

✓ Warriors Wanted

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Sometimes as we struggle in
difficult circumstances and
pray for God to remove them,
we need to understand that
God is often in fact training us
and working on our character.
see Judges 3:4

Judges 3:1-2 (NIV)

¹These are the nations the LORD left to test all those Israelites who had not experienced any of the wars in Canaan. ²He did this only to teach warfare to the descendants of the Israelites who had not had previous battle experience.

** These difficulties*

Judges 3:4 (NIV)

** (They)* were left to test the Israelites to see whether they would obey the LORD's commands, which he had given their ancestors through Moses. *God is manifesting,*

bringing to light if we will obey HIM.

Why doesn't God change our circumstances?

Summary of Judges 3:1-2&4:

1. The LORD left enemies to test us.
2. Those who had not experienced warfare.
3. Those who had not had previous battle experience.
4. To see whether we would obey the LORD's commands.

Why is this happening to me? Why are things are so difficult? *God's mind.*

1. To Identify God's People!
2. To Teach God's People warfare!
3. To Teach God's People how to stand for righteousness!
4. To Enable God's People to receive greater spiritual insights!
5. Because Warriors are Wanted!

**Even in the NT we see God is teaching us warfare
because Warriors Wanted.**

James 1:3–4 (ESV)

³ You know that **the testing** of your faith **produces** steadfastness. ⁴ And let steadfastness **have its full effect**, that you may be perfect and complete, lacking in nothing.



**Warriors Wanted – Men rise up God is teaching you
to war! Lead your family and stand for Jesus!**

Put on the armor of God for warfare!

Ephesians 6:11 (ESV)

Put on **the whole armor of God**, that you may be able to stand against the schemes of the devil.

Warriors Wanted – Women rise up your children are under attack!



Stand for Jesus! Courage of a Woman Warrior! God is teaching you how to war!

Several years ago a group of missionaries in South America were taken captive. Men, women, and children were held at gunpoint. Before the rebels departed, they took two men and one child as hostages. The mother of the child came forward in front of the rebels and stood between her child and the armed rebels. They would have to kill her before they took her child! The rebels left the child and took another man instead.

Warriors Wanted! God is “calling out” HIS people and teaching HIS people warfare!



Warrior's Wanted! However understand that God is not teaching violent physical actions, but a courageous and fearless heart.

This absolutely necessary today because:

#1 The world is not subject to any moral King or authority.

Judges 21:25 (ESV)

In those days there was no king in Israel. Everyone did what was right in his own eyes.

#2 Without any moral king, Satan the rebellious one will become their king!



However in The Church, Jesus is our King and our authority with power! Therefore we are courageous and fearless warriors of Christ.

We move into Satan's dark realm as warriors with power and authority.

Matthew 28:18–20 (ESV)

¹⁸ And Jesus came and said to them, "All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me." ¹⁹ Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, **²⁰ teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you. And behold, I am with you always, to the end of the age."**



Taught warfare, we are courageous and fearless proclaiming the very same message the Apostle Paul proclaimed!

1 Corinthians 2:2 (ESV)

For I decided to know nothing among you except Jesus Christ and him crucified.

Prophetic Team

Hear from the Holy Spirit to change the current situation or impact the future.