

1. Read Together: Judges 4:4-9. What stands out to you about Deborah and Barak's leadership roles in this passage? **Supporting Scripture: Romans 12:6-8 & 1 Corinthians 12:4-7**

a. Follow-Up Questions:

- i. What does this passage teach about how God calls and uses both men and women?
- ii. Where do you see willingness more than ability in this story?
- iii. Are there areas where you've disqualified yourself because you didn't feel "qualified enough"?

2. Read Together: Judges 4:8-10. What does Barak's hesitation reveal about courage? **Supporting Scripture: Joshua 1:9 & 2 Timothy 1:7**

a. Follow-Up Questions:

- i. Have you ever obeyed God while still feeling afraid? What happened?
- ii. Why do we often think leaders shouldn't feel fear?
- iii. What might God be calling you to obey right now despite fear?

3. Read Together: Judges 5:1-3. Why does Deborah and Barak's leadership end in a song of praise?

**Supporting Scripture: Matthew 5:16**

a. Follow-Up Questions:

- i. How does leadership create space for worship?
- ii. Have you seen someone's obedience strengthen your faith?
- iii. How might your obedience influence others spiritually?

4. Read Together: Judges 5:15-17, 23. Why do you think some tribes stayed home while others stepped up? **Supporting Scripture: James 1:22 & Luke 9:23**

a. Follow-Up Questions:

- i. What are modern forms of spiritual apathy?
- ii. How does comfort compete with calling?
- iii. In what area of your life are you tempted to stay on the sidelines?



5. Read Together: Judges 4:14-16. What role did Barak play, and what role did God play in this victory?

**Supporting Scripture: 2 Corinthians 12:9 & Zechariah 4:6**

a. Follow-Up Questions:

- i. Why is it hard to accept that God just wants participation?
- ii. How does perfectionism sometimes keep us from obedience?
- iii. Where do you need to simply “show up” and trust God?

6. Read Together: Judges 5:2. Why does Deborah celebrate those who volunteered? **Supporting**

**Scripture: Hebrews 12:1-2 & 1 Timothy 4:12**

a. Follow-Up Questions:

- i. Who has gone first in faith in your life?
- ii. How did their courage impact you?
- iii. Where might God be asking you to go first (forgiveness, generosity, prayer, leadership)?

