

#### Sermon Outline June 1, 2025 Pastor Bryan Myers

**Deborah:** Prophet, Judge, Military Leader

Judges 4 & 5

**Romans 15:4 -** For everything that was written in the past was written to teach us, so that through the endurance taught in the Scriptures and the encouragement they provide we might have hope.

# Deborah makes her debut during the time of the \_\_\_\_\_.

**Judges 21:25** - In those days Israel had no king; everyone did as they saw fit.

In Judges we find the repeated cycle of disobedience  $\rightarrow$  oppression  $\rightarrow$  repentance  $\rightarrow$ 

**Judges 2:18-19a** - Whenever the Lord raised up a judge for them, He was with the judge and saved them out of the hands of their enemies as long as the judge lived...But when the judge died, the people returned to ways even more corrupt than those of their ancestors, following other gods and serving and worshiping them.

**Judges 4:1-3** - Again the Israelites did evil in the eyes of the Lord...So the Lord sold them into the hands of Jabin king of Canaan, who reigned in Hazor...Because he had nine hundred chariots fitted with iron and had cruelly oppressed the Israelites for twenty years, they cried to the Lord for help.

### What do we know about Deborah?

**Judges 4:4-5** - Now Deborah, a prophet, the wife of Lappidoth, was leading Israel at that time. She held court under the Palm of Deborah between Ramah and Bethel in the hill country of Ephraim, and the Israelites went up to her to have their disputes decided. \* Deborah was not only a wife and mother, leader, one-person Supreme Court Justice, and song writer, but also a \_\_\_\_\_.

**Judges 4:6-7** - She sent for Barak son of Abinoam from Kedesh in Naphtali and said to him, "The Lord, the God of Israel, commands you: 'Go, take with you ten thousand men of Naphtali and Zebulun and lead them up to Mount Tabor. I will lead Sisera, the commander of Jabin's army, with his chariots and his troops to the Kishon River and give him into your hands.""

### Lessons learned from Deborah's life & leadership:

1. God does call women to be \_\_\_\_\_\_.

#### 2. God's call won't always feel like the \_\_\_\_\_ place on earth to be.

\* So often we are afraid to step out of our \_\_\_\_\_ to become everything God has called us to be.

#### Two question take-a-way:

## 1. When God taps you on the shoulder will you ?

\* What's God up to in your life? Because God loves you, He will always be at work in your life. So, what has He been up to these days? What is He showing you? What is He teaching you? What is He telling you? Where is He leading you? Is there something He is calling you to do?

*So, what are you doing about that? Are you listening? Are you taking it to heart? Are you obeying what He's saying? What are you doing right now with what God's doing in your life?* 

# 2. And when godly people encourage you to take action \_\_\_\_\_?

\* Regardless of who you are, you can become a part of God's plan if you will be \_\_\_\_\_\_ to follow His lead.