

Wake up Deborah

In the book of Joshua we read that God called Israel to cross over the Jordan and to go in and possess the Promised Land. They were to completely drive out and destroy the Canaanites that lived there. Israel took possession of the Promised Land but they refused to obey God and completely destroy the enemy. They accommodated them instead! In chapter 4 of Judges we find Israel in bondage to the very people they were to have destroyed! How often in our own lives we do not deal thoroughly with sin. We try to live the Christian life and still accommodate sin. We should not be surprised when the very sins we refused to let God cleanse enslave and destroy us.

Preparation for Prayer:

Personal Inventory

Are you accommodating any known sin in your life? Are you willing to confess it and let Jesus make your heart and life "squeaky" clean so that you are not oppressed by the evil one.

Prayer for our church:

Pray that God would reveal any sin that is being "accommodated" instead of being cleansed and forgiven. Pray for TRUTH to be revealed and for strength to do what is right. "And you shall know the truth and the truth shall set you free."

YIPEE!!!

II. Judges 4:4-5, 5:7

The second thing we see in this chapter is the incredible value of ONE Person who seeks truth and does what is right. Jeremiah 5:1. What does the Bible tell us about Deborah?

She was a prophetess (4:4). She was a wife (4:4). She was a mother (5:7). She was a judge (4:5).

What does it mean to be a prophetess? It means that Deborah was a woman who knew God intimately. In spite of the apostate age in which she lived, she had chosen to know and love Him with ALL her heart and not to "accommodate" sin! Yipee!!!

She was a wife, the wife of Lapidoth and a mama. The Word says she was judging Israel. She would sit under a palm tree between Bethel and Ramah and the people would come to her for counsel and advice.

Preparation for Prayer:

Personal Inventory

- 1) Do you know Jesus Christ intimately?
- 2) Do you love Him with all your heart?
- 3) Is there fruit from your life? Do people come to you to hear more about Jesus?
- 4) Do you sometimes feel inadequate and think God can't use me. "I'm just a wife or mom or a career woman." I have the greatest news for you. Jesus wants to use all of us! Our fruitfulness for Him comes out of an intimate love relationship with God Himself. Do you know personally the joy of intimacy with God?

Prayer for our Church

- 1) Ask Jesus to lift up men, women and children in our church who like Deborah know and love God with all their hearts.
- 2) Ask Jesus to raise up fruitful Christians who are bringing people to Jesus.
- 3) Ask for wisdom to be given to pastors and church leaders as they proclaim the gospel and counsel their people.
- 4) Pray for trinity unity and calvary love in our marriages, our families and in the church.

III. Judges 4:6-8

The third thing we notice in the story of Deborah is that God is a communicating God. He gave Deborah a plan for throwing off the cruel oppression of the enemy. The plan is very specific. She was to call Barak and tell him that God had commanded him to deploy troops at Mt. Tabor. He was to take 10,000 men from the tribes of Naphtall and Zebulon. He was to meet Sisera in battle at the River Kishon and God would deliver him into Barak's hand!

Preparation for Prayer:

Personal Inventory

- 1) Are there any places in your life where you need direction? One of the blessings of loving God with all our hearts is that we begin to hear His voice and He can guide and direct us in our daily lives.

Prayer for the Church

Pray for the church to get God's plan for how to defeat the enemy and to reach a lost world with the knowledge of Jesus.

IV. Judges 4:8-16

The fourth thing we see from the life of Deborah is that she not only loved God with all her heart but she was willing to trust God with all her heart. Proverbs 3:5-6 says, "Trust in the Lord with all your heart and lean not unto your own understanding in all your ways acknowledge Him and He will direct your paths." Once Deborah knew God's plan she had a choice as to whether she would trust and obey or like the rest of her countrymen disobey. Even though the situation was overwhelming she chose to trust and obey God! **YIPPEE!!!!!! *All of history is different because of her choice.***

Preparation for Prayer:

Personal Inventory

- 1) Are you and I willing to trust Jesus with all our hearts like Deborah and do whatever He tells us and go wherever He sends us. For Deborah it meant going to battle what would it mean for you?
- 2) Do we know God well enough that He can lead us in detail as to how to bring down the cruel oppression of the evil one?
- 3) Do we trust Him and are we willing to obey Him at personal risk and loss of comfort?
- 4) Do we have courage to go after the enemy until his power is broken and people are set free to know and love Jesus!

Prayer for the Church

Pray for our churches that they would trust God and be empowered by the Holy Spirit to aggressively unite and pray until stronghold's are broken and the enemy is forced to concede defeat in our lives, our homes, our churches, our communities, our nation and the world.

Pray for courage for our churches to trust and obey God even if it means taking risks so that the evil one might be destroyed and the whole world might know Jesus!

Awake, Awake, Deborah
Awake, Awake, Sing a Song
Arise Barak and lead your
Captives away,
O Son of Abinoam

Jeremiah 5:12

As a result of studying the story of Deborah, the women of Titus Women's Bible Study in Wilmore, KY started a prayer thrust called "Wake up Deborah." Everyday at 12:00 noon we are praying for REVIVAL. We are asking Jesus to first of all revive us, and then touch our families, our churches, our communities, and our nation with a fresh awareness of Himself. We would like to invite you to join with us and "Wake up Deborah!"