

*Amazing Grace- The Era of Judges*  
Women in the Word- June 2-3, 2021

**Deborah**  
**Judges 4-5**

1. Greet those at your table and introduce yourself. If you could visit anywhere in the world during any time period, when and where would you go?
2. Read Judges 4:1-3. Describe the relationship between the Israelites and God.

What was the result of the disobedience of the Israelites?

What do the Israelites do in response to their suffering?

3. Read Judges 4:4-5. What do we learn about Deborah?
4. Read 4:6-9. Deborah had a very important message for Barak. Record Deborah's message to Barak and his response.

How do you respond when God asks you to do something hard or something you feel unprepared for?

5. Read 4:12-16. The Israelites faced a tremendously powerful army with 900 chariots. In verse 14, how does Deborah help prepare Barak and the Israelites for battle?
6. How have you been encouraged by someone when God asked you to do something difficult? Have you had the opportunity to encourage someone in a hard season? Please share.
7. Read 4:17-24. Jael had a very intense role in defeating the Canaanite army. How does God use her and what does she do?
8. Read 5:1-5, 19-21 and 31. Deborah wrote this song to praise God for what He had done for the Israelites. How do you regularly practice praising God in your life?
9. What has caused your confidence in and dependence on God to increase?

**Deborah**  
**Confidence in God**  
Judges 4-5

**Failure to Follow God...Again**

4:1-3; 5:8

- The Israelites turned from God and were oppressed by the Canaanites.
- The Israelites, in desperation, called on God.
- God answered through the leadership of Deborah.

Disobeying and turning away from God leads to suffering.  
Do not let anything be more important than \_\_\_\_\_.

**Deborah's Faithful Service**

4:4-11

- Deborah was a prophetess and judge.
- Deborah gave God's message to Barak and encouraged his obedience.
- Deborah was completely confident that God would be victorious.
- Deborah encouraged Barak with her presence and God's words.

Our confidence grows when we follow God.  
Follow God by \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_.

**The Battle is On**

4:12-24; 5:4-31

- Deborah, Barak, and 10,000 Israelites went up to fight the Canaanites.
- God powerfully intervened on behalf of Israel.
- Jael put an end to Sisera.
- Victory!

We have victory when we follow God.  
Follow God by \_\_\_\_\_ His power and grace.

**Deborah Praised God**

5:1-31

- Deborah praised God immediately and enthusiastically in song.
- Deborah praised God for His grace, power, and faithfulness.
- Deborah praised God for the victory.

Look for God's work all around you.  
With humble hearts \_\_\_\_\_ Him.

**Deborah, the humble judge, has full confidence in her gracious, faithful God.**

Key: God, listening, obeying, trusting, praise

**DEUTERONOMY 20:16-18 (NIV 1984)** “However, in the cities of the nations the LORD your God is giving you as an inheritance, do not leave alive anything that breathes. Completely destroy them . . . as the LORD your God has commanded you. Otherwise, they will teach you to follow all the detestable things they do in worshiping their gods, and you will sin against the LORD your God.”

**JUDGES 2:12** And they abandoned the LORD, the God of their fathers, who had brought them out of the land of Egypt. They went after other gods, from among the gods of the peoples who were around them, and bowed down to them. And they provoked the LORD to anger.

**DEUTERONOMY 4:29-31** “But from there you will seek the LORD your God and you will find him, if you search after him with all your heart and with all your soul. When you are in tribulation, and all these things come upon you in the latter days, you will return to the LORD your God and obey his voice. For the LORD your God is a merciful God. He will not leave you or destroy you or forget the covenant with your fathers that he swore to them.”

**PSALM 27:3** Though an army encamp against me, my heart shall not fear; though war arise against me, yet I will be confident.

**DEUTERONOMY 20:1-4** “When you go out to war against your enemies, and see horses and chariots and an army larger than your own, you shall not be afraid of them, for the LORD your God is with you, who brought you up out of the land of Egypt. And when you draw near to the battle, the priest shall come forward and speak to the people and shall say to them, ‘Hear, O Israel, today you are drawing near for battle against your enemies: let not your heart faint. Do not fear or panic or be in dread of them, for the LORD your God is he who goes with you to fight for you against your enemies, to give you the victory.’”

**PSALM 20:7-8** Some trust in chariots and some in horses, but we trust in the name of the LORD our God. They collapse and fall, but we rise and stand upright.

**PSALM 28:6-7** Blessed be the LORD! For he has heard the voice of my pleas for mercy. The LORD is my strength and my shield; in him my heart trusts, and I am helped; my heart exults, and with my song I give thanks to him.





# THE JUDGES OF ISRAEL

**GIDEON** Major judges

**TOLA** Other judges

● City

○ City (uncertain location)

▲ Mountain peak