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**Intro:** We begin by looking to the book of Judges a gritty, book. It is filled with sin, violence and the judgment of God. In the chapters before us today, we are introduced to Deborah who were used by God in great ways, for his glory. I want you to see how God used a courageous, faithful woman to deliver His people from bondage and oppression.

v. 1-3 **ISRAEL was in a MELTDOWN IN**

- v. 1 We are told that they “*again did evil in the sight of the Lord*” **Judges 5:8** says, “*they chose new gods*”. and they wandered from the right path.
- v. 2 When Israel rebelled against God, The Bible says He “*sold*” them into the hands of Jabin the enemy. God abandoned them to the life they chose for themselves. They paid a terrible price for their rebellion.
- v. 3 Israel was oppressed by Jabin and his armies for 20 years. He possessed a powerful army that left Israel helpless and a conquered, defeated people. Eventually, they came to the place where they were tired of their situation. They called on the Lord and He heard them.

v. 4-24 **God raised up DEBORAH – (Kristin)**

**Verse 15** tells us that God “*discomfited*” Sisera and his armies. As they fought, God allowed the Kishon River to overflow its banks, the iron chariots of Sisera became stuck in the mud and the soldiers were swept away by the currents. All the soldiers of Sisera were slain.

God demonstrated his provision for His people be enabling them to destroy the enemy. God used women like Deborah and Jael who killed the general Sisera

**chapter 5.** It is a song of praise to the God Who gave them the victory over their enemy.)

- v.1-12 They praise God for His power in their lives.
- v. 13-18 **They Praised God For His Volunteers** – even though, only half the tribes came to fight
- v. 19-23 **They Praised God For His Victory** – The enemy was defeated by the power of God.
- v. 24-31 **They Praised God For His Vessels** –for His unsung heroes. They praised the Lord for the bravery of Jael in slaying Sisera. Her act of bravery allowed the nation to enjoy victory.

Today I Thank God for the women who serve! They fulfill a vital role in God’s kingdom work. Women hold a vital place in the work of the church. They are the ones who have the kind of compassion that drives the outreach ministries of the church. They are the ones who bring the gifts of grace, love and mercy to the table.

We have those same kind of heroes men and women in this building right now. God is using the prayer warriors, the silent servants, the people who do the little things that no one notices, and the people who serve behind the scenes. There is a God in Heaven Who sees who you are and He watches what you do. Carry on, and He will bless you in His way, in His time.

Let me encourage all of us to keep on trusting in the Lord just like Deborah.

We still walk in sin and need his grace.

By the power of the Holy Spirit working through God's Word, we will. In spite of our wretched condition, God loves us and has provided a way out of punishment we deserve.

Even though we have the knowledge that sin results in eternal damnation, we not only sometimes plan to sin, we often delight in it! In spite of our wretched condition, God loves us and has provided a way out of the punishment we truly deserve.

We thank God for the victory we have in Jesus. Through faith in Christ's work on the cross and His resurrection from the dead, we are made righteous and holy before the Lord. . So, turn from sin, live for Jesus

As baptized Christians - The call has gone out for us to take our stand against evil, The call has come for us to rally ourselves together and fight the good fight of faith, I believe that God still blesses those who fight and work for Him! Keep focused on the cross God is still intervening in history for all people. By the power of the Holy Spirit working through God's Word, we will.

I know the way gets weary. I know the path gets steep. I know that it often seems there is little reason, from a human standpoint, to carry on, but there is! One day Jesus is coming. When He does, He is taking His children home with Him.

Deborah is famous because she fought for what she believed in and would not sway from her convictions.. Through God's strength and promise We thank God for the Power we have in our lives.