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When Women War

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Women in the Bible to Consider for their Spiritual Warfare Tactics:

- ✓ Esther
- ✓ Rahab (Joshua 2; Joshua 6:22-23)
- ✓ Hannah (1 Samuel 1 & 2)
- ✓ Deborah (Judges 4:1-16; Judges 5)
- ✓ Jael (Judges 4:17-23)
- ✓ Abigail (1 Samuel 25)
- ✓ Two Prostitutes (1 Kings 3:16-28)

Purpose:

To gain insight into how some women in the Bible used their *feminine attributes* to win remarkable victories against insurmountable odds.

Focus Scripture (s):

"But they that wait upon the Lord shall renew their strength; they shall mount up with wings as eagles; they shall run, and not be weary; and they shall walk, and not faint." (Isaiah 40:31 – KJV)

"(For the weapons of our warfare are not carnal, but mighty through God to the pulling down of strong holds;) 5 Casting down imaginations, and every high thing that exalteth itself against the knowledge of God, and bringing into captivity every thought to the obedience of Christ;" (2 Corinthians 10:4-5 – KJV)

"For my thoughts are not your thoughts, neither are your ways my ways, saith the Lord. 9 For as the heavens are higher than the earth, so are my ways higher than your ways, and my thoughts than your thoughts. 10 For as the rain cometh down, and the snow from heaven, and returneth not thither, but watereth the earth, and maketh it bring forth and bud, that it may give seed to the sower, and bread to the eater: 11 So shall my word be that goeth forth out of my mouth: it shall not return unto me void, but it shall accomplish that which I please, and it shall prosper in the thing whereto I sent it." (Isaiah 55:8-11 – KJV)

*** Wisdom Corner ***

God speaks to us from His THOUGHTS and NOT our understanding. It is up to us to seek Him for clarity and DIVINE understanding on the Word He has sent forth.

Esther - A Woman of Great Courage

Mission: To Save a People from Annihilation (Genocide)

Chauvinistic Viewpoint: Beauty

Biblical Strategy: Fasting - Do not eat or drink for three days; night or day

Strategic Warfare

- Ops Plan: Read the entire Book of Esther
- Creed: Psalm 107 (A Psalm for God to fight on your behalf)
- ➢ Battle Mindset: 2 Corinthians 10:4
- ➢ Weapon: Fasting
- Core Challenges
 - Jewish (Hid her ethnic background)
 - ✓ Orphan
 - ✓ Taken from her home against her will to be used at the King's Discretion
- Execution
 - ✓ She was beautiful but didn't rely on that alone, but sought wisdom from those who knew what the King would be looking for.
 - Even though she was there as a potential piece of property to be kept or disposed of, she knew her beauty got her there, but it was her humility that kept her there and moved her from the pit to the palace as well as gave her favor with the King.
 - ✓ She had to lay aside fear and decide for God I live, for God I die, or in her words, "If I perish, I perish."
- ➢ Victory
 - ✓ Her bravery incited a law that would keep her people safe. Her enemy was destroyed and the King offered her up to half of his kingdom. Her uncle and mentor was also greatly rewarded.
- > Required
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NOTE: Before starting any type of fast/consecration, you should consult with your doctor to know what your body can safely handle. Wisdom is still required with your faith in fasting. ******* This type of fast is only recommended if you feel the Holy Spirit led you to do so. *******

Rahab – A Woman of Great Faith

Mission: To Save her Family

Chauvinistic Viewpoint: Sexual Object

Biblical Strategy: Faith by Hearing

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- Ops Plan: Read Joshua 2; Joshua 6:22-23
- Creed: Psalm 40 (A Psalm of Faith)
- ➢ Battle Mindset: Romans 10:17
- ➢ Weapon: Faith
- Core Challenges
 - ✓ A citizen of a city God wanted destroyed
 - ✓ Idolater
 - ✓ Prostitute
- ➢ Execution
 - ✓ Recognized the winning side by what she had HEARD about the God of the Israelites and aligned herself with key players.
 - ✓ Made sure to negotiate a pardon for herself and her family.
- Victory
 - ✓ Rahab and her family were the only survivors of Jericho. She became a righteous woman and gave birth to Boaz, who was King David's great grandfather. She was blessed to be a part of the lineage that brought forth our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.
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Hannah – A Woman of Great Prayer

Mission: To Have a Child

Chauvinistic Viewpoint: Emotional

Biblical Strategy: Fervent Prayer

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- Ops Plan: 1 Samuel 1 & 2
- Creed: Psalm 143 (A Psalm of Prayer)
- ➢ Battle Mindset: James 5:16
- ➢ Weapon: Prayer
- ➢ Core Challenges
 - ✓ Taunted by her husband's other wife about her shortcomings
 - ✓ Barren by God's design
- ➢ Execution

