Heart-to-Heart
Deborah’s Story:
Faith to Live Your Calling

Week 5 | March 21, 2019

**Question:** What is one thing you’re good at; something you do well that is helpful to others? It may be part of your personality, one of your spiritual gifts (Romans 12:6-8; 1 Corinthians 12:7-11) or just something you love to do and/or be for others. If you know you calling, share it with your group.

The period in Israel’s history between the death of Joshua and the beginning of Samuel’s Ministry: _________________________________________________

Judges 4:1-7
Judges 21:25

Website: Biblical Hermeneutics Stack Exchange

Hermeneutics: ________________________________________________________________

During The Period of Judges, a judge was chosen by one or more of the following criteria:

1. Proving to be a mighty warrior and capable of leading and protecting the people.
2. Providing the people with guidance in biblical law, and literally judging them and settling their disputes as Moses did.
3. Delivering divine messages to the people as the prophets of Israel.

“judge” in Hebrew is sapitu: it’s more of a ____________________________than a judging role

Hebrews 11:32-33
Israel had peace for 40 years because

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Your calling will typically be connected to:

• ____________________________

• ____________________________

• ____________________________

Sarah Sherry’s Story

"Sparks are powerful. Perhaps one of the most beautiful mysteries of wildfire faith is how it begins and spreads. Like fire there is a wondrous cycle of one spark leading to a flaming fire that ignites yet another new fire. Do you see the power of sparks in the life of faith? We never know what act of obedience, what relationship that crosses our path, or what circumstance might lead to a spark of faith leaping from the life of a believer into the heart of a nonbeliever. But once we grasp the power of sparks we begin to live in expectancy with eyes wide open, watching for the sparks that God carries into new lives on the wind of His Spirit." – Carol Kent, *Unquenchable*
Further Study:

1. Read the background story of Esther that Kate will teach about next week; it’s in the Old Testament book of Esther; chapters 1-9.

2. Read *Unquenchable*, chapter 5
   
   Spend time answering and reflecting on the author’s end-of-the-chapter food for thought: *Come to The Fire* – pp. 102-116

3. Read, meditate on and journal about the following Scriptures noting what each says or implies about calling.

   - Proverbs 3:5-6
   - John 15:16
   - Romans 8:28
   - Philippians 3:14
   - 2 Timothy 1:9
   - 1 Thessalonians 5:24

4. Reflect on your personal calling and gifts. Ask the Lord for revelation about your specific callings for life, and in this season of your life. Journal about what He shows you.