



“Making Peace”

1. READ

Scripture: Judges 6:15-27 New King James Version (NKJV)

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17 Then he said to Him, “If now I have found favor in Your sight, then show me a sign that it is You who talk with me. 18 Do not depart from here, I pray, until I come to You and bring out my offering and set it before You.”

And He said, “I will wait until you come back.”

19 So Gideon went in and prepared a young goat, and unleavened bread from an ephah of flour. The meat he put in a basket, and he put the broth in a pot; and he brought them out to Him under the terebinth tree and presented them. 20 The Angel of God said to him, “Take the meat and the unleavened bread and lay them on this rock, and pour out the broth.” And he did so.

21 Then the Angel of the Lord put out the end of the staff that was in His hand, and touched the meat and the unleavened bread; and fire rose out of the rock and consumed the meat and the unleavened bread. And the Angel of the Lord departed out of his sight.

22 Now Gideon perceived that He was the Angel of the Lord. So Gideon said, “Alas, O Lord God! For I have seen the Angel of the Lord face to face.”

23 Then the Lord said to him, “Peace be with you; do not fear, you shall not die.” 24 So Gideon built an altar there to the Lord, and called it The-Lord-Is-Peace. To this day it is still in Ophrah of the Abiezrites.

25 Now it came to pass the same night that the Lord said to him, “Take your father’s young bull, the second bull of seven years old, and tear down the altar of Baal that your father has, and cut down the wooden image that is beside it; 26 and build an altar to the Lord your God on top of this rock in the proper arrangement, and take the second bull and offer a burnt sacrifice with the wood of the image which you shall cut down.” 27 So Gideon took ten men from among his servants and did as the Lord had said to him. But because he feared his father’s household and the men of the city too much to do it by day, he did it by night.

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Suggested Chapters to Study This Week: Judges 6 and Revelation 12:11

REFLECT

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Pastor Watley continues his series this week, “Make it Make Sense,” as we learn more about the life and leadership of Gideon. Pastor Watley’s title is “Making Peace” this week using Judges chapter 6 and verses 15 to 27. Pastor shares in his introduction how we sometimes must make peace with things we disagree with. Pastor uses examples from a childhood cartoon where Ralph Wolf and Sam Sheepdog are the main characters in the movie Roadhouse and, lastly, Pastor’s time in school playing for the basketball team. All these examples are given to understand that sometimes in life, you have to be willing to “Accept The Challenge.” To realize that things in front of you might be difficult, but that isn’t a reason to stop; that isn’t a reason to turn back.





This is where, Pastor explains, that we find Gideon in our scripture. Gideon has been under pressure from the Midianites, and that is when the Lord sent the angel. The Lord sent the angel

so that Gideon, as Pastor describes it, could have his heart burn for God and accept the challenge. The Pastor also says that God is asking us to receive the challenge from him, the challenge to make peace with where we are, trusting that the Lord has more in store for us. Gideon saw God move through the miracle Pastor shared:

*A **miracle** of God speaks to the product of God's favor healing, deliverance, protection, and provision.*

*A **sign** from God speaks to Gods character, capability, faithfulness and trustworthiness.*

Pastor says that God is still in the sign-making business, that God does a miracle to point us to the sign of God's power and authority in our lives. Pastor goes on to say that we need to use our lives as a sign with this statement. "The miracle in my life is designed to be a sign in your life." We have to be willing to share our testimonies with others to help them in their faith, just as the scripture teaches:

***Revelation 12:11 "They triumphed over him
by the blood of the Lamb
and by the word of their testimony;
they did not love their lives so much
as to shrink from death."***

Gideon believed, and because he believed he moved and because he moved, God moved. What are you doing to allow God to move you in your life? How are you making peace with what you don't understand, trusting that God has a plan?





1. RESPOND

Introspective Questions

- ï How are you making peace with what God is doing in your life?
- ï What are some miracles that God has done in your life?

Discussion Questions

- ï What do you think those around Gideon thought about what God did through the angel?
- ï What challenge is God calling you to accept?

