

RATTLE TAKEAWAY

Key Point:

You are intended to rattle the gates, not for the gates to rattle you.

- 1) Are you a threat to the dark world? Would you say you live your life rattling the gates? If you do, in what ways? Examples may be praying for others, encouraging others, speaking truth, answering your call, etc.

- 2) Are you easily rattled? If so, in what areas of your life are you most often affected: areas of service, your marriage, children, career? Give examples.

- 3) Are there ways you allow or enable the enemy's continued attacks due to your actions or inactions? How so?

- 4) We often give the enemy power over us without realizing it. Read Ephesians 6:10-18. How can putting on this armor daily defend you from future assaults?

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You are destined to be a soldier, made for battle, not a babe in the faith.

Read 1 Samuel 17. Because David knew who he was and was confident in the Lord, he stood as a soldier and was able to take on a giant when the babes dressed as soldiers were cowering in the corner.

- 5) Babes crumble and cry. Soldiers fight back. Do you consider yourself a soldier, a babe, or somewhere in between? Explain your answer.

- 6) During a season of attack, even soldiers can be knocked down and out. The longer you walk with the Lord, are you able to stand more quickly, or do you stay relegated to the sidelines?

- 7) Perspective matters. How can you view the enemy's attacks in a positive light? How can they indicate you are indeed on the battlefield, right where you belong?

- 8) 1 Samuel 13:14 explains why David was able to go on the offensive against Goliath. How can being a woman after God's own heart make you an offensive and not simply a defensive soldier?

- 9) How would you describe an offensive vs. defensive Christian? What are some traits of each?

Offensive

Defensive

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God's love enables you to stand with boldness.

- 10) Read Gideon's story in Judges 6. Do you feel like "just a normal girl" with little to offer? Explain below.

- 11) Both David and Gideon had to get beyond how others saw them and how they saw themselves in order to live in the truth of how God saw them. Do you struggle with seeing the you God sees you to be?

- 12) Is there someone in your life you see as "real," someone you know who is bold and has genuinely been transformed by God's love? What do they exhibit that you want for your own life?

The Battle is His

- 13) Read 2 Chronicles 20:1-22. In verse 21, what words did the people sing?

Because they knew by experience that God loved them, they were willing to join Him in the battle, even when they knew they were about to face a multitude. In verse 22, we see that their singing and praising prompted God's actions on their behalf.

- 14) How does knowing God's love enable you to live out your call and take steps of faith onto the battlefield?
