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BOOK: Judges

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Opening Questions:

- a. Name a song you find yourself singing to celebrate a big win in your life. Do you find the lyrics special?
- b. What adjective would you be surprised God used to describe you?

Describe the most recent time you received a sign of confirmation from God?

Discussion Questions:

Chapter 4

1. How would you characterize Barak's dependence on Deborah – weak faith, wisdom, or humility? (verse 8) (*Hebrews 11:32–34, Ex. 4:10-14*)
2. Was Deborah's prophecy in verse 9, a punishment or a mere fact?
3. Why do you think the tribes of Zebulun and Naphtali were on the front lines first? (verse 10)
4. What is the relationship between the Kenites and Jabin?
5. Discuss the role of Jael in this passage. Was she doing the Lord's work or acting on her own?
6. What role might her background have played in her decision making?

Chapter 5

7. Are there any clues as to how life in Israel was like at this time?

8. Is there further insight into the specifics on how the Israelites defeated the Canaanites? (*Judges 4:12-14*) What individual tribes are mentioned in this passage (verses 14-18)?

9. How do Deborah and Barak attribute the responses to the call to battle.

10. How does the song address their actions?

11. Describe Sisera's mother's behavior in verses 28-30? How should believers wrestle with justice and human suffering? (*Matt. 5:43-48, Rom. 12:19-21*)

12. Should believers use the prayer in verse 31 as a guide or template for prayer? Why or why not? (*Luke 6:27-36*)

Chapter 6

13. In the 7 years before Gideon, what has been the situation like in Israel? Are the people regretful or repentant? (

14. Who were the Midianites? In what way were they afflicting Israel? (*Gen. 25:2, 37:28*)

15. How are the Midianites reflective of the warnings given by Moses? (*Deut. 28, Psalm 44:1-3, 9-16*)

16. How does Gideon's origin story differ from the other deliverers, (i.e., Othniel, Ehud, Shamgar, Deborah)?

17. How do you think the people received the prophet's message?

18. Why was Gideon beating out wheat in the wine press? Does this give us any insight into his character?

19. Why does the angel of the LORD call Gideon a "mighty man of valor" while he is hiding in a winepress?

20. Does Gideon's have an accurate understanding of the relationship between Israel's condition and God in verse 13??

21 List the reasons why Gideon objects to being chosen. How might his background play a part in his insecurity? (*Joshua 17:2*)

22. Who is the angel of the Lord in this chapter? When in this chapter does Gideon realize who he is?

23. Why did Gideon want to present an offering?

24. Is there any symbolism in the instructions Gideon is given in verses 26-26? Is this required before the Lord will give him victory?

25. How do you characterize Gideon's response? Is it faith, fear, partial obedience?

26. The townspeople want to execute Gideon for destroying Baal's altar (*Jud. 6:30*). What does this reveal about the depth of Israel's idolatry and how (*Deut. 13:6-10*)

27. Discuss Joash's defense in verses 31-32. Is this a father's protection, a faith issue or something else?

28. How does Joash reflect the state of Israel at this time? (*Deut. 13:6-10*)