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Gideon: Grow in the midst of your fears.

Judges 6:1 - 7:25

1. Read Judges 6. Why did God allow the Midianites to plunder Israel every harvest time? What was it that caused the Almighty God to change His mind about Israel and why did He call Gideon specifically to be His servant?
2. Lance said "Faith won't grow if it is all about input – we grow when we turn our inputs into outputs". God moves when we come to Him in the midst of our fears which "may be deeper and more hidden" than we are prepared to admit. What are the fears we may have and how can we conquer those fears? What does Gideon do when called by God and how do you feel about his attitude? Was Gideon right in challenging God (regarding being obedient and the fleece) and have you ever challenged God about something you thought He was asking you to do? Discuss.
3. Lance said "God does not let Gideon go – He told Gideon that he was to purify his home idols and the town idols [verses 25-30] - just as we are to get rid of the idols in our life". Was Gideon fully obedient, and what did he actually reflect? Discuss what are the idols we need to get rid of?
4. Read Judges 7:4-8. What does this story tell us about God and what was he teaching Gideon and the Israelites and why did they need this lesson? Share stories of a time in your life or the life of someone else when you have felt God is putting you (or them) right into the battle lines and you (or them) have felt inadequate to the task but you stepped out in faith and saw God in action?
5. Lance asked "Jesus had to face his fears going to the cross, but we are 'more than conquerors through Him who loved us' [Romans 8:37]". How should this help us to conquer our fears ?