



HIS-STORY: Volume I: The Old Testament Story
Chapter 4: Conquest of Canaan & the Period of Judges (Joshua, Judges, Ruth)

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1. Deborah and Barak
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3. Boaz’s Kindness and Compassion to a Foreigner
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Study/Discussion Questions:

1. In God's commission to Joshua, he repeatedly told him to "Be strong and courageous." What are some difficult areas in your life that you need to exercise courage?
2. The book of Judges is characterized by times when Israel forgot God's faithfulness in the past and turned to worship idols. What are some things that can become idols in our lives?
3. One of the slogans of the book of Judges is "There was no king in Israel, and everyone did what was right in their own eyes." What are some ways we fail to acknowledge that God is our king and act instead in self-centered ways?
4. In what ways is the book of Ruth a ray of light at a very dark time in Israel's life? What are some lessons we can learn from the actions and attitudes of Ruth? Of Boaz?

