

MERCY AND DISOBEDIENCE, LIVING IT OUT, MODERN IDOLS

Old Testament Unit - Mercy In The Midst of Disobedience - *When Less Is More* - June 18, 2017

Text: Judges 6-8

Intro: Today we take a look at Gideon. On first look, Gideon does not seem too impressive, a fact that even Gideon would relate to the angel of the Lord (6:15). Upon closer study of Gideon, we find a very faithful child of God, a man of great courage, and someone we can learn some lessons from for today. Read Judges 6-8. Look at each of these sections of scripture and fill in the blanks with what you think would be a good lesson for us today.

TEN LESSONS FROM THE LIFE OF GIDEON

I. Judges 6: 1-6 - Midian Oppresses Israel

1. God uses tough times to _____.

a. What brought on Israel's time of oppression?

II. Judges 6:7-12 - God Answers the Israelites

1. God sees more than _____.

a. What did God remind the Israelites of?

III. Judges 6:13-24 - The Call of Gideon

1. God confirms His priorities with His _____.

a. How did God describe Gideon in vs 12? What did God command Gideon to do in vs 14?

b. How did God answer Gideon's objection? (vs.16)

IV. Judges 6:25-32 - Gideon Cleans Up His Own Backyard

1. Private faithfulness is a prerequisite to _____.

a. Gideon's action in vss. 27-32 had an effect on his family. How?

V. Judges 6:33-40 - The Sign of the Fleece

1. God is patient with our _____.

VI. Judges 7: 1-7 - Gideon's 300 Men

1. Success is determined by _____, not ours!

a. Why did God take so many of Gideon's men away?

VII. Judges 7:8-25 - Gideon Defeats Midian

1. When the Lord has proved his faithfulness to you, it's time _____.

VIII. Judges 8:1-3 - The Jealousy of Ephraim

1. A soft answer _____ but a harsh word _____. (Pro.15:1)

IX. Judges 8:4-21 - Pursuit Of The Midianites Beyond The Jordan

1. You reap what _____!

a. What did the people of towns of Succoth and Peniel do to Gideon's men? What was the result?

X. Judges 8:22-35 - Gideon's Ephod

1. While failure can be difficult; success can be _____.

a. How was the ephod described in vs. 27?

b. What happened to the Israelites after Gideon's death?