

BEING A Spiritual Mother

Connect 15

'Villagers in Israel would not fight; they held back until I, Deborah, arose, until I arose, a mother in Israel.'
(Judges 5:7 NIV)

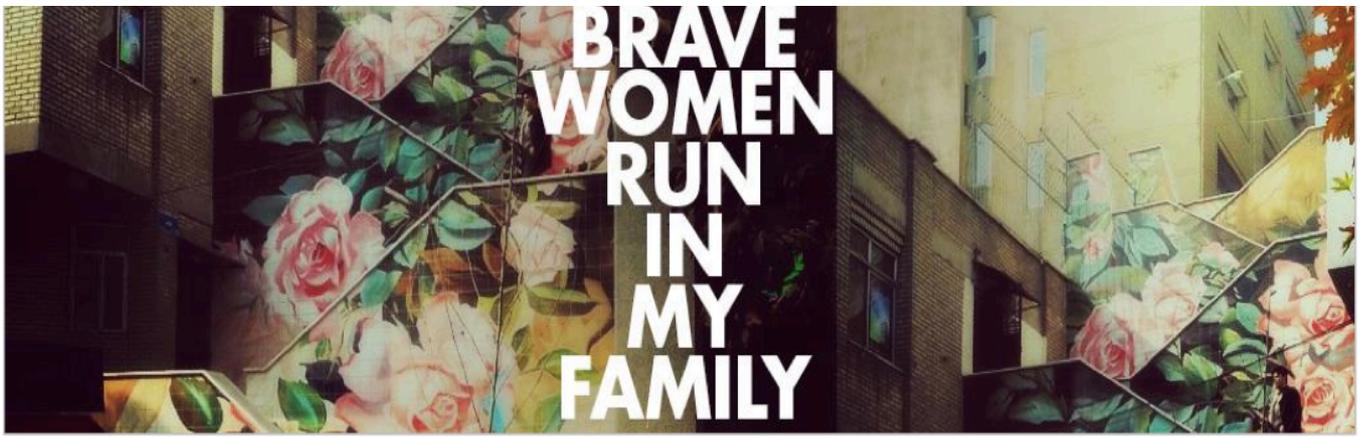
DEBORAH: *calling them back into relationship with God.*

Deborah, the wife of Lappidoth, was a prophet, a judge and a spiritual mother in Israel, at a time when most people had turned away from and forgotten about God. There was no one to lead the people, but Deborah rose up and followed the call of God on her life. In the middle of a male-dominated society she became influential. She could easily have hidden, but she walked confidently in her calling because she knew and trusted the voice of God. In the same way Deborah was committed to see people rise into their God given calling.

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

- **Read John 3:30 and Acts 13:47.** What is the ultimate purpose for God's call on our lives? In what ways can we either fail to be a light to others or else fail to decrease in order that Jesus may increase?





- In Judges 4:9 we see that Deborah walked confidently in her calling. Discuss how you can grow in confidence when it comes to your calling.
- **Read Matthew 14:22-33.** What is Jesus calling you to do, maybe for the first time? And what is it that wants to hold you back from doing it?
- As a spiritual mother Deborah encouraged, empowered, educated, and loved without condition; she was fully committed to peoples' destiny. Being a spiritual mother does not depend on age or marital status. Who are you a spiritual mother to? Who could you be a spiritual mother to? What might that look like?

Study tip: When we study a person or passage of Scripture, it is important that we also read it in context. The context can change the whole meaning of a passage. It gives us insights into the situation and why the passage was written. Getting to know background information is pivotal for our understanding and application of the passage.

Pray: Pray for each other that you may learn to walk confidently in your calling and that God would equip you to be a spiritual mother.

Highlights:

- Cultural nights at our Sunday night services for the month of September.
- Kidfest Oct 1st.

