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Genesis 21:9

9 And Sarah saw the son of Hagar the Egyptian, which she had born unto Abraham, mocking.10 Wherefore she said unto Abraham, Cast out this bondwoman and her son: for the son of this bondwoman shall not be heir with my son, even with Isaac.



2 Samuel 21:8-10

10 Rizpah daughter of Aiah took sackcloth and spread it out for herself on a rock. From the beginning of the harvest till the rain poured down from the heavens on the bodies, she did not let the birds touch them by day or the wild animals by night.



Esther 4:16

16 Go, gather together all the Jews that are present in Shushan, and fast ye for me, and neither eat nor drink three days, night or day: I also and my maidens will fast likewise; and so will I go in unto the king, which is not according to the law: and if I perish, I perish.



Judges 4:4-24

8 And Barak said unto her, If thou wilt go with me, then I will go: but if thou wilt not go with me, then I will not go.9 And she said, I will surely go with thee: notwithstanding the journey that thou takest shall not be for thine honour; for the Lord shall sell Sisera into the hand of a woman. And Deborah arose, and went with Barak to Kedesh.



SHE'S GOT HANDS

When my sister, Benita was in high school she was being bullied by a boy. Her initials are B.B. and she proudly wore her initials, as it was in style at the time to do on her glasses. This boy chanted B.B. stand for BIG BUTT over and over again to the laughter of his circle of friends who egged him on. Benita warned him to leave her alone. The support of his friends was too much for him to overcome so he continued. She had enough and hauled back and punched him. He went flying over the desk in front of the audience who was once cheering for him.

My sister's reputation for having hands followed her. She became a legend and neither my twin Janet or I ever had a fight because we were Benita's sister.

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01

FIGHT TO DEFEND - SARAH

Sarah was instrumental in the birth of Ismael. After all, it was her idea for Abraham to connect with her maid. While we were not told about their daily household experiences, we can only imagine the pressure, stress, and tension that existed. When Sarah saw Ismael mocking her son, she had enough. She told Abraham that it was time for Ismael and his Mama to GO!

Sarah was defending her son. How dare "that boy" mock her baby. Sarah fought like a girl to **defend** her baby.



02

FIGHT TO PROTECT - RIZPAH

Rizpah was the concubine to King Saul. She had two sons; Armoni and Mephibosheth and they became collateral damage and were killed along with their five bonus bothers by the hand of the Gibeonites. Not only did the Gibeonites execute their revenge through taking the lives of the seven sons of Saul, they exposed their bodies on a hill.

Rizpah took sackcloth and made the rock beneath her son's body her bed and protected their bodies both day and night from the elements and animals that were set to prey on the dead bodies. While she didn't have the authority to take the bodies of her sons to give them a proper burial, she wasn't going to let anyone or anything take them either. Talk about protection. It is estimated that she was there from five to ten months. Rizpah fought like a girl to **protect** her sons.

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FIGHT FOR HONOR - ESTHER

There was a hit put out on Esther and her people. Haman communicated the execution plan to Esther and Esther went into action. She put together a strategy for everyone to fast for three days and nights. Because of the weight of this cause, Esther used her influence with her maidens and they also joined the fast.

The fact is, she didn't have to do anything. She could have kept quiet while enjoying the perks and privileges of being the queen. Esther was determined - stating, "If I perish, let me perish. I'm going to see the king."

She was already out of order but once she was there, she used everything in her arsenal to influence the king and she was victorious. Esther fights like a girl because she fights for **honor**.



04

FIGHT IN COMMUNITY - DEBORAH

Deborah's connection to the community was through her role as a judge. The children of Israel always seemed to be in a fight. When Barak was to lead the battle, he became fearful for what he was up against and Deborah reminded him that God had already promised to be with him which meant victory. He requested her to go with him and she agreed.

There are battles that you will enter to support your friend. You may not need to fight but just be there to let them know that they are not alone and to remind them that God is with them.

Deborah fights like a girl because she fought to support **community**.

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What are you currently in a fight for?

How have you been fighting?

Who have you been fighting with?

"Each time a woman stands up for herself, without knowing it possibly, without claiming it, she stands up for all women."

-Maya Angelou

Strong Woman

"You may encounter many defeats, but you must not be defeated. In fact, it may be necessary to encounter the defeats, so you can know who you are, what you can rise from, how you can still come out of it."

-Maya Angelou

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