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FROM BOUND TO FREE

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SMALL GROUP STUDY GUIDE

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In the book of Judges, the Children of Israel go through a series of cycles which took place in a four-part sequence. They depart from God. God chastises Israel by permitting military defeat and oppression. The Children of Israel prays for deliverance. God raises up Judges who lead them in the defeat of the oppressors.

While God's love is never-ending and He is merciful, the Children of Israel were locked in a cycle of:

- Sin
- Slavery
- Supplication
- Salvation
- Silence

This week, we look at Ehud. Ehud was the second Judge of Israel, who God sent to deliver Israel from oppression.

WHAT DO WE KNOW ABOUT THIS DELIVERER?

- His name Ehud - united and strong
- His father's name is Gera
- He is from the tribe of Benjamin
- He is a left-handed man (considered to be a handicap)
- Every time his parents called him they called him STRONG

FACTS ABOUT LEFT HANDED PEOPLE

- It makes you think differently
- It makes you a better fighter
- It may affect your school performance
- You are more likely to use both sides of your brain

NEW POST: THIS FEATURE SENDS A PUSH NOTIFICATION TO USERS/FOLLOWERS WHEN POSTS GO LIVE.

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- It is time to send a push notification that things have changed.
- God is using the least expected to do something unexpected.
- You are different and were created to see and do things differently to break the cycle and change future generations.
- You have to be careful not to let others' ideas about you have you bound.
- Get free and break out into the ideas that God has for your life.

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OLD POST

Judges 3:14 NIV - *The Israelites were subject to Eglon king of Moab for eighteen years.*

- They were subject to Moab because of sin.
- Your failure to obey will cause you to be stuck in something that was never intended for you.
- You cannot act in foolishness, ingratitude, and rebellion without consequences.

How often is it said of you, that you do what is right in your own eyes? What cycle were you trapped in? Recall a time when you stepped out of God's timing. What happened? How did you recover from it?

NEW POST

Judges 3:30 NIV - *That day Moab was made subject to Israel, and the land had peace for eighty years.*

- Some things are happening suddenly and you must understand the timing of God.
- Your freedom will be longer than your bondage and your latter is going to be greater.

Think about when God turned your situation. How did that impact you and your family? What are you doing with the peace that God provided?

CREATIVE

Judges 3:16 NIV - Now Ehud *had made a double-edged sword* about a cubit long, which he strapped to his right thigh under his clothing.

- One definition of creative is an alternative solution to a problem.
- Everyone is creative because you are made in the image and likeness of God (the Creator). Guard your creativity.
- Free God up to give you creativity and vision to help you get out of your situation. He can't do a new thing until you accept it.
 - David was creative with a sling and stone
 - Noah was creative to build an ark
 - Moses was creative with a staff that was known as a stick
 - Jesus was creative to turn water into wine
- Heaven is full of ideas. Your creativity is where your money, elevation, and freedom is.
- Learn to embrace your uniqueness even when others don't. Your exit is going to be different (unique).

What has God called you to create? What are you doing with the vision? Have you set goals, are you working towards it?

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COURAGEOUS

- You need courage with your creativity to execute that great idea.
- Without courage you will be stuck inside something you had the ability to get free from.

He is a PRESENTER

*Judges 3:17 NIV-He presented the **tribute** to Eglon king of Moab, who was a very fat man.*

- God will allow you to stand before those who doubted you.
- Ehud's uniqueness allows him to get close.
- Be courageous to approach something that is bigger than you.
- Be courageous to attack something that had you captive for 18 years.
- Be courageous to use something that is more powerful than you.

He is a MESSENGER

*Judges 3:19 NIV - But on reaching the stone images near Gilgal he himself went back to Eglon and said, "Your Majesty, I **have a secret message for you.**" The king said to his attendants, "Leave us!" And they all left.*

- When God gives you a Word, you must decree it.
- God will send you into areas that others cannot tap into.

He is a DELIVERER

Judges 3:21 NIV - Ehud reached with his left hand, drew the sword from his right thigh and plunged it into the king's belly.

- Be conscious of where God is leading you. He is about to glorify what others are not paying attention to.
- God is giving you strength and authority to cancel every curse.
- You are evolving. There is more to you than what they first saw.
- You can't just be anything...you have to be a transformer.

What has God sent you to do? Did you complete the task? If not, why?

How have you transformed from who you were when God first called you?

CONSISTENT

Judges 3:21-23 NIV - Ehud reached with his left hand, drew the sword from his right thigh and plunged it into the king's belly. Even the handle sank in after the blade, and his bowels discharged. Ehud did not pull the sword out, and the fat closed in over it. Then Ehud went out to the porch ; he shut the doors of the upper room behind him and locked them.

- In your season of consistency you have to put all your efforts in one direction and eliminate distractions. Complete the assignment.

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- Pay attention because there is a message in the details.
- It only takes one day, one moment, and one touch to change your life.
- You aren't just coming out for you but for everyone behind you.

What causes you to start and stop working on what God has given you? What area in your life could use intense focus and consistency for the next three months?

LIFE APPLICATION

- Don't compromise with the world, it leads to defeat.
- Don't sin, it results in suffering.
- Don't wait until you are without hope to cry out to God.
- Don't do what is right in your own eyes. Do what's right in God's eyes.

PRAYER

Lord, thank You for creating me to be unique and different. You have given me creativity that allows me to be a courageous change agent for Your kingdom. I surrender to the call to serve as Your presenter, messenger and deliverer. I will continually present my body and will to You as a living sacrifice. I will be a messenger of Your Word through the creative channels You have given me. I will deliver my bloodline from the curses that have plagued my family. In Jesus name, Amen!