

A Changed Life

Part 2: Living Differently

REMOVING BARRIERS (*Judges 6:25-32 NLT*)

- Gideon had to take down the idols and establish that God was the true One to worship
 1. The nation had violated the first two of the Ten Commandments
 2. Worshipping the idols had caused problems for Israel
- Living differently involves removing the barriers that limit our relationship with God (*Hebrews 12:1-2 NLT*)
 1. Weights slow us down, sins cause us to fall
 2. A weight that is rapidly increasing - our addiction to technology

MOVING PAST FEAR

- Gideon was afraid of family and people so he obeyed God at night - but he did it
 1. He took a step of faith - small but an important step
 2. He missed an opportunity to establish himself as a spiritual leader
- Moving beyond the fear of people enables us to live differently (*Proverbs 29:25 NKJV*)
 1. The fear of people is a trap - we'll wind up doing what we don't want to do
 2. There is an antidote for the fear of pleasing people - trusting in the Lord

ACKNOWLEDGE GOD'S HELP AND POWER (*Judges 6:33-34 NLT*)

- When the Holy Spirit came on Gideon, he was empowered to lead
 1. The armies gathered, but God had an answer
 2. The first time we see leadership in Gideon
- We can live differently when we acknowledge the power and presence of the Holy Spirit
 1. Jesus referred to the Holy Spirit as our Helper and advantage
 2. The Holy Spirit is greater than the fear and negativity in the world (*2 Timothy 1:7 NKJV*)