“Right Stand, but Wrong Step: The Need to Walk by Faith” (Judges 8:22-28)  
3. Right stand but wrong step (8:22-28)   
 a) “the men of Israel” (especially the northern tribes) called for Gideon to establish a dynasty since he   
 delivered them from the oppressive hand of the Midianites. Gideon’s response touches on the   
 underlying cause of the struggles of God’s people during that time. The people wanted a visible ruler   
 without God’s rule. “The Lord shall rule over you.” This was to be true without or through a king. We   
 look for people to be the answer, where only God can be the answer. We struggle with wanting   
 something/someone visible & tangible to replace having to walk by faith in an invisible God.  
 b) Gideon made a foolish move. The priesthood was probably corrupt. The Lord spoke to Gideon and he   
 made an altar. He took gold spoils from the Israelites to make an ephod seemingly to inquire of God.   
 Gideon took a role not assigned to him by the Lord. This became a snare/trap that turned Israel from   
 the Lord & led to more idolatrous worship in Ophrah (v27). Be careful about taking the right stand, but   
 then taking authority God has not assigned to you.