

How To Gain Lost Ground

How is your Christian life spent?

Do you feel like you are always playing catch up?

- Jesus wants us to be winners
- God is no respecter of persons – He does the same for all
- We are victorious, we are winners

Judges 6:1 – 6

- Israel represents our lives.
- Israel started out in freedom and God had delivered them.
- They were handed over due to sin and desire.
- They became impoverished.

Do you feel like you are always fighting the same battle – like you can never get ahead?

(Do you feel like you go backward from the line of scrimmage and never get to the first down marker?)

Is Satan always making you feel like he has the upper hand?

HOW TO TAKE BACK THE GROUND THE DEVIL STOLE...

1. You are more than a conqueror

Judges 6:7 God always sends grace

- You can know that you will make it
- God puts us where we need to be
- He is a solid foundation for us
- He gave us ALL we need.

What is a barrier that hinders you?

Do you struggle, like Gideon, to understand how God can use you?

2. The Identity Exchange – exchange what you THINK for what God SAYS

Judges 6:11

- Warriors don't hide, Gideon went into hiding.
- God called him "mighty man of valor".
- Gideon called himself the least.
- God DOES NOT agree with the negative we speak about ourselves.
- We belong to Him.
- We are the "cream of the crop".

- It's not about circumstance, it's about what God says about us.
- Trust what God says to you and about you.

Why do you think God calls the least?

God will never affirm your weaknesses, why?

3. Exchange idolatry for obedience.

- Let go of all you cling to.
- Hold on to God only.

Identify an area in your life that you struggle to let go of.

Who do others think you are?

Who do you think you are?

5. Exchange your wisdom for God's Word

Are you going to trust God more than yourself?

- God's Word is to be the guiding principle of our life
- Live by the Word not your head
- There's a scripture for everything your face in life
- We are not enough by ourselves

6. Do you know who the enemy thinks you are?

- Go to the enemy's camp and listen
- The enemy knows that God will give you victory
- You are a child of God, victory is already yours, God already defeated satan

Colossians 2:15

- Jesus made a spectacle of satan
- Jesus already won for us.