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**Jehovah Shalom** (Peace)

Judges 6:11-24

**Key Truth:** God’s peace helps us rise above our circumstances.

**Gideon Encounters Jehovah Shalom:**

1. Gideon, was focused on Israel’s circumstances, therefore

 He couldn’t properly see God’s hand at work.

 A. The result was a lack of peace and contentment.

2. Gideon didn’t understand that God’s peace requires

 obedience.

3. Gideon lived his life in fear and doubt.

4. Gideon built an altar to remind himself of God’s

 provision and promise.

**Encountering Jehovah Shalom:**

1. When we abide in the presence of Jesus, we experience

 peace in our hearts and soul. Isaiah 26:3

2. Remember, peace is not the absence of storms but

 trusting in God who can calm the storm. Mark 4:35-41

3. When God calls us to a task, He assures us of His

 presence and His power to enable us to accomplish it.

4. Disobedience will cause us not to have peace within or

 without. Judges 6:1-3

5. Obedience to God will guarantee our peace. Judges 6:7-10

**Taking It Beyond The Walls:** Thank Jesus for being your source of peace. Ask Him for the strength to persevere during the trials you face.

**Food For Thought:**

Where do you like to go when you need some peace and quiet?

When the world talks about peace these days, what are some of the different ideas they might have about what that means?

In what areas of your life are you needing God to bring peace?

In what areas are you already experiencing true peace?

Read Judgers 6:11-13: What do you find surprising about these initial verses?

Do you feel like you’re equipped to be God’s “valiant warrior”? How do Gideon’s actions and words encourage you in that?

Read Judges 6:14-16: How do we recognize when God is calling us to a task?

When you face difficult circumstances, do you typically lean toward anxiety or peace? Why?

What is a troubling circumstance you faced where God brought you peace? What happened?