

# A PLACE TO BELONG and Grow

Welcome to your home church!

# Facing the Challenges God Gives us

Judges 6:17-40

## I. DON'T PUT SIGNS BEFORE GOD (17-24)

- A. Gideon's Offering (17-20).
- B. The Lord's consuming fire (21-23).
- C. Gideon's Worship (24).

### II. GOD TESTS US WITH CHALLENGES (25-32)

- A. Tear Down the Altar of Baal (25-26).
  - 1. It would test Gideon's faith and trust in the protection of God.
  - 2. The idolatry had to be cleared from his own household before the work of God could begin.

B. Gideon Follows Through (27).

C. Dangerous Results (28-30).

D. A Sensible Defense (31-32).

### III. EVIDENCE OF FALTERING FAITH (33-40)

A. Putting Out the Fleece (36-40).

B. An Expression of Immature Faith.

1 John 5:4 – "And this is the victory that has overcome the world – our faith."

Faith means obeying God in spite of what we see, how we feel, or what the consequences might be.