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TOMB RAIDER (2018) | *Endurance* | BIBLE STUDY

Facilitator Note: We encourage facilitators to take this Bible study and expound on it throughout the week, allowing it to be a springboard for deeper conversation and personal meditation.

PRESS START

The title of this section is far more fitting for this study than usual, because the *Tomb Raider* movies are an adaptation of a series of video games. *Tomb Raider* (2018), in particular, is based on a series reboot that occurred in 2013, also simply titled *Tomb Raider*.

As geeks, we know adaptations don't always go so well—our favorite books, video games, and movies in particular. Despite those criticisms, what are some adaptations of media you have enjoyed?

EQUIP

This section may be titled "equip," but there are many trials and seasons in life we will not be ready for. Much like Lara had done since her father's passing, we tend to dive head first into life and live it one moment at a time without any preparation.

This means when those rough seasons and trials do come up, we need the spiritual endurance to press on. Job's situation is a prime example of what that looks like. It wasn't until the very end when Job began to even question The Lord.

If you haven't already, a reading through the book of Job is greatly encouraged on this topic. However, the book of James offers additional insight where we can find examples of such endurance.

James 5:10-11 NLT *"For examples of patience in suffering, dear brothers and sisters, look at the prophets who spoke in the name of the Lord. We give great honor to those who endure under suffering. For instance, you know about Job, a man of great endurance. You can see how the Lord was kind to him at the end, for the Lord is full of tenderness and mercy."*

At some point in our lives, we have all been through some very troubling times or difficult trials. If you are comfortable sharing, was there ever something of this nature you had to endure? How did you deal with it and what was the end result?

LEVEL UP

Going back to the book of Job, he did have friends that were there with him during his situation. Although, most of them were unhelpful. Elihu was the one who took the proper stance and called out Job on his arrogance towards God.

It is important to surround ourselves with people who walk with us along the righteous path—people who can keep us accountable. Having someone we can trust alongside us can greatly aid us in endurance during the toughest moments we will ever face in life.

We should have one person in mind, someone who follows this particular scripture in Galatians.

Galatians 6:1-3 NLT *"Dear brothers and sisters, if another believer is overcome by some sin, you who are godly should gently and humbly help that person back onto the right path. And be careful not to fall into the same temptation yourself. Share each other's burdens, and in this way obey the law of Christ. If you think you are too important to help someone, you are only fooling yourself. You are not that important."*

On the island of Yamatai, Lu Ren was the closest thing Lara had to this. They shared the same goals on their journey, and were able to look out for each other on multiple occasions during the film. **Do you have someone in your life that would make a great accountability partner?**

MOD

Throughout the film, Lara continues to discover there was more to her Father's endeavors than she knew. All of this leads to the final moments of the film in which she realizes new challenges await. Then, she decides it's time to gear up!

In this study, before we could learn how to truly equip ourselves, it was important to know there will be days in which we couldn't possibly know how to be prepared for certain situations that come our way.

Fortunately, scripture offers something we must carry with us daily. In the same way Lara Croft is famous for carrying those dual pistols, as believers we are called to carry the Armor of God mentioned in Ephesians. This "armor" ultimately gives us the endurance and strength to face the day.

Ephesians 6:10-17 NLT *"A final word: Be strong in the Lord and in his mighty power. Put on all of God's armor so that you will be able to stand firm against all strategies of the devil. For we are not fighting against flesh-and-blood enemies, but against evil rulers and authorities of the unseen world, against mighty powers in this dark world, and against evil spirits in the heavenly places. Therefore, put on every piece of God's armor so you will be able to resist the enemy in the time of evil. Then after the battle you will still be standing firm. Stand your ground, putting on the belt of truth and the body armor of God's righteousness. For shoes, put on the peace that comes from the Good News so that you will be fully prepared. In addition to all of these, hold up the shield of faith to stop the fiery arrows of the devil. Put on salvation as your helmet, and take the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God."*

This set of scripture takes the tools of battle and applies them to the spiritual warfare we face. As human beings, we are naturally imperfect and likely forget to apply these on a daily basis or are maybe better at applying certain pieces compared to others.

Scripture commands us to put on “all” of the armor, and not pieces we like more than others. Which aspects of the “Armor of God” do you find yourself decent at applying to your day, and which could you use some improvement on?

PRAY

At the end of those scriptures that discuss the Armor of God, a very important message is delivered:

Ephesians 6:18 NLT *“Pray in the Spirit at all times and on every occasion. Stay alert and be persistent in your prayers for all believers everywhere.”*

During this time of prayer, how can we pray for each other?

Use this time to pray for one another and all the requests that were made. Pray we can keep each other accountable, and that we find ourselves with the spiritual strength to endure any unforeseen circumstance that comes our way in the future.

THE NEXT LEVEL

As far as titles are concerned, the movie was named “*Tomb Raider*,” based on the 2013 reboot of the same name. If that same format continues, the next movie will likely be titled “*Rise of the Tomb Raider*”.

So, as we move forward, let us keep this scripture in mind:

John 5:29 NLT *“and they will rise again. Those who have done good will rise to experience eternal life, and those who have continued in evil will rise to experience judgment.”*

Ephesians 1:5 *“He predestined us to adoption as sons through Jesus Christ to Himself, according to the kind intention of His will”*

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