

# CHARACTER LESSONS FROM BIBLE HEROES

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## Deborah: Courage

And it is impossible to please God without faith. Anyone who wants to come to him must believe that God exists and that he rewards those who sincerely seek him. Hebrews 11:6

I) Courage does NOT mean:

A) That you are never \_\_\_\_\_.

B) Taking \_\_\_\_\_ risks.

Or what king would go to war against another king without first sitting down with his counselors to discuss whether his army of 10,000 could defeat the 20,000 soldiers marching against him? And if he can't, he will send a delegation to discuss terms of peace while the enemy is still far away. Luke 14:31-32

C) Going it \_\_\_\_\_.

D) It's easily \_\_\_\_\_.

E) Always being \_\_\_\_\_.

II) Courage is the strength to \_\_\_\_\_ God even when I am \_\_\_\_\_ and even when it is difficult.

Be on guard. Stand firm in the faith. Be courageous. Be strong. 1 Corinthians 16:13

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

Judges 4:4-5

### To Be BRAVE I:

I) \_\_\_\_\_ God

A) And I will call out Sisera, commander of Jabin's army, along with his chariots and warriors, to the Kishon River. There I will give you victory over him." Judges 4:7

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

C) So take courage! For I believe God. It will be just as he said. Acts 27:25

II) \_\_\_\_\_ my border bullies

A) For God has not given us a spirit of fear and timidity, but of power, love, and self-discipline. 2

Timothy 1:7

B) Sisera, who had 900 iron chariots, ruthlessly oppressed the Israelites for twenty years. Then the people of Israel cried out to the LORD for help. Judges 4:3

C) For troubles surround me— too many to count! My sins pile up so high I can't see my way out. They outnumber the hairs on my head. I have lost all courage. Psalm 40:12

D) But when I am afraid, I will put my trust in you. Psalm 56:3

III) \_\_\_\_\_ Boldly - Despite my Fear - Despite my Border Bullies.

A) One day she sent for Barak son of Abinoam, who lived in Kedesh in the land of Naphtali. She said to him, "This is what the LORD, the God of Israel, commands you: Call out 10,000 warriors from the tribes of Naphtali and Zebulun at Mount Tabor. Judges 4:6

B) 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." Joshua 1:9

IV) \_\_\_\_\_ Alone if Necessary but Include Others if Possible

A) 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. Judges 4:8-9

V) \_\_\_\_\_ the Battle Today

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B) And from that time on Israel became stronger and stronger against King Jabin until they finally destroyed him. Judges 4:24

So be strong and courageous, all you who put your hope in the LORD! Psalm 31:24