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SPEAKER	David Smith
TITLE	Thumbs and Big Toes
SERIES	The book of Judges contains some of the strangest stories you'll ever hear. These unusual stories are entertaining, confusing, dramatic and even a bit crazy. But they also contain deep spiritual insights and truths. You can't make this stuff up!

Icebreaker

Is it possible to be very busy serving God and still be half-hearted? Discuss this odd situation. How can we know if this is happening to us? How does this sneak into our lives?

If a follower of Christ keeps a list of commands to obey, is that a sign of maturity or immaturity? Does this promote or stunt growth?

Exploring Scripture

In the sermon today, Dave Smith stated the Israelites had clear direction to follow, but neglected to do so. Do you believe followers of Christ today have clear, specific commands from God to follow? Why or why not?

What commands do you hear presented to the body of Christ, and where do we find these commands? Are the commands for followers of Christ the same types of commands that Israel had? How are they alike, and how are they different?

In Rev. 3:16 God speaks about half-heartedness in strong terms. How can we know when we have drifted in to half-heartedness and what can we do to move toward whole-heartedness?

Application

Judges 1 discussed the Israelites half-hearted obedience. The refrain "_____ did not drive out" describes their response to God's commands.

Where in my life am I living in partial obedience to God? How is half-hearted obedience affecting my walk with the Lord, my family, my witness to unbelievers?

Israel dealt with long term struggles with idolatry due to their partial obedience. What are some of the consequences we face because of ours?

In light of the sermon, how do you personally make sense of things when you are obedient and life is hard? How do you cope?

Are you in transition, trouble or experiencing loss in your life? How are you vulnerable? How can our group pray for you?