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Cycles of Grace

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1 Corinthians 10:11 Now these things happened to them as an example, but they were written down for our instruction, on whom the end of the ages has come.

Judges 6:12 When the angel of the Lord appeared to Gideon, he said, "The Lord is with you, mighty warrior."

Judges 6:25-26 That same night the Lord said to him, "Take the second bull from your father's herd, the one seven years old. Tear down your father's altar to Baal and cut down the Asherah pole beside it. **26** Then build a proper kind of altar to the Lord your God on the top of this height. Using the wood of the Asherah pole that you cut down, offer the second bull as a burnt offering."

- **BREAK THE CYCLE:** Before God can use you, there must be a work of the Spirit in you.

Judges 6:27-30 So Gideon took ten of his servants and did as the Lord told him. But because he was afraid of his family and the townspeople, he did it at night rather than in the daytime. **28** In the morning when the people of the town got up, there was Baal's altar, demolished, with the Asherah pole beside it cut down and the second bull sacrificed on the newly built altar! **29** They asked each other, "Who did this?" When they carefully investigated, they were told, "Gideon son of Joash did it." **30** The people of the town demanded of Joash, "Bring out your son. He must die, because he has broken down Baal's altar and cut down the Asherah pole beside it."

- **BREAK THE CYCLE:** Obediently following God's Word breaks the cycle of sin and initiates the cycle of grace.

Ephesians 8:9 And God is able to make all grace abound to you, so that having all sufficiency in all things at all times, you may abound in every good work.

Judges 6:31-40 But Joash replied to the hostile crowd around him, "Are you going to plead Baal's cause? Are you trying to save him? Whoever fights for him shall be put to death by morning! If Baal really is a god, he can defend himself when someone breaks down his altar." **32** So because Gideon broke down Baal's altar, they gave him the name Jerub-Baal that day, saying, "Let Baal contend with him." **33** Now all the Midianites, Amalekites and other eastern peoples joined forces and crossed over the Jordan and camped in the Valley of Jezreel. **34** Then the Spirit of the Lord came (clothed) on Gideon, and he blew a trumpet, summoning the Abiezrites to follow him. **35** He sent messengers throughout Manasseh, calling them to arms, and also into Asher, Zebulun and Naphtali, so that they too went up to meet them. **36** Gideon said to God, "If you will save Israel by my hand as you have promised— **37** look, I will place a wool fleece on the threshing floor. If there is

dew only on the fleece and all the ground is dry, then I will know that you will save Israel by my hand, as you said.” **38** And that is what happened. Gideon rose early the next day; he squeezed the fleece and wrung out the dew—a bowlful of water. **39** Then Gideon said to God, “Do not be angry with me. Let me make just one more request. Allow me one more test with the fleece, but this time make the fleece dry and let the ground be covered with dew.” **40** That night God did so. Only the fleece was dry; all the ground was covered with dew.

- **CYCLE OF GRACE:** Peace with God is defeat for the enemy.
- Know God. Know peace.
- No God. No peace.

***Judges 6:24** So Gideon built an altar to the Lord there and called it The Lord Is Peace. To this day it stands in Ophrah of the Abiezrites.*

***Judges 6:34** Then the Spirit of the Lord came on Gideon, and he blew a trumpet, summoning the Abiezrites to follow him*

***Romans 8:9** You, however, are not in the flesh but in the Spirit, if in fact the Spirit of God dwells in you. Anyone who does not have the Spirit of Christ does not belong to him.*

***2 Thessalonians 3:16** Now may the Lord of peace himself give you peace at all times and in every way. The Lord be with all of you.*

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