


OUR VILLAGE

- The word “arose” that Deborah used to describe her response to the call of God to lead her people out of bondage (Judg. 5:7) is the same word God uses when He exhorts us to “*Arise, shine, for your light has come and the glory of the Lord rises upon you*” (Isa. 60:1 NIV). What does our text say is the Hebrew definition for “*Quwm*” (pronounced koom)?



ENCOURAGEMENT
PRINCIPLE #3

*Encouragement is
contagious.*



- Deborah revived village life when she “arose.” How did she specifically rise up and encourage the Israelites?
- How can we do likewise in our villages?
- How is your village similar to Deborah’s village?
- How is your calling to rise and shine similar to Deborah’s?
- How does our text define “village?”

MY VILLAGE

*Village life ceased, it ceased in Israel,
Until I, Deborah, arose,
Arose a mother in Israel.*

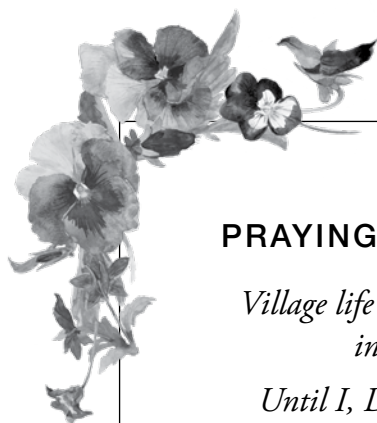
JUDGES 5:7 (NKJV)



DEBORAH, GOD'S PROMISE KEEPER

ASSIGNMENT FOR NEXT WEEK

- Watch Chapter 4 Encouragement Stories video at www.treasuresofencouragement.org.
- Read Chapter 4 and complete the Staying Focused questions, noting scriptures and statements that strike you.
- Use the following to write a summary of this lesson:
 - Write a summary statement of Chapter 4.
 - List a few things from the chapter that were helpful to you.
 - How did this chapter change or inform your thinking about encouragement?
 - Write a prayer based on some of the scriptures in this chapter.
 - How would you like for others to pray for you as you seek to apply the scriptures in this chapter to your life?
- Call your prayer partner at least once this week to check on prayer needs. Text or email specific scriptures. Or send a personalized Praying Scripture prayer to her.
- Memorize Hebrews 10:19–21.
- Complete your group encouragement assignment.
- Review Appendix A: A Treasury of Encouragement Ideas (pages 213–19) and Appendix B: Treasures of Encouragement over the Years (pages 221–28).
 - Whom will you intentionally encourage with the goal of helping turn their hearts toward Jesus?
 - Observe your motives behind your actions this week. Be prepared to share with the group what you discovered.
- Personalize Praying Scripture and continue journaling.



PRAYING SCRIPTURE

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■ **Bonus:** Listen to one of the recommended Chapter 3 Help & Hope podcasts at www.treasuresofencouragement.org.

- *Companionship in Suffering — A Conversation with Wendy Alsup*
- *Dementia — A Conversation with Dr. John Dunlop*

