

Valor 10 NOTES
"Downward Spiral"
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Gideon wanted to _____ the deal or _____ the deal. (Judges 7:18, Proverbs 16:18, Judges 7:23-24a)

Whatever you do in the _____ will eventually come to the _____. (Luke 8:17, Judges 7:24b-25)

This was not the _____ God hoped _____. (Judges 8:1-17)

Don't move _____ without the _____. (Judges 8:18)

Stop going the wrong _____ and start to _____.

Go Deeper:

1. Why did Van Halen demand green M&Ms in their green room? How do green M&Ms relate to the "weapons" Gideon provided for his men?
2. Read Judges 7:18. Just when the victory seemed inevitable for Gideon and his 300 men, Gideon made a first critical mistake of many. What was the first critical mistake he made?
3. How is Gideon's first critical mistake so easy for others to make?
4. RC Ryle said, *"Men fall in private long before they fall in public."* Do you agree or disagree and why? Have you experienced this yourself or witnessed it before?
5. Read Luke 8:17. What warning does Jesus provide for each of us?
6. Why is it so critical to come clean before it's too late? (If you need to get something off your chest before it's too late, visit hillschurchnm.com/clean.)
7. Read Judges 7:23-24. What was the second critical mistake Gideon made?
8. What do you feel is your takeaway or lesson from this week's sermon?
9. To go even deeper with this week's sermon, join a Hills Group to discuss the questions above with other people in our community. To join or lead a Hills Group, visit hillschurchnm.com/connect.