

SERMON OUTLINE

(Pastor Jedic – Sept. 29, 2024)

TOPIC: Facing Our Battles (Trusting God's Faithfulness in the Valley)

SCRIPTURE: Judges 4:1-16,23

We find _____ (in the valley) when we _____ God & rely upon His _____.
(Ps. 56:3, Heb. 13:5b, Lam. 3:22-23, Mal. 3:6)

"Never be afraid to trust an unknown future to a known God." (Corrie Ten Boom)

Israelites repeated-cycle of sin/disobedience to God:

_____ (Rms. 3:23) _____ (Heb. 12:6) _____ (1Jn. 1:9) _____ (1Pt. 5:10)

Point: When God _____ He _____ and meets our deepest _____.

Apostle Paul knew by experience (trouble/hardship) that God provides our needs (Phil. 4:14-16, 19)
Sometimes God's solutions to our needs are different, but He knows how to respond (Matt. 6:8)

"Anything God has ever done, He can do now. Anything God has ever done anywhere, He can do here. Anything God has ever done for anyone, He can do for you." (A.W. Tozer)

Rather than destroy the enemy, God initially answers the Israelites cry for help by appointing a leader who was humble & surrendered to Him... **"Deborah, prophetess, was leading Israel at that time... the Israelites came to her to have their disputes decided."** (v.4,5b)

- God _____ people based upon their _____, not merely _____.
(1Sam. 16:7, Prov. 4:23, 31:30, 2Cor. 5:9-10)

"The most important thing in your life is not what you do; it's who you become. That's what you will take into eternity." (Dallas Willard)

While Barak received the command, God lead the charge & secured the victory through His supernatural power... **"The Lord, the God of Israel, commands you: Go... I will lure Sisera with chariots & troops and give him into your hands."** (v.6b,7) Barak needed to step out in faith & trust God's leading, **"... has not the Lord gone ahead of you?"** (v.14b)

- God's _____ never leads us where His _____ cannot _____ us.
(Ps. 32:8, Is. 41:10, 26:3, 2Cor. 12:9)

"Gods work done in Gods way will never lack Gods supplies." (Hudson Taylor) (+Ps. 143:13, Rms. 10:11)

God not only won the victory, but He humbled the enemy and the Israelites were not only set free from the cruel oppression (v.3) but also delivered from their sin (v.1) ... **"The Lord routed Sisera and all his chariots and army by the sword... (v.15a) All the troops of Sisera fell by the sword; not a man was left... (v.16b) On that day God subdued Jabin."** (v.23)

- We face our battles by _____ God & what's _____ for us is _____ with Him!
(Lk. 18:27, Eph. 3:20, Heb. 13:5b&8, Ps. 46:1)

"If it's not God's time, you can't force it. If it is God's time, you can't stop it." (Craig Groeschel)