



WEEK THREE

LEAVE ME ALONE!

Mothers Day Weekend

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PERSONAL STUDY QUESTIONS

1. If you were going to “run away” for a little escape from the real world, where would go?

Why does that place feel like a refuge for you?

2. Take a look at the key passage from this week’s message, Judges 6:1-16. Who was Gideon? Why was he threshing wheat in a wine press?

Why was the LORD’s greeting to him so remarkable?

3. What kind of person did Gideon think he was before God?

How did God see Gideon?

4. What do you think verse 14 means, “And the LORD looked (turned, regarded) Gideon...”

How do you think God looks on you or regards you?

5. It’s been said that a real person is not perfect and a perfect person is not real. Do you agree? What do you think a “real” person is like?

Do you feel like you are “real” with the people you are closest to?

6. Read Ephesians 4:2-3. Why is humbleness, gentleness, and patience so necessary to having good relationships with the people in our lives? What does each one of these look like when we put them into practice?

Are they active or reactive, in your opinion?

7. How does your past family history impact the way you deal with people (your children and spouse especially) today?

Do you carry baggage from the past you want to get rid of?

Are there excellent things your parents did that you want to continue in your children?

8. Are there times in a person’s life when it makes sense to withdraw for a while? When?

And how do you think that time away can be spent to prepare for re-entering the real world?

Personal Meditation: Max Lucado wrote: ““God sees us with the eyes of a Father. He sees our defects, errors, and blemishes. But He also sees our value. What did Jesus know that enabled Him to do what He did? Here’s part of the answer: He knew the value of people. He knew that each human being is a treasure. And because He did, people were not a source of stress, but a source of joy.” This week, spend some time in prayer thanking God for each family member you have. Ask Him to help you see with new eyes, the value of each one to God.

Memorize Isaiah 40:29-31—“He gives strength to the weary and increases the power of the weak. Even youths grow tired and weary, and young men stumble and fall; but those who hope in the LORD will renew their strength. They will soar on wings like eagles; they will run and not grow weary, they will walk and not be faint.”