

AGAPE HOUSE OF WORSHIP - BIBLE STUDY
Study Series: Abraham: Friend of God, Father of Faith

Part 4: The God Who Fights for Us
Text: Genesis 14:1-24

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Introduction:

We all encounter various battles in life. Sometimes we face battles we don't even know about - spiritual, physical, emotional, or financial. The Bible reassures us that God is our defender, and victory is assured when we trust in Him. Throughout Scripture, God reveals Himself as Yahweh Sabaoth, the Lord of Hosts, the commander of heaven's armies, the One who is mighty to save and who fights on behalf of His people. This divine attribute is vital for understanding His nature. As we continue in our character study of Abraham in Genesis 14, we see an inspiring example of courageous faith that necessitates divine intervention. Abraham's daring rescue of Lot demonstrates not only faith in action but also highlights God's warrior nature and His commitment to fight for His children and those who trust in Him.

Genesis 14:1-16

Context and Summary:

- The story takes place during Abraham's time when four kings—Amraphel, Tidal, Chedorlaomer, and Arioch—formed an alliance and fought against five kings from the cities of the plain, including Sodom and Gomorrah.
- The victorious kings captured Lot and took substantial spoil.
- Abraham, upon hearing about Lot's capture, mobilizes 318 trained servants born in his household to pursue and rescue him.

What key lessons/interesting things stand out to you from this bible story?

Key Lessons

- Abraham's actions reflect active faith. He doesn't wait passively; he intervenes boldly based on his trust in God's promises.
- His decision to confront a superior enemy force shows courageous faith rooted in divine assurance.
- The rescue is successful because Abraham obeys God's leadership, trusting that God will give victory.

Genesis 14:17-20. The Blessing after The Victory

- After the victory, Abraham encounters Melchizedek, king of Salem and priest of Most High God.
- Melchizedek blesses Abraham, acknowledging God's role as the "Possessor of heaven and earth"
- Abraham's response: he gives a tenth of all he has, recognizing God's sovereignty and blessing.

What key lessons/interesting things stand out to you from this encounter?

Genesis 14: 19-20 (NLT) “... *who has defeated your enemies for you.*”

What Does It Mean That God Fights for Us?

God is not distant or passive in our daily conflicts—He is actively fighting for His people. He defends, supports and empowers us in our battles.

- He intervenes in battles—spiritual and physical.
- His power is unmatched. He helps us to overcome difficulties that are beyond our ability.
- With God on our side, we do not have to face life’s battles alone. He is our protector and defender

Share a testimony when you experienced God's intervention or victory

Other Biblical Examples of God Fighting for His People

1. The Israelites and the Red Sea. Exodus 14:13-16
2. King Jehoshaphat at war. 2 Chronicles 20: 1-4, 14-17
3. The Wall of Jericho. Joshua 6: 1-5, 20
4. Joshua at war. Joshua 10:6-11
5. Defeat of King Og and Sihon. Deuteronomy 3: 3-7, 22
6. Elisha and the Syrians. 2 Kings 6: 14-18.

Do We Have a Role to Play When God Fights for us?

1. Be silent and listen
2. Obey His instructions
3. Do not be afraid
4. Trust in God

Practical examples to lean into the God who fights for us

1. Start with prayer
2. Meditate on scriptures that remind you God is fighting for you.
3. Fasting helps you to be spiritually aligned and discerning
4. Don’t take matters into your own hands
5. Seek to discern the will of God

*Some trust in chariots and some in horses, but we trust in the name of the LORD our God”
(Psalm 20:7, NIV)*

Conclusion:

No battle is too great for the Lord. He fights for His people, intervening in impossible situations, giving divine strategies, frustrating the enemy’s plans, providing supernatural protection, and ensuring victory in spiritual warfare. The victory has already been won so we fight from a place of victory. We can learn to emulate Abraham’s trust in God in difficult situations, learn from his courage to step out in faith despite the mighty opposition, knowing that the battle belongs to the Lord.