

“No Turning Back” Judges 6:25-35

1. After the Lord provides Gideon a sign to prove that is God speaking to him (6:18-21), the Lord then gives Gideon a test of obedience in verses 25-26. What does God first ask Gideon to do in verse 25?
2. If Gideon was going to deliver Israel, he first needed to remove the cause of idolatry which initially led the Lord to give His people over to the Midianites. The Lord tells him to tear down his father’s altar to Baal and cut down the accompanying Asherah pole next to it. What is Gideon supposed to do next with the wood from the Asherah pole?

How would you predict Gideon’s father, Joash, is going to feel about all of this?

3. To dismantle a Canaanite altar was apparently a massive task, so Gideon takes along ten of his servants. Why does Gideon and his men carry out this task at night (v. 27)?
4. How do the Baal-worshippers respond when they arise early in the morning?

Who does their investigation of the overnight vandalism quickly implicate?

What do the men of the city say to Joash (v. 30)?

What does Joash wisely proclaim regarding Baal in verse 31?

“If he is a god...

Joash’s logic is sound: a god who can’t save himself is not worth worshiping.

5. What new name is given to Gideon (v. 32)? What does it mean?
6. In the next three verses, we see Gideon’s preparation for battle. Who assembles against him in the valley of Jezreel (v. 33)?

What act of divine enablement was necessary for the Lord’s deliverance of His people through Gideon?

How are you daily leaning upon the Spirit of the Lord and His power in the face of seemingly insurmountable obstacles?