

Brave Heart

(Courage in a World of Compromise)

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“Uncommon Faith” Judges 4-5

Jesus said that there are more than two kinds of seeing and hearing (Matt13:13). Judges chapters 4 & 5 are dealing with the same events from two different perspectives. Judges 4 is from an earthly perspective (historian) and Judges 5 is from a heavenly perspective (poet). In chapter 4 God’s hand is hinted at and in chapter 5 He is everywhere. Uncommon Faith lives in chapter 4 with a chapter 5 perspective. Heb11:1; 2Cor5:7

Uncommon Faith...

Judges 4:1-7

Preaches and teaches the Word of God v4 prophetess; Rev19:10 “For the testimony of Jesus is the spirit of prophecy” Numbers 11:29 “Would that all the Lord’s people were prophets...” Josh1:8; Deut6:4-9; 2Tim3:16-17

Lives a life of wisdom and character v5 “The people of Israel came to her for judgment ...” Men and women are equal in importance but difference in performance. Women are free to use their gifts in every role except the one God has reserved for men: Priests in the O.T. (Num3:10; Lev21) and then those who teach-with-authority in the New (1Tim3:1). The Men are to be the bouncers and take the bullets.

Motivates others to hear and heed God’s voice vv6-7 “Has not the Lord, the God of Israel, commanded you...” Heb10:24-25; Judges5:6-8

Verses 8-9

Recognizes that winning in life (spiritual warfare) is a team

sport v8 “if you will not go with me, I will not go...” Judges5:2, 9; Gifts of the Spirit Rom12:1-8; 1Cor12; Eph4:1-16; 1Pet4:10-11

Loves being used by God because we get the blessing and God gets the glory V9 “the road on which you are going will not lead to your glory...” Blessing is to be found in fighting for and with God. Conversely, there is a curse for those who do the opposite who stay at home (Judges 5:23-24).

Verses 10-15

Knows who it is who goes before you and shows courage in the face of humanly overwhelming odds v14; Ps60:12, 108:13

Realizes that we are no match for life’s difficulties but life’s difficulties are no match for our God V15; Judges5:4, 21; Ps121

Verses 16-24

Seeks justice but ultimately realizes that no one gets away with anything in God’s coming judgment Judges 5:28-30 Sisera liked to steal and rape and enslave women V30 “A womb (Heb. Wench, girl slave) or two for every man” v21 There is bit of poetic justice that the man who used women as objects is killed by a womanly object.

Understands that Divine sovereignty and human responsibility work together like two pedals on a bike Vv23-24; Pro21:30-31

Isn’t over honored by success or despairing in struggles because it sees God’s hand in everything, ever praising His grace. Judges 5:1-31; Eph5:20; Col3:17; 1Thess5:18; 2Cor9:8

Growing Notes

- 1) Jesus said that there are more than two kinds of seeing and hearing (Matt13:13). What did He mean? What is faith and what does it mean to walk by faith and not by sight (Heb11:1; 2Cor5:7)?
- 2) Read through the text (Judges 4:1-24) and review the points under the corresponding verses. Which one(s) are most relevant to you? Explain.
- 3) Judges chapters 4 & 5 are dealing with the same events from two different perspectives. In chapter 4 God’s hand is hinted at and in chapter 5 He is everywhere. What difference would it make to you if you always maintained both a Judges 4 and Judges 5 perspective on life?
- 4) What are some things you need to remember from this teaching and some steps you can begin to take to become a greater person of uncommon faith? Pray that we at db become people of Uncommon Faith.