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Week Six: Jesus the Encourager
By Louie Marsh, 2-13-2022

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2) His form of encouragement is _____.

*“¹²And the angel of the LORD appeared to him and said to him, “The LORD is with you, **O mighty man of valor.**”” (Judges 6:12, ESV)*

- This is Godly _____.

*“²⁷And at noon Elijah mocked them, saying, “Cry aloud, for he is a god. Either he is musing, or he is **relieving himself**, or he is on a journey, or perhaps he is asleep and must be awakened.”*

²⁸And they cried aloud and cut themselves after their custom with swords and lances, until the blood gushed out upon them.

²⁹And as midday passed, they raved on until the time of the offering of the oblation, but there was no voice. No one answered; no one paid attention.” (1 Kings 18:27–29, ESV)

- Be extremely _____ with it.

*“⁴For if someone comes and proclaims another Jesus than the one we proclaimed, or if you receive a different spirit from the one you received, or if you accept a different gospel from the one you accepted, **you put up with it readily enough.**” (2 Corinthians 11:4, ESV)*

3) God doesn't owe me _____ to my questions.

“¹³And Gideon said to him, “Please, my lord, if the LORD is with us, why then has all this happened to us? And where are all his wonderful deeds that our fathers recounted to us, saying, ‘Did

*not the LORD bring us up from Egypt?’ But now **the LORD has forsaken us** and given us into the hand of Midian.” ¹⁴And the LORD turned to him and said, “**Go in this might of yours and save Israel from the hand of Midian; do not I send you?**”” (Judges 6:13–14, ESV)*

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4) Jesus gives me _____ of a future deliverance.

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