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DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

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Describe a season when you wanted God to show you the whole plan before you were willing to take the first step.

ENGAGE

What stood out to you most from the message, “God Gives Me Enough for the Next Step”? Gideon asked, “If the Lord is with us, why has all this happened?” (Judges 6:13).

Why do you think God responded with His presence (“I will be with you”) instead of giving Gideon a full explanation?

What questions are you currently tempted to ask God that may be similar to Gideon’s?

GROW

The message emphasized that God often forms our hearts before He changes our circumstances. Have you experienced that? What was God teaching you?

Gideon was told to tear down the altar to Baal before facing the Midianites. Why do you think God addressed Gideon’s worship before addressing his circumstances?

The message suggested modern ‘altars’ might include control, certainty, success, comfort, approval, or productivity. Which of those are you most tempted to trust instead of God?

Paul writes, ‘My grace is sufficient for you’ (2 Corinthians 12:9). How does God’s promise of His presence give you courage even when your circumstances don’t change?

CHALLENGE:

What’s the next faithful step God may be inviting you to take this week?
As you spend time with the Lord this week, consider asking:

1. Is there an altar I need to tear down so my heart can belong more fully to God?
2. Where have I been waiting for certainty instead of walking by faith?
3. What step of obedience have I been delaying because I want more answers?
4. How can I intentionally remember God’s promise: ‘I will be with you’?

This week, take the next faithful step.
If God is with you, that is enough.