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Week 6

Opening Prayer

Opening Discussion:

1. Last week we spent time in Judges 7. How did God prepare Gideon for the battle with the Midianites? Specifically, how did God address the following:
 - a. The size of Israel's army?
 - b. Fear and faltering faith
 - c. God's faithful reminder to fearful followers
2. Finish this thought from last week: if *dependence* on God is the objective, then w_____ is an *advantage*.
 - a. How do you see this at work in your own life?

Today's Themes and Scripture Passages

- Judges 8:1-10:5

Video 6

Discussion Questions

3. How do strength and victory become a snare for Gideon?
 - a. What are the dangers of success?
4. Pastor J.D. shared several indications that show us we are falling into the trap of success. What are they?

a. Infrequent p_____

When we stop communicating with God, we reflect the desire to handle things in what way?

Personal Application Point: Is there something you've been neglecting to lift in prayer? Have you been trying to handle something on your own?

b. Failure to c_____ others. See *Proverbs 18:1*

Personal Application Point: In what ways do you tend to be a lone ranger?

c. R_____ (a form of looking out only for *self*)

d. M_____ excess

e. Constant worry about R_____ and title

5. "Christians may pass the test of *adversity* but the test of *prosperity* is more challenging." Do you agree or disagree with this statement? Explain.
 - a. What transformation do we see in Gideon? *Think back to where we found him initially.* How would you describe the transformation? What are our takeaways?

6. Through the situations involving Abimelech (Gideon's son), we see that oppression had begun to come from where?
 - a. What does this teach us about Israel's true enemy? About ourselves?

7. Through these messy situations we see our need for the *true* King. Who is it? And how does this King relate with us in ways that differ from the leaders in Judges?

8. What do we learn about *pursuit* in today's chapters? Who is pursuing whom? See *Romans 5:8*

Closing Prayer

Dear God, we are often drawn to success but we are not so quick to seek it from Your hand. In our pursuit of success and prosperity, we also reveal our sin in turning from You. Forgive us for turning from You and forgetting where our true success comes from. Today, help us to lay down our pursuits and priorities so we can receive from You the true opportunities at hand. In Jesus' Name, Amen.