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### MAN UP

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- How can a sense of entitlement (I deserve this), lead us to fall into idolatry?
- Read Judges 6:1-15. How did Gideon feel about himself and God's abandonment of his people?
- How does a sense of inadequacy drive us to some of the idols we discussed earlier?
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- Dr Evans suggested that we needed to step up, get going, and move away from lifeless idols in our lives. What might God be calling you to move away from in your own life to help you accomplish his will? In your family? In your work?
- Read Judges 7:7, 19-22. How difficult do you think it was for Gideon to follow God's direction and to trust him as the source of his victory over the enemy? What would help you trust God to be the source of good things in your life instead of trusting idols?

### PRAYER

- Dr Evans suggested we could trust God to help us lead our families by leading in times of prayer, going to church, having a positive attitude, and showing love to our families. On a scale of 1-5, how well are you leading in those areas? Pray for each other to let go of our idols and get going on leading our families well.



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