

## Message Outline

Deborah

### Judges 4-5



**Intro:** Series on Judges...how to live in dysfunctional days!

- First 3 judges' lessons: parenting/families, using what we got, God's doings even in dysfunctional days...
- Today...Deborah: leadership and character in days it's not easy being a woman!

**v.1-3**—Seen this cycle before...

- “oppressive and cruel”...life feeling like a battle!

**v.4-5**—Intro Deborah: identity, faith, family, community roles...

**v.6-7**—Specific plan for specific problem...

**v.8**—Barak's response to the plan...

**v.9-10**—Women's key role in God's plans...

**v.11**—Sidebar comment that turns to be key...

**v.12-16**—The battle and decisive victory...

- Chariots and rivers and the hand of God (cf. 5:4, 20-21)...

**v.17-22**—A woman who brings down the hammer...literally!

**v.23-24**—Further battles ahead...

### Lessons Learned from Deborah's Story

1) \_\_\_\_\_

- Leadership + willingness = blessedness (5:2).

- Looking at our church the last 10 years...

2) \_\_\_\_\_

- How to know leaders are directing rightly and people moving rightly...WISDOM!
- The need to ask for wisdom (Jms.1:5)...

3) \_\_\_\_\_

- Treatment of women in religious systems...
- Biblical stance on gender (cf. Gen.1:27)...
- Christianity's valuing of womanhood!



## Mission Giving

(2<sup>nd</sup> Quarter: April-June)

Operation Christmas Child supplies—  
\$2,587.78

Medical Mission Trip to El Salvador in  
2023 via Dr. Eli Ross—  
\$1,000.00

Voice of the Martyrs—  
\$700.00

SIM Christian Mission Organization—  
\$700.00

Real Life Children's Ranch VBS Supplies  
via Chrissy Sweeney—  
\$100.00

UMCOR Flood Buckets—  
\$144.66

UMC Apportionment Mission Giving—  
\$2,122.77

**Mission Support Total: \$7,355.21**

