

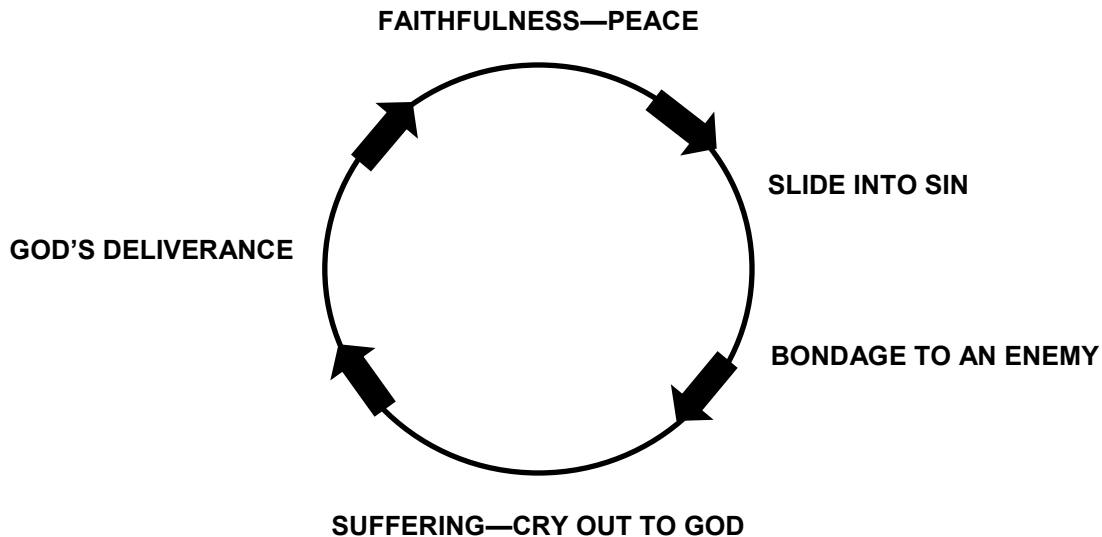
REAL HEROES FOR DARK DAYS

A STUDY OF JUDGES

#4: DEBORAH: CHOOSE FAITH OVER FEAR—JUDGES 4-5

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I. THE DESTRUCTIVE CYCLE OF SIN CONTINUES



II. REVIEW AND CONCLUSION OF JUDGES CHAPTER 3

God empowers what I have!

...‘You will not succeed by your own strength or power, but by my Spirit,’ says the LORD All-Powerful.

Zechariah 4:6 (NCV)

III. HOW DEBORAH CHOSE FAITH OVER FEAR – JUDGES 4-5

1. Keys to victorious faith—4:1-23

- Listen to the Lord (v.1-7)

- **Encourage those around me (v.8-10)**

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. By faith these people overthrew kingdoms, ruled with justice, and received what God had promised them. They shut the mouths of lions, quenched the flames of fire, and escaped death by the edge of the sword. Their weakness was turned to strength. They became strong in battle and put whole armies to flight.

Hebrews 11:32-34 (NLT)

- **Trust the Lord to do what I cannot do (v.11-16)**

“When you go out to fight your enemies and you face horses and chariots and an army greater than your own, do not be afraid. The LORD your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt, ...For the LORD your God is going with you! He will fight for you against your enemies, and he will give you victory!”

Deuteronomy 20:1,4 (NLT)

Some trust in chariots. Some trust in horses. But we trust in the Lord our God.

Psalm 20:7 (NIRV)

- **Know that God can give me the victory in unexpected ways (v.17-24)**

So put to death the sinful, earthly things lurking within you. Have nothing to do with sexual immorality, impurity, lust, and evil desires. Don't be greedy, for a greedy person is an idolater, worshiping the things of this world.

Colossians 3:5 (NLT)

2. Song of victorious faith—5:1-31

- **Give the Lord the credit He deserves (v.1-12)**

- **Thank God for those who help (v.13-18)**

- **Praise the Lord for His supernatural intervention (v.19-23)**

- **Express gratitude for a courageous woman (v.24-31)**

Trusting God's faithfulness dispels our fearfulness
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