

God is a warrior

Exodus 15:3 NIV

The Lord is a warrior; the Lord is his name.

Revelations 19:11,15-16 NIV

I saw heaven standing open and there before me was a white horse, whose rider is called Faithful and True. With justice he judges and wages war...Coming out of his mouth is a sharp sword with which to strike down the nations. "He will rule them with an iron scepter." He treads the winepress of the fury of the wrath of God Almighty. On his robe and on his thigh he has this name written: KING OF KINGS AND LORD OF LORDS.

You were designed to be a warrior

Genesis 2:15 ESV

The LORD God took the man and put him in the garden of Eden to work it and keep it (*guard, protect, defend, maintain, watch over*).

The world is in desperate need of warriors

Ezekiel 22:30 NLT

I looked for someone who might rebuild the wall of righteousness that guards the land. I searched for someone to stand in the gap in the wall so I wouldn't have to destroy the land, but I found no one.

Every warrior must have a cause

Nehemiah 4:14 NIV

After I looked things over, I stood up and said to the nobles, the officials and the rest of the people, "Don't be afraid of them. Remember the Lord, who is great and awesome, and fight for your families, your sons and your daughters, your wives and your homes."

A warrior whose lost his cause is destructive

3 Warning Signs You Have Lost Your Cause:

1. You feel entitled...I deserve it

Judges 15:3 NIV

Samson said to them, "This time I have a right to get even with the Philistines; I will really harm them."

2. You are controlled by lust...I want it

Judges 14:1-2 NIV

When he returned, he said to his father and mother, "I have seen a Philistine woman in Timnah; now get her for me as my wife."

3. You are filled with Pride...I can handle it

Judges 16:20-21 NIV

Then she called, "Samson, the Philistines are upon you!"

He awoke from his sleep and thought, "I'll go out as before and shake myself free." But he did not know that the Lord had left him. Then the Philistines seized him, gouged out his eyes and took him down to Gaza.

Binding him with bronze shackles, they set him to grinding grain in the prison.

Judges 16:29-30 NIV

Then Samson reached toward the two central pillars on which the temple stood. Bracing himself against them, his right hand on the one and his left hand on the other, Samson said, "Let me die with the Philistines!" Then he pushed with all his might, and down came the temple on the rulers and all the people in it. Thus he killed many more when he died than while he lived.