

**Running With The Giants**  
**Deborah**  
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**Hebrews 12:1** Therefore, since we are surrounded by such a **great cloud of witnesses**, let us **throw off everything** that hinders and the sin that so easily entangles, and let us run with perseverance the **race marked out for us**.

**Key Thought:** When you face overwhelming odds...Do not limit the limitless God! With Him, face the future unafraid because you are never alone.

**Joshua 24:16** The people replied, We would never abandon the Lord and serve other gods.

**Judges 2:10-11** After that generation died, another generation grew up who did not acknowledge the Lord or remember the mighty things he had done for Israel. The Israelites did evil in the Lord's sight and served the images of Baal.

**Judges 4:4** Deborah, the wife of Lappidoth, was a prophet who was judging Israel at that time.

When we face overwhelming odds:

- ✓ Encouragement makes all the difference.

**Judges 4:8-14** Barak told her, "I will go, but only if you go with me." "Very well," she replied, "I will go with you. But you will receive no honor in this venture, for the Lord's victory over Sisera will be at the hands of a woman." So Deborah went with Barak to Kedesh. At Kedesh, Barak called together the tribes of Zebulun and Naphtali, and 10,000 warriors went up with him. Deborah also went with him...Then Deborah said to Barak, "Get ready! This is the day the Lord will give you victory over Sisera, for the Lord is marching ahead of you."

**Hebrews 11:32** How much more do I need to say? It would take too long to recount the stories of the faith of Gideon, Barak, Samson, Jephthah, David, Samuel, and all the prophets.

- ✓ We need to be brave.

**Judges 5:7** There were few people left in the villages of Israel—until Deborah arose as a mother for Israel.

**Joshua 1:9** This is my command—be strong and courageous! Do not be afraid or discouraged. For the Lord your God is with you wherever you go.

Deborah's Words of Encouragement:

1. Be willing to stand out when others don't expect it.

**Philippians 4:13** For I can do everything through Christ, who gives me strength.

2. Be willing to speak out when God expects it.

**Judges 4:5** She would sit under the Palm of Deborah, between Ramah and Bethel in the hill country of Ephraim, and the Israelites would go to her for judgment.

3. Be willing to step out when others depend on it.

**Walk Away:** God causes all things to work together for good.

**Romans 8:27-29** And the Father who knows all hearts knows what the Spirit is saying, for the Spirit pleads for us believers in harmony with God's own will. And we know that God causes everything to work together for the good of those who love God and are called according to his purpose for them. For God knew his people in advance, and he chose them to become like his Son, so that his Son would be the firstborn among many brothers and sisters.

**Ephesians 2:10** For we are God's masterpiece. He has created us anew in Christ Jesus, so we can do the good things he planned for us long ago.

UPCOMING EVENTS:

**Kids Summerblast** – Register online today!

June 19-21 from 9am-12pm, ages Kindergarten – 5<sup>th</sup> grade.

**Move Up Day – June 24<sup>th</sup>!** This is the day your children will transition into their new grade. Incoming 6<sup>th</sup> graders will now go in to 4eighth!

**Serve Day – Saturday, July 14th**