Sermon Based Questions

***"The Next Yes"* – Andrew Friesen**

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Faith grows into action, not to earn God's love but in response to his grace. Through Gideon's story, Andrew encouraged us to take our next step of obedience, trusting God's presence even when we're afraid.

Share

1. Are you the kind of person who wants to know every step along the journey, or do you prefer to just take things as they come?
2. Obeying God can be challenging for anyone … have you ever taken a step of obedience, trusting God when it didn't make sense? What did you learn?

Discuss

3. Read James 2:14–17. How did Andrew distinguish between obedience that grows out of faith and trying to earn God's favour?
4. Read Judges 6:11–16. What contrast do you see between how Gideon sees himself and how God speaks to and calls him?
5. Gideon asks why God hasn't done something about Israel's suffering, and God responds by sending Gideon to be part of the remedy. What types of things might God be asking of you to impact our broken world?
6. Gideon repeatedly wanted another sign before moving forward. Has God ever given you a sign? How did he try to get your attention? Did it work?

Reflect

7. Andrew said, "Courage is deciding that something is more important than the fear you're feeling." What fear can make a step of obedience harder for you to take?
8. Gideon's first courageous step happened close to home. Is there an area of your relationships, habits, or everyday life where following Jesus more faithfully would require courage?
9. Read Hebrews 12:5-11. Why does God require obedience? What is his aim in asking us to trust him and take courage?

Apply

10. What is one specific "next yes" you sense God putting in front of you right now? What would it look like to act on it this week?
11. What could you do now to make that step more concrete—schedule it, tell someone, start a conversation, or take the first small action?