

*Loving God
Sharing Jesus
Caring for People*

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Read Judges 6:1-32.

*Israel has been at peace for 40 years after Deborah, Barak and Jael but in v.1 we see they **again** did evil in God's sight.*

1. Discuss how times of 'peace' can potentially be dangerous, both as a church and in our spiritual walk?

The unnamed prophet in v.7-10 said the people were experiencing oppression because they had disobeyed God's command and had not remembered or listened.

2. Take some time to remember what God has done in your life?

What are we to be thankful for?

What experiences can you share with the group where you saw and knew God's hand of care and protection?

Can you think of times when you ran ahead and did not listen to God?

How can we become better listeners?

Idolatry was the problem with the people at that time, and idolatry is the problem of our times. The worship of another person or thing, instead of the true Living Biblical God. Even though Gideon had legitimate answers and fears, v.13, 15, 27 he still obeyed and brought sacrifices to God. Gideon was given the task to destroy the idols in his own backyard before he could be used in public. Gideon obeyed God first at home before he became a public witness.

3. How can we develop a strong spiritual walk with our God in private (It doesn't mean you do it alone)? Give examples of ways we can encourage and help each other to place God first and obey Him in private so that we can bring Glory and victory to Him in public? Give examples of what has helped you in your spiritual development so that it may benefit others.

Like Gideon, building character, godliness and bringing costly sacrifices of worship to God in private allows us to stand for Christ when we are in the public eye; even through fear and doubts.

4. What are you going to take away and work on this month from tonight's discussion? What has the Holy Spirit taught you that you must obey.