

STRONG WOMEN, MIGHTY MEN

Part 2.1 *Deborah, Honey Bee or Hornet?* Judges 4-5

The Song of Deborah and Barak

- The people ROSE up to action vs. 1-3
- Reminder of past VICTORIES vs. 4-5
- Reflecting on the PRESENT difficulties vs. 6-8
- Everyone should sing BLESSINGS to God vs. 9-11
- Thankful for those who took ACTION vs. 12-15
- Calling out the PASSIVE tribes vs. 16-17
- Shout out to ZEBULUN and NAPHTALI vs. 18-19
- How God delivered over SISERA vs. 20-22
- Acknowledging NEIGHBORS vs. 23-27
- The concluding CURSE on God's enemies vs. 28-31

Take-a-ways from the song of Deborah and Barak

- God is still calling LEADERS and VOLUNTEERS
 - awake and RISE to action 1 Peter 4:10-11
- It is easy for God to always fulfill His PROMISES
- People are ACCOUNTABLE for their actions 2 Corinthians 5:10
 - PROACTIVE action is praised
 - INACTION is an action

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Life Group Discussion Questions – October 6, 2019

Judges 5:1-2, *'Then Deborah and Barak the son of Abinoam sang on that day, saying,
"That the leaders led in Israel,
That the people volunteered,
Bless the LORD!*

QUICK REVIEW

1. Excerpted from last Sunday's sermon notes about Deborah: "She only led as God led her." We all have a propensity to run ahead of God and then ask for His blessing. When do you typically do this? What are some of the warning signs that you are about to undertake an endeavor without God leading you?
2. Read Judges 4:6. We can safely conclude that Deborah was deeply connected to God. We all may not be a gifted prophet or prophetess, but yet we know that God desires to be similarly connected with each of us as well. How can we do this? Is this realistic? Why or why not?

MY STORY

1. In order to be a leader, you must have followers. Have you ever been in a successful leadership position? Why did your subordinates want to follow you? What needs of theirs did you meet? What would cause someone to not follow a proven leader?
2. With regards to Judges 4, what are the differences between a leader (Deborah) and a manager (Barak)?
3. Why is it important for leaders to always give God the glory for their victories?

GOING DEEP (read Judges 5)

1. Deborah's song is a typical and traditional Jewish song of deliverance. Compare Moses' and Miriam's songs. (see Exodus 15:1-21) What are the similarities? Underline the words in these passages that you would use to celebrate a victory God has given you.
2. In the Song of Deborah, do you see any indicators that the honor of defeating Sisera went to a woman? What are they?
3. Re-read v. 7. This isn't necessarily a prideful boast on Deborah's part. What else could she be speaking of? What does she mean by "mother in Israel"?
4. Which tribes of Israel did not take up arms against Sisera? Why do you think it was necessary for Deborah to "call out" those tribes?

PUTTING IT TOGETHER:

1. What do you think are some of the challenges to living out each point?
2. Which of the above teaching points are most important for you to remember?