



## BREAKING THE ICE

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Do you drive the speed limit or is the speed limit just a suggestion?

What kind of limits do you place on yourself? What limits do you feel others place on you?

What did God reveal to you about Him and yourself this past week as you spent time in solitude with Him?

## MAIN CONTENT

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This week, Pastor Kevin spoke about limits in our “Built for This” series. We may be built for things but we have limits on what we can do, but God knows no limits.

1. Where do you feel you have limits in your life right now?

God can build you through limitations and constraints. He wants us to embrace them so He can do amazing things with you, through them. He builds faith and people through limitations and beautiful constraints.

2. Where have you seen God move in a limited space?

Our constraints can make us feel trapped but God can use us in the midst of them. Our Bible reference this week continues with Gideon. Gideon had become accustomed to the things and people around Him, but God chose Gideon to be different.

3. Where are some places in your life where you are more concerned about blending in rather than being different for God?

God called Gideon to greatness but Gideon didn't see himself that way. Gideon needed to go to God to find His identity. Just like Gideon, we need to go to God for our identity in Him.

**Read Judges 6:24 - 26**

God wanted to use Gideon but He needed Gideon to get rid of the idols and things Gideon had put above God. Gideon had taken on the idols of the people around him. Our idols are subversive. We have idols in

our heart. It's anything we go to for worship, value or significance.

4. What do you run to when you are looking for safety and security?

Idols can be money, power, sex, people. These things can be a good thing that turn into a bad thing. When we find an idol, we repent and turn to God. We can only have one idol, Him.

Gideon tore down the altars and idols in his life then built an altar to God. Not everyone understood why Gideon tore down the idols. Some people would rather tear you down than tear down the idols in their lives.

5. What idols have you torn down in your life?

### **Read Judges 7:2-8**

Many of the men in Gideon's army were fearful. Gideon had a numbers problem (not enough soldiers) but now there's a morale problem. People were scared. But God prevailed. God knows both faith and fear are contagious. God didn't need those filled with fear but those who trusted in Him.

6. Talk about a time where you chose faith over fear.

God is not intimidated by limitations. He may even allow them. It's in those limitations He can do His best work. Gideon's army was limited but God was ready to do a work through them despite the limitations.

God knew Gideon was a mighty warrior. Just like Gideon, God sees us as a mighty warrior. As he used the limitations in Gideon's circumstance, He wants to leverage the limitations in our lives for His glory.

7. Where do you feel God has used you to be a mighty warrior for Him? Some ideas could be through prayer, fasting, choosing faith over fear etc.

The battle belongs to God. He is our strength. The same power that raised Christ from the dead lives in us. He has no limits.

Before Gideon went to battle, he went to God first and worshipped Him. Just as Gideon worshipped God first, we should do the same. In our worship, we may need to tear down some idols in our heart and/or home. When we take time to worship God, He can reveal those idols we put above Him.

## CLOSING PRAYER

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God, thank you for choosing us to be might warriors for you. Will you remind us who you have created us to be. Help us lean into you where we feel limitations and stuck and know that you are the one responsible for the outcome, not us. Help us walk out our next step of faith with you. Whether it's baptism, telling our story to a friend or co-worker, releasing idols to you or utilizing faith over fear show us how to hear from you and obey what you ask of us. Amen

## ACTION STEP

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- Take some time this week to look at your life. What idols have you placed above God? Where are you trying to control your life out of fear instead of faith that God has you?
- Ask God, what's the next step in your faith. Make a plan to work on that step and continue to follow Him