- \checkmark Used all her pain and emotions to drive her cry/plea to God.
- ✓ When she hit her breaking point, she ran to God knowing He was her only hope.
- ✓ Made the choice to give her child back to God, if He would open her womb (God's plan all along).
- ➢ Victory
 - ✓ Gave birth to Samuel, one of the greatest prophets in the Bible. He anointed two kings. He was also a judge, priest and a Nazirite. Hannah was blessed with five other children for honoring her promise to God.
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Deborah (Prophetess) – A Woman of Great Counsel

Mission: To Take Down a Great Army

Chauvinistic Viewpoint: Female

Biblical Strategy: Obedience

Strategic Warfare

- Ops Plan: Judges 4:1-16; Judges 5
- Creed: Psalm 1 (A Psalm of Counsel)
- Battle Mindset: 1 Samuel 15:22
- Weapon: Obedience
- Core Challenges
 - ✓ Only female judge of Israel
 - ✓ Living under oppression
- ➢ Execution
 - ✓ Nurtured the people of Israel to the point they trusted her and felt protected by her.
 - ✓ Her bravery was not in her own capabilities but the trust she had in the voice of the Lord.
- > Victory
 - \checkmark Co-led the battle that defeated Jabin's army and gave Israel peace for 40 years.
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Jael – A Woman of Great Bravery

Mission: To Take Down a Commander of a Powerful Army

Chauvinistic Viewpoint: Weak

Biblical Strategy: Seized the Opportunity (Right place/Right time)

Strategic Warfare

- Ops Plan: Judges 4:17-23
- Creed: Psalm 27 (A Psalm of Bravery)
- > Battle Mindset: Ecclesiastes 9:11 (Recommend NLT for understanding)
- ➢ Weapon: Instincts
- Core Challenges
 - \checkmark A housewife
 - \checkmark No battle skills
- ➢ Execution
 - ✓ Recognized the opportunity that God had laid at her feet and did not let fear intervene.
 - ✓ Didn't try to take him head on, but used her wit and brought him down to a level where she would have the advantage.
- Victory
 - ✓ Played a key role in destroying Jabin's army. Went down in history as the woman who took down a great army commander.
- Required

Abigail – A Woman of Great Intelligence

Mission: To Stop Unnecessary Bloodshed

Chauvinistic Viewpoint: A Wife

Biblical Strategy: Reasoning

Strategic Warfare

- Ops Plan: 1 Samuel 25
- Creed: Psalm 49 (A Psalm of Wisdom)
- Battle Mindset: James 1:5
- ➢ Weapon: Wisdom/Intellect
- Core Challenges
 - \checkmark Married to a fool.
 - ✓ To intervene, she had to risk her life.
- ➢ Execution
 - ✓ Intelligently assessed the situation. Knew before she could be heard she had to attend to the issue at hand David and his hungry men.
 - ✓ Reminded David of his destiny to be King over Israel and that he wouldn't want needless bloodshed to be on his conscience that he avenged himself versus letting God handle his enemies.

- ➢ Victory
 - ✓ Once God dealt with Nabal, Abigail became a widow. David sought her out and asked for her hand in marriage. She became the wife of a King.
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The Unnamed Mother – A Woman of Great Love

Mission: To Save her Son

Chauvinistic Viewpoint: Prostitute

Biblical Strategy: Sacrificial Love

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- Ops Plan: 1 Kings 3:16-28
- Creed: Psalm 103 (A Psalm of God's Love)
- Battle Mindset: 1 Peter 4:8 (NIV recommended)
- ➢ Weapon: Love
- Core Challenges
 - \checkmark Lied on

✓ No eye witness to the injustice done against her

- Execution
 - ✓ Told the truth
 - ✓ Sacrificed her *want* for her child's *need*.
- ➢ Victory
 - ✓ She was vindicated by one the greatest kings to ever live as having told the truth and her son was not harmed and returned to her. Her love for her child was so powerful it convinced the king that she had to be the one telling the truth.
- > Required
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For Understanding:

Ephesians 6:12 'For we wrestle not against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of the darkness of this world, against spiritual wickedness in high places." (KJV)

Throughout the Old Testament, the wars were fought with natural weapons. Today, we as born again Christians fight our battles in the heavenly realms. We do not use weapons that will physically harm, but we use our spiritual weapons that will allow God to command His angels on our behalf to war against the Kingdom of Darkness and its demonic forces. We rely on Jehovah Sabaoth to unleash His power in the spirit realm on our behalf as we await the victories that are reflected in the natural realm. While these women may have had to use physical force, that is not our plight anymore. The God we serve does all the heavy lifting for us. What we take from these extraordinary women is that they stayed in their lane as women, never trying to be more than that and it turned out to be more than enough to be victorious in whatever opposition they faced. When God decided to make you and I a woman, He didn't do so to our detriment, but for His glory. Embrace the woman you are and when you war on behalf of those you love, do it knowing that even in a man's world, you possess exactly what you need. *Bottom line, when women war, we win!*

Resources for Further Study:

NOTE: Do not be afraid to do research on historical accounts, original text and commentary as you begin to study the Word to give you deeper understanding. The Bible is meant to be studied as well as read.

