



BRAVE WOMEN RUN IN MY FAMILY

Connect Study 14

DEBOARAH – BEING BATTLE WISE

*"Finally, be strong in the Lord and in his mighty power. Put on the full armor of God, so that you can take your stand against the devil's schemes."
(Ephesians 6:10, 11 NIV)*

In order to understand Deborah, who we will be looking at in the next week or so, we need to understand the situation that repeated in a destructive pattern throughout the book of Judges. Deborah was called by God to lead Israel in a time of war and she showed that she was strong and ready for the challenge. As Christians we need to become battle-wise, not against natural but against spiritual enemies.

Take some time to consider the following questions in relation to your own life:

Read the Study Tip and Judges 2:7-12.

Discuss how the story of Othniel illustrates the cycle found throughout Judges. How might this pattern apply to your own life? What do you need to be aware of?

Read Judges 2:20-3:4.

Why did God leave some of Israel's enemies in the land? Who are some of the enemies that you might need to fight today? How good are you at distinguishing between natural and spiritual enemies?

Read Ephesians 6:10-17.

Discuss the various pieces of armour and their uses. Which of these do you think you have on and which do you need to put on?

Read Ephesians 6:13 and 18-20.

Notice the emphasis on praying for one another. This armour is more than just about personal defence but is about the defence of the church. How can we help each other to arrive on that day of evil, whatever it might look like, as conquerors?



STUDY TIP

It is helpful to recognize the cycle of behavior that continues throughout the book of Judges and that will apply when we study Deborah. Read the following verses.

- Israel does evil in God's eyes by serving the Canaanite Baals (Judges 2:10-13)
- They experience God's anger in the form of failure in battle and oppression by their enemies (Judges 2:14, 15)]
- They cry out to God and he rescues them by sending a judge as deliverer (Judges 2:16,17)
- When the judge dies the cycle begins all over again (Judges 2:17-20)

PRAY

- Pray for each other that you may be battle wise.

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