**Great Women of God: Deborah**

*Judges 4-5*

1. **Israel’s \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**

Because of their sin, Israel was given over by God to an enemy who oppressed them for 20 years. Under the weight of God’s judgment, the nation of Israel cried out to the LORD for deliverance.

*Matthew 9:36 ~ When he saw the crowds, he had compassion for them, because they were harassed and helpless, like sheep without a shepherd.*

1. **Deborah’s \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**

With no valiant men to stand up and meet the demand of judging Israel, it fell upon Deborah to speak the word of the LORD. By necessity, she rose up and led the people of God.

*1 Corinthians 1:27 ~ But God chose what is foolish in the world to shame the wise; God chose what is weak in the world to shame the strong.*

1. **Needed \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**

Deborah put her trust in God’s word and faced the conflict that awaited. Her courage was built, not on her prowess as a warrior but on the promise of God.

*Hebrews 12:33-34 ~ …who through faith conquered kingdoms, enforced justice, obtained promises, stopped the mouths of lions, quenched the power of fire, escaped the edge of the sword, were made strong out of weakness…*

1. **Faithful \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**

Who do you praise when victory is won? Politicians, warriors, leaders who take their stand all deserve their own recognition – but it is to God be the glory! He is the one who delivers, He is the one who rescues and He is the one who has commanded your victory.

*1 John 5:4 ~ For everyone who has been born of God overcomes the world. And this is the victory that has overcome the world—our faith.*

**1 Corinthians 15:58**

**Therefore, my beloved brothers, be steadfast, immovable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, knowing that in the Lord your labor is not in vain.**

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**Additional Scripture References**

*(And Rabbit Trails Bible Study)*

**Nehemiah 1:8-9**

*Remember the word that you commanded your servant Moses, saying, 'If you are unfaithful, I will scatter you among the peoples, but if you return to me and keep my commandments and do them, though your outcasts are in the uttermost parts of heaven, from there I will gather them and bring them to the place that I have chosen, to make my name dwell there.'*

**1 John 5:19**

*We know that we are from God, and the whole world lies in the power of the evil one.*

**1 Timothy 4:12**

*Let no one despise you for your youth, but set the believers an example in speech, in conduct, in love, in faith, in purity.*

**Psalm 8:2**

*Out of the mouth of babies and infants, you have established strength because of your foes, to still the enemy and the avenger.*

**Joel 3:10**

*Beat your plowshares into swords, and your pruning hooks into spears; let the weak say, "I am a warrior."*

**Philippians 1:20**

*...as it is my eager expectation and hope that I will not be at all ashamed, but that with full courage now as always Christ will be honored in my body, whether by life or by death.*

**1 Corinthians 15:56-57**

*The sting of death is sin, and the power of sin is the law. But thanks be to God, who gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ.*

**Proverbs 21:31**

*The horse is made ready for the day of battle, but the victory belongs to the LORD.*

**1 Chronicles 29:11**

*Yours, O LORD, is the greatness and the power and the glory and the victory and the majesty, for all that is in the heavens and in the earth is yours. Yours is the kingdom, O LORD, and you are exalted as head above all.*