

Sermon Study Guide – Judges 4-5

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Title: **“Arise!”**

Sermon Idea: Those who trust God will arise to His call.

Key Points:

1. Arise with God-based confidence to your specific calling.
2. Serve God’s purposes enthusiastically and selflessly.
3. Celebrate and remember God’s victories on your behalf.

What do I want people to know? I want people to know that God honors those who trust Him. He strengthens them to do what He calls them to do. Ignoring God’s call is an act of unbelief and will be judged severely.

What do I want people to do? I want people to (1) maximize their current platforms, (2) differentiate between responsibility and concern and (3) celebrate God’s victories.

What need am I addressing? I am addressing the need to join God in His freedom work.

Recommended Resource: Timothy Keller, “Judges For You,” Henry Blackaby, “Experiencing God”

Intro: Who are some of the bravest women you’ve ever known in your life? What made them so brave?

Dig:

Day 1: Judges 4 describes the actions of Deborah and Barak. Describe what their partnership in ministry looks like. What roles do they each play?

Day 2: Judges 5 is a poetic description of the same battle. List the tribes that are named in this chapter. How do their participations in the battle differ?

Day 3: 1 Samuel 13:5-14 is an example of someone going outside the bounds of God’s role for them. Why is this such a big deal to God? Isn’t Saul just trying to help?

Day 4: John 3:22-30 is a great example of a willing servant content to serve his God-given role. What are some key components to being a willing servant?

Day 5: Hebrews 11:32-40 lists people who are commended for their faith (notice Barak!) What is faith (see vv.1-2) and how do the people listed here show forth their faith?

Apply:

1. Ask God how you can leverage your platform (resources, job, networks, etc...) for His kingdom purposes.
2. In every decision, ask God to show you what your responsibility is and what is simply a concern to pray about.
3. Write down how God is actively working in your life for future remembrance.

Pray: Dear God, You are my great Deliverer. Through You, I have been set free from the oppression of sin and death. Lord, please use me in Your great work of deliverance. Help me to be faithful, available, and teachable to go anywhere you wish by Your great power. In Jesus’ name, amen.
