

[Deborah | Women of the Old Testament #2](#)

Homework

Day 1: The Book of Judges and Sin

Read: [Judges 2](#)

- Why did God command Israel to drive out other nations from their land?
- Israel didn't fully drive out the Canaanites. What were the consequences? Why did this anger God?
- Israel didn't obey God. This showed they didn't trust him to know best - they thought they could do it their way. What are some things that you know God has said or done that haven't made sense to you? Can you trust and obey him even when you don't understand?

Watch: [Sin Cycle in Judges](#)

- What sin cycles have you seen in your close family? How about in your own heart?
- Think through specific times when you saw God's mercy as he interrupted your sin cycle or a family member's sin cycle. God allowed other nations to oppress God's people in the book of Judges so they would turn back to him. When God allows painful things to happen to bring you back to him, how can you receive it as an act of mercy?

Pray: Read [Psalm 51](#)

- Think about this chapter and notice David's heart and attitude.
- Confess your sinful heart to God and receive his mercy. Think about and list some of the sins you have in your life (jealousy, anger, greed, sexual sin, gossip and dissension, addiction, etc.) and ask for forgiveness and mercy.
- Invite God to show you any other areas of sin in your life or the things that are holding you back.
- Ask God to release you of those past transgressions and to be reminded of his mercies everyday.

Day 2: Deborah's Leadership

Read: [Judges 4:4-14](#)

- What are some adjectives you would use to describe Deborah's role in Israel? Based on these verses, what was Deborah's relationship with God like? How do you think her relationship with God affected her actions and statements?
- What are areas God is asking you to lead in your life today? What are ways you know you could personally learn from Deborah's example here?

Watch: [Boost Your Leadership with These 6 Principles](#)

- Journal your thoughts on leadership based on this video.

- In your world of leading, whether it's on a very small scale or a large one, which one of these principles can you put into practice this week?

Pray: Read: [Proverbs 11:14](#), [1 Corinthians 12:28](#)

- Confess your need for God and any failures or areas in which you've refused to lead as he has called you.
- Invite God to show you areas where He wants you to grow as a leader (whether with your family, in work, in a ministry, etc.)
- Ask God for the wisdom, strength, and commitment to lead as he is calling you to, in whatever area he has given you.

Day 3: Courage

Read: [Deuteronomy 31:6-8](#)

- What are the reasons God gave Joshua to overcome his fear and have courage?
- Journal what fears you have as you feel called to lead.
- How are the promises God made to Joshua reassuring to you as you face your fears?

Watch: [Three Fears Every Leader Must Face](#)

- Do you identify with one, two, or all three of these?
- Re-read the verses that provide the antidote to your fears.
- Journal and pray that God would help you overcome those fears and trust God's antidote.

Pray: Read [Psalm 34](#)

- Notice how the writer of Psalm 34 starts by praising God, then gets to verse four where God frees him from all his fears. Notice how his worldly desperation and trouble is replaced by the fear of the Lord, (Psalm 34:9-11).
- Confess fears you are holding on to, and acknowledge God is greater than those fears.
- Invite God to show you his strength. Listen to or re-read the chapter to see why you can trust him.
- Ask God to strengthen you in faith as you move forward with courage.