

BE A BRINGER

“40 One of the two who heard John speak, and followed Him, was Andrew, Simon Peter’s brother. 41 He first found his own brother Simon, and said to him, “We have found the Messiah” (which is translated, the Christ). 42 And he brought him to Jesus....”
John 1:40-42a

A bringer makes one touch each week by investing and inviting someone to Christ and church.

Name three people you will pray for their salvation this week:

PRAYER REQUESTS FOR THE WEEK

“Moreover, as for me, far be it from me that I should sin against the LORD in ceasing to pray for you;....” I Samuel 12:23a

MISSIONARY OF THE WEEK

Bob and Patsy Green | Hispanic Ministries



PRaise

- Praise God for His continued faithfulness and for the fruit being produced through years of missionary ministry.
- Praise God for believers in El Salvador who are actively working to establish new churches and reach others with the Gospel.
- Praise God for faithful nationals and church members who are being disciplined and prepared to continue the work of ministry.

PRAY

- Pray for lasting spiritual fