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WARRIORS OF WARFARE

LEADER'S GUIDE

DON'T SHOOT THE MESSENGER

A 4-Part Bible Study Series

Equipping leaders with objectives, teaching flows,
discussion guidance, spiritual cautions,
and activation steps for each session.

PART 1 - Recognizing the Messenger

PART 2 - Resisting Misplaced Anger

PART 3 - Honoring God's Messengers

PART 4 - Blessing the Master

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-- James 1:19

Prepared for Warriors of Warfare Ministry

INTRODUCTION FOR LEADERS

This guide helps leaders teach the 4-part study with clarity, authority, and pastoral sensitivity. The story of Job touches grief, loss, anger, and emotional reactions -- so leaders must guide gently, listen deeply, and keep the focus on God's sovereignty, not human blame.

LEADER OBJECTIVES

- Protect the emotional safety of the group
- Keep discussions biblical, not personal attacks
- Help participants identify misplaced anger
- Lead them toward worship, maturity, and restoration
- Reinforce the identity of a spiritual warrior

MEMORY VERSE

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PART 1

RECOGNIZING THE MESSENGER

LEADER FOCUS:

Help participants understand that messengers are not the cause of the storm -- they are carriers of truth.

TEACHING FLOW

1. Read Job 1:13-19 aloud.
2. Highlight the repeated phrase: "I alone escaped to tell you."
3. Explain the role of messengers in crisis.
4. Invite participants to reflect on messengers in their own lives.

LEADER TIPS

- Keep the tone gentle -- this session may surface painful memories.
- Avoid letting the group blame individuals; redirect toward biblical insight.
- Emphasize God's intentionality in leaving survivors to speak.

*** ACTIVATION**

Ask participants to write down one "messenger moment" in their life and pray over it.

PART 2

RESISTING MISPLACED ANGER

LEADER FOCUS:

Guide participants to see how pain seeks a target -- and how worship redirects the heart.

TEACHING FLOW

1. Read Job 1:20-22.
2. Contrast Job's possible reaction vs. his actual reaction.
3. Teach that worship is a weapon against bitterness.
4. Discuss how misplaced anger damages relationships.

LEADER TIPS

- Watch for emotional reactions; redirect gently.
- Encourage honesty but discourage naming or shaming real people.
- Reinforce that warriors fight spiritual battles, not human messengers.

*** ACTIVATION**

Lead the group in a short worship moment -- a song, prayer, or Scripture declaration.

PART 3

HONORING GOD'S MESSENGERS

LEADER FOCUS:

Help participants identify modern messengers and respond with restraint and honor.

TEACHING FLOW

1. Read Proverbs 15:1 and James 1:19-20.
2. Teach the "Warrior Rhythm": Quick to hear / Slow to speak / Slow to anger.
3. Discuss how God uses people to deliver truth.
4. Explore how reactions shape relationships.

LEADER TIPS

- Encourage leaders to model calm, respectful dialogue.
- Remind participants that correction is a gift, not an attack.
- Keep the conversation centered on spiritual growth.

*** ACTIVATION**

Have participants practice a "soft answer" response to a hypothetical difficult message.

PART 4

BLESSING THE MASTER

LEADER FOCUS:

Show how right responses lead to restoration -- and how Job's worship positioned him for double.

TEACHING FLOW

1. Read Job 42:10 and Romans 8:28.
2. Teach that restoration is tied to response.
3. Highlight Job's submission, not his suffering.
4. Invite participants to identify areas needing restoration.

LEADER TIPS

- Keep the tone hopeful and forward-looking.
- Encourage testimonies of God's restoration.
- Reinforce that warriors bless God even in battle.

*** ACTIVATION**

Lead the group in declaring:

"I will not shoot the messenger -- I will bless the Master."

GENERAL LEADER GUIDELINES

1. Protect the Atmosphere

- Maintain confidentiality
- Keep discussions respectful
- Redirect emotional intensity toward God, not people

2. Guide, Don't Dominate

- Ask questions
- Listen more than you speak
- Allow the Holy Spirit to lead

3. Keep the Study Christ-Centered

- Avoid personal vendettas
- Avoid gossip
- Keep Scripture as the anchor

4. Encourage Application

- Warriors grow through action, not information.
- End each session with a challenge or declaration.

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