 When the people of Israel cried out to the LORD on account
of the Midianites, 8 the LORD sent a prophet to the people of
Israel. And he said to them, “Thus says the LORD, the God of
Israel: I led you up from Egypt and brought you out of the
house of slavery. 9 And I delivered you from the hand of the
Egyptians and from the hand of all who oppressed you, and
drove them out before you and gave you their land. 10 And I
said to you, ‘I am the LORD your God; you shall not fear the
gods of the Amorites in whose land you dwell.’ But you have
not obeyed my voice.”

With His Word – Judges 6:1-10

12 For the word of God is living and active, sharper than any
two-edged sword, piercing to the division of soul and of spirit,
of joints and of marrow, and discerning the thoughts and
intentions of the heart.
Hebrews 4:12

23 Search me, O God, and know my heart!
Try me and know my thoughts!
24 And see if there be any grievous way in me,
and lead me in the way everlasting!
Psalm 139:23-24

With His Grace – Judges 6:11-14

[11] Now the angel of the LORD came and sat under the
terebinth at Ophrah, which belonged to Joash the Abiezrite,
while his son Gideon was beating out wheat in the winepress
to hide it from the Midianites. [12] And the angel of the LORD
appeared to him and said to him, “The LORD is with you, O
mighty man of valor.” [13] And Gideon said to him, “Please, my
lord, if the LORD is with us, why then has all this happened to
us? And where are all his wonderful deeds that our fathers
recounted to us, saying, ‘Did not the LORD bring us up from
Egypt?’ But now the LORD has forsaken us and given us into
the hand of Midian.” [14] And the LORD turned to him and said,
“Go in this might of yours and save Israel from the hand of
Midian; do not I send you?”

With His Promises – Judges 6:11-24

15 And he said to him, “Please, Lord, how can I save Israel?
Behold, my clan is the weakest in Manasseh, and I am the
least in my father's house.” 16 And the LORD said to him, “But I
will be with you, and you shall strike the Midianites as one
man.” 17 And he said to him, “If now I have found favor in your
eyes, then show me a sign that it is you who speak with me.
18 Please do not depart from here
until I come to you and bring out
my present and set it before you.”
And he said, “I will stay till you
return.”



With His Demands – Judges 6:25-32

25 That night the LORD said to him, “Take your father's bull,
and the second bull seven years old, and pull down the altar
of Baal that your father has, and cut down the Asherah that is
beside it 26 and build an altar to the LORD your God on the top
of the stronghold here, with stones laid in due order. Then
take the second bull and offer it as a burnt offering with the
wood of the Asherah that you shall cut down.” 27 So Gideon
took ten men of his servants and did as the LORD had told
him. But because he was too afraid of his family and the men
of the town to do it by day, he did it by night.

With His Demands – Judges 6:25-32

How To Identify & Tear Down Your Idols

Step 1: Identify an idol.

Follow your most powerful emotions, especially fear.

What are you afraid of losing?

Fill in the blank: I will be secure only if _____.

What do your fears reveal about what you are looking to for significance, security, and satisfaction?

With His Demands – Judges 6:25-32

Step 2: Expose its false promises.

What do I believe this thing can give me that I fear God won't provide?

Step 3: Recognize the cost.

How is this desire controlling me, shaping my decisions, or harming my relationships?

Step 4: Reorient your heart.

How does the Gospel reassure me that I am loved, accepted, and secure in Christ, even if I lose that thing?

With His Assurance – Judges 6:33-40

39 Then Gideon said to God, “Let not your anger burn against
me; let me speak just once more. Please let me test just once
more with the fleece. Please let it be dry on the fleece only,
and on all the ground let there be dew.” 40 And God did so
that night; and it was dry on the fleece only, and on all the
ground there was dew.







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God meets us in our fear with...

1. His Word
2. His Grace
3. His Promises
4. His Demands
5. His Assurance

God makes us courageous!

Companion, Loyal friend
You have never left me
You will never leave

Defender, Protector
You are my shelter
You are my shield



The man who walks the sea of Galilee is walking with me
Fear will never conquer me, for you already have

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