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INTRODUCTION

“As a father shows compassion to his children, so the Lord shows compassion to those who fear Him. For He knows our frame; He remembers that we are dust.” (Psalm 103:13-14)

I. GRACE THAT HURTS AND HEALS

A. God’s “Inappropriate” Answer (verses 1-10)

Note: Instead of sending a protector, God sends a prophet to deliver a timely message that would bring much needed spiritual insight, conviction, and understanding!

(Romans 2:4; Romans 5:8-9)

B. God’s Insecure Warrior (verses 11-24)

1) God’s calling is God’s enablement. God is foreshadowing what Gideon will become because of His work and His grace in his life!

(1 Corinthians 15:10)

2) God loves to choose, to use, to strengthen those who are regarded as weak, as “less than”, and as insignificant because this magnifies God’s power and His wisdom!

(2 Corinthians 12:9b-10)

3) God promises Gideon the best thing and the only thing that really matters, Himself.

(Hebrews 13:5)

4) There’s nothing more comforting or overwhelming than God’s presence!

(Isaiah 57:15)

C. God's Irritating (and Inconvenient!) Command (verses 25-32)

Note: Before Gideon could declare "war" on Midian, he needed to declare "war" on Baal!

(Matthew 6:24)

D. God's Imminent Victory (verses 33-35)

Note: Today, God continues to use His people (filled with His Spirit!) to advance His Kingdom, by advancing His Gospel, which transforms hearts and minds!

(1 John 5:4-5)

E. God's Incredible (and Irrefutable!) Assurance (verses 36-40)

Note: We should see our God as so kind, understanding, and sympathetic;
He is eager to bring comfort and assurance to His people!

(Hebrews 4:15-16)

Questions for Further Study, Reflection, and Application...

1. Why did God first send a prophet to His people when they cried out for help and deliverance?
2. What did the prophet say? Why did he emphasize God's faithfulness and goodness?
3. How did God help and encourage Gideon throughout their conversation in verses 11-24? What did God promise to him?
4. Why did God command Gideon to tear down Baal's altar? Is there any application for us?
5. What did God give to Gideon through the wet/dry fleece situation? What should we learn from this?