

Next Steps

- Today, *for the first time*, I pray
Lord Jesus, I want to be fierce and accept You as my Savior. Thank you for forgiving my sins. I trust You with my life. Amen
- This week, I will examine my own patterns. I will turn away from anything that keeps me from following Jesus.
- I will memorize *Psalms 121:2*:
“My help comes from the Lord, the Maker of heaven and earth.”
- I will join a Fierce Bible Study for 6 weeks on Tuesday nights.
- I want to go to Man Camp, with Jim and the guys, Feb 21-22. Contact me at _____



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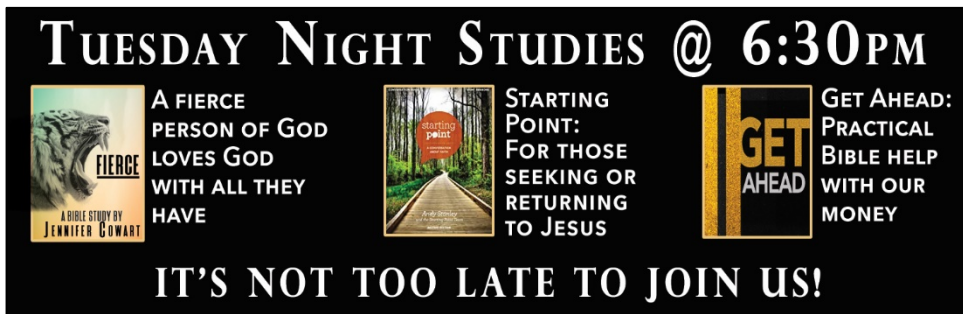
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Fierce Life of Deborah

“Deborah, the wife of Lappidoth, was a prophet who was judging Israel at that time. She would sit under the Palm of Deborah...in the hill country of Ephraim, and the Israelites would go to her for judgment.”
Judges 4:4-5 (NLT)

I. Time Frame:

- Moses leads “children of Israel” out of slavery in Egypt
- Joshua leads Israel into the Promised Land after 40 years in the desert
- Period of the Judges (Judges 2:16-23)

II. Israel’s Recurring Problems:

- A. Israel **_____ TURNS AWAY FROM _____** God.
- B. God allows another nation **_____ TO CONQUER _____** Israel.
- C. Israel **_____ CRIES FOR HELP _____**. God **_____ DELIVERS _____** Israel.
- D. Repeat

1. Judge Othniel

“The Israelites did evil in the Lord’s sight. They forgot about the Lord their God, and they served the images of Baal and the Asherah poles.” Judges 3:7 (NLT)

“But when the people of Israel cried out to the Lord for help, the Lord raised up a rescuer to save them. His name was Othniel...” Judges 3:9 (NLT)

2. Judge Ehud

“Once again the Israelites did evil in the Lord’s sight, and the Lord gave King Eglon of Moab control over Israel because of their evil.” Judges 3:12 (NLT)

“But when the people of Israel cried out to the Lord for help, the Lord again raised up a rescuer to save them. His name was Ehud...” Judges 3:15 (NLT)

3. Judge **_____ DEBORAH _____**

“After Ehud’s death, the Israelites again did evil in the Lord’s sight.” Judges 4:1 (NLT)

“Then the people of Israel cried out to the Lord for help. Deborah, the wife of Lappidoth, was a prophet who was judging Israel at that time.” Judges 4:3b-4 (NLT)

III. The Story of Deborah:

| <i>Bad Guys</i> | <i>Good Guys</i> |
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| · King Jabin – Canaanite King that conquers Israel | · Deborah – Judge of Israel |
| · General Sisera – Commands King Jabin’s army | · General Barak – new commander of Israel’s army |

IV. Lessons from Deborah:

1. Beware of personal (and national) short-term

_____ MEMORY _____ and **_____ LOYALTY _____** to God.

“The Israelites did evil in the eyes of the Lord; they forgot the Lord their God and served the Baals and the Asherahs. The anger of the Lord burned against Israel so that He sold them into the hands of [the] king of Aram Naharaim...for eight years.”

Judges 3:7-8 (NIV)

[Jesus] *“Yes, I am the vine; you are the branches. Those who remain in Me, and I in them, will produce much fruit. For apart from Me you can do nothing...if you remain in Me and My words remain in you, you may ask for anything you want, and it will be granted! When you produce much fruit, you are My true disciples. This brings great glory to My Father.”*

John 15:5-8 (NLT)

2. Sometimes your **_____ ENEMIES _____** have a purpose.

_____ TEST _____

[God] *“I will use them to test Israel and see whether they will keep the way of the Lord and walk in it as their ancestors did.’ The Lord had allowed those nations to remain; He did not drive them out at once by giving them into the hands of Joshua.”*

Judges 2:22-23 (NIV)

_____ TEACH _____

“These are the nations the Lord left to test all those Israelites who had not experienced any of the wars in Canaan (He did this only to teach warfare to the descendants of the Israelites who had not had previous battle experience...”

Judges 3:1-2 (NIV)

3. **_____ CRY OUT _____** to God for help.

“Because [Sisera]...had cruelly oppressed the Israelites for twenty years, they cried to the Lord for help.”

Judges 4:3b (NIV)

“But you never ask for help from the One who did all this. You never considered the One who planned this long ago.”

Isaiah 22:11b (NLT)

“If you need wisdom, ask our generous God, and He will give it to you. He will not rebuke you for asking.”

James 1:5 (NLT)

“My help comes from the Lord, the Maker of heaven and earth.” Psalms 121:2 (NIV)

4. _____ **REPENT** _____, _____ **OBEY** _____ and follow
_____ **JESUS CLOSELY** _____.

“[Jesus] ‘I know all the things you do, and that you have a reputation for being alive—but you are dead. Wake up! Strengthen what little remains, for even what is left is almost dead. I find that your actions do not meet the requirements of my God. Go back to what you heard and believed at first; hold to it firmly. Repent and turn to Me again. If you don’t wake up, I will come to you suddenly, as unexpected as a thief.’”
Revelation 3:1-3 (NLT)

Translations:
New Living Translation (NLT) New International Version (NIV)