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Week 4

Opening Prayer

Opening Discussion:

1. What did we learn last week about God's mission(s) for Deborah? For Barak?

2. What did we learn about the following:
 - a. Availability for God's purposes?

 - b. Simple obedience versus *roundabout* obedience?

3. What are we learning about God's sovereignty through the situations Israel faced?

Today's Themes and Scripture Passages

- Judges 6

Video 4

Discussion Questions

4. How *neighborly* were the Midianites and Amalekites towards God's people?
5. In Judges 6 we come upon an unexpected leader, Gideon. What was he doing? And where? Why?
 - a. What does the angel of the LORD refer to Gideon as in Verse 12? Does this strike you as odd? Why/not?
 - b. What do you notice about the *word order* in Verse 12? Why is this so important?

Personal Application Question: Why do we overlook this in our own lives?

6. In Verse 15 Gideon responds. What does he say?
 - a. What significant message does Gideon receive in response? (*for similar exchanges see Exodus 3-4; Jeremiah 1; Luke 5*) See verse 16.
7. What was one of the initial assignments for Gideon? Why do you suppose the mission to deliver Israel started with this step? (verses 25-26)

Personal Application Question: Are there similar areas of *demolition* needed in your life?

8. Verse 30 shows us how far the Israelites had truly wandered from God's Mission for them in the Promised Land. What do we learn in this passage? And how does this highlight once again the dangers of *compromising* in our faith?
9. Pastor J.D. said, "Courage is not the absence of fear; courage is following God in the midst of fear." Do you agree or disagree? Explain.

Personal Application Question: How does God's message: "I am with you" change your outlook and obedience?

10. Gideon looked to a wool fleece and moisture/lack thereof as an indication of whether or not God was with Him. We as Christians look to J_____ as the reminder God is with us and is for us.

Personal Application Question: Are you experiencing the courage that comes from knowing God is with you and for you? If not, why? Are there areas of your life yet to be surrendered to God?

Closing Prayer

Dear God, we believe that You are with us always. Nothing can remove You from our side. And yet, we all know the paralysis caused by fear. Through Your Holy Spirit, fill us with courage as we rest in the reality that You are pleased to fight our battles for us. When You call us then to follow, help us to respond, not with roundabout obedience but with simple obedience. In Jesus' Name, Amen.

