



Sermon Title: Random - Finishing String Pastor Ryan McClelland
Scripture Reference: Judges 8:22-33

Connect: Grow together

- In what new way did God show up in your life this week?
- If you think He did not show up this week, how do you make sense of that?
- What are you thankful for this week?

Deeper: Beyond the message

- What was the main point of today's message? How would you summarize it?
- What did the message say about you, God's people and/or the world?
- What did that message mean for our church?

Application and Challenge

- What are our expectations of judges in our society today? What sort of character do we need them to have and display?
- Read Judges 8:4-7 and 19-20. What do you see about Gideon's character?
- Are there other Biblical figures who finished weak? For example, what do you know of King Solomon?
- Why is "humble bragging" a problem?
- Think about the C.S. Lewis line "Prosperity knits a man to the world. He feels that he is finding his place in it, while really it is finding its place in him" and read 1 Timothy 6:10. What do both pieces say about idolatry?

- Are we wearing ephods today? Where have we replaced devotion to God with devotion to something or someone else?
- Read 1st John 3:16-18. How does this passage speak to idolatry?
- Personal reflection question: What will I do this week to abandon humble bragging and get idols out of my life?