

# STRANGE BUT TRUE

## Episode 6: *Unlikely Heroes*

### INTRODUCTION - Loving The God Above The Law

Judges 2:16-23

The message of Judges is that \_\_\_\_\_ living doesn't work.

### **REFLECTION QUESTION:**

*Do you really love God? Or are you just afraid of him?  
Or worse, are you just loving what the concept of God can do for you?*

### THE STORY - Jael The Tent Peg Chick

Judges 4-5

### PROBING THE PROBLEMS

There is a difference between glorifying violence and \_\_\_\_\_ violence while glorifying God.

### LOOKING DEEPER - Reading Below The Lines

### **LIFE LESSON #1:**

God uses unlikely people in \_\_\_\_\_ ways.  
5:24 / Luke 1:42

### **LIFE LESSON #2:**

No woman need be a mere feminized \_\_\_\_\_ of the man she loves.

4:11, 17

### **LIFE LESSON #3:**

God works through our \_\_\_\_\_, not through our \_\_\_\_\_.

4:8-9

### **LIFE LESSON #4:**

Nothing is valued more by God than ...

5:14-19, 23; John 15:13

### **CONCLUSION - Are You In Or Are You Out?**

5:14-23; 1 Corinthians 3:11-15

### HOME CHURCH QUESTIONS

#### WARMING UP...

1. After briefly reviewing this week's message, share one new thing you learned or one thing that most challenged, convicted, or encouraged you.
2. What "unlikely heroes" have most impacted your life?

#### LOOK TO THE BOOK...

3. Read about Ehud, one of the judges before Deborah in **Judges 3:12-30**. a) What verse stands out to you the most in this passage? Why? b) What do you think could be the significance of telling us that Ehud was i) of the tribe of Benjamin (recall our study of chapters 19-21), and ii) left-handed (note that "left-handed" here actually means "bound or crippled in the right hand")? (Note the title of this week's message.) c) Why do you think the Bible includes the kind of detail it does in verses like **3:20-25**? d) How do you think we should go about telling children these stories?
4. As discussed in the message, Deborah's Song in **Ch. 5** takes note of who laid their lives down in the risky battle and who sat on the sidelines and merely reaped the benefits. a) Regarding the mission and call of The Meeting House, what category would you find yourself in? Why? b) Read **1 Corinthians 3:10-15**. What is your first reaction upon reading these verses? Using **v. 12** as a guide, talk about the quality of the materials you are building your life with.
5. Jesus told the disciples that, in some way, all of the Old Testament pointed toward him (**Luke 24:27**). Can you learn anything about Jesus from **Judges 4-5**? What about other passages discussed so far in this series?

#### SO WHAT?...

6. Take a few moments (3-4 minutes) to meditate on **Judges 5:24 & Luke 1:42**. (If you like, after meditating share any new insights or old reminders that have come to mind.)
7. Pray for each other in light of #4 above.

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