Esther – http://bit.ly/2nHpx22 Rahab – http://bit.ly/2mGgBIw Hannah – http://bit.ly/2mNFySB Deborah – http://bit.ly/2nHFIzQ Jael – http://bit.ly/2nH6W6l Abigail – http://bit.ly/2npbYXW Unnamed Mother – http://bit.ly/2msrW3D

SPIRITUAL WARFARE STRATEGIES

Recommended Reading:

"Temptation Tuesday" Book 3 in the Chronicles of Warfare Series by Melinda Michelle

How-To Manual for Spiritual Warfare

Paperback: http://bit.ly/29FOBOL / EBook: http://amzn.to/2mNHyKu

Personalized Warfare Strategies:

To order warfare strategies designed specifically for you and what you are facing, you can email Melinda Michelle @ sws@melindamichelle21.com for a consultation. The strategies are generally designed around fasting over a period of 10, 21, 30 or 40 days, however time frames may vary depending on the leading of the Holy Spirit. Strategies can be designed for individuals, families, churches or institutions.

What is a personalized warfare strategy?

It is a strategic plan tailor made for you to help you conquer what you are facing through spiritual warfare. The plan uses spiritual weapons and biblical strategies to help you defeat the obstacles the enemy has placed in your path.

Personal Warfare Strategy Testimonial

"I had been running from God for about a year now, until he brought me to my knees. The news I received felt like it broke me and the only person that could heal me was God. God sent me to Gwen to share the news and I listened. She suggested I go on a 21 day fast. She prepared a plan for me that detailed what I should ask God for on specific days, Bible verses to correlate, and options for fasting. This was one of the most emotional fasts I've ever done. I have never heard from God so clearly and quickly in my life. I could not believe he spoke to me starting on Day 1. As a result of the fast, I feel like I grew closer to God and heard exactly what I needed to hear. It's interesting the different methods he used to reach me and give me a word. He definitely dealt with me and got some straightening out as only a father would. I am glad I listened when God told me to go to her, because her guidance is what I needed. God places people on this Earth to help each other out and places certain people in your life for his divine will. I am truly grateful for the friend I have in her." ~ A. *Croft*

About Melinda Michelle:

Gwendolyn Melinda Michelle Evans (GMME) is a Florida native – born in Jacksonville, raised in Sanford and currently resides in Tallahassee. Tallahassee became her home when she graduated from the renowned HBCU, Florida Agricultural and Mechanical University, with a Bachelor of Science in Accounting. After the completion of her bachelors, Melinda received an MBA with a concentration in Finance and Accounting from American Intercontinental University. After enjoying a career in business for a decade, she stepped out on faith to fulfill the purpose inside of her – writing. Melinda is currently pursuing her Doctor of Philosophy in Social Psychology from Walden University.

Melinda Michelle is the author of over 40 published works. Her titles include both fiction and nonfiction. Although the genres vary, spiritual warfare is her signature subject. She remains true to a theme in all her books – the love and power of the Almighty God. Her work has won awards and brought her before many audiences as a speaker. She has served as a panelist, keynote speaker and conference orator tackling the subject of spiritual warfare for women's groups, prisons, and churches. Melinda is independently published through her company, Global Multi Media Enterprises (GMME).

When you pick up a book by Melinda Michelle you should expect for your eyes to be opened, your heart to race, your emotions to rise and your faith to be taken up a notch. Purpose is her passion and with that passion, she weaves a story about the matchless power of the Almighty God through the written Word by the guidance of the Holy Spirit. It is her desire to awaken the Body of Christ to not only the power that they have but the knowledge that they truly wrestle not against flesh and blood. Melinda's stories are designed to connect with Christians, but it is her desire to connect with readers from all walks of life. Her stories are designed to captivate the reader with powerful testimonies about God.

Melinda received the Author of the Year award by Divas on Fire Magazine in 2016. Her Chronicles of Warfare series won the Redemptive Fiction Award of Excellence by Radiax Press and "Saturday Showdown" was a nominee for Indie Book 2016 by Metamorph Publishing. For more information visit her website @ www.gmme21.com.



Works by Melinda Michelle

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Non-Fiction

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Obedience is the Currency of the Kingdom: 7 Strategies for Giving God Your Yes

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Anthologies

The 21 Lives of Lisette Donovan (You Can Never Leave) Truth Awaits You on the Other Side (Guilty of the Body and the Blood)

Audio Books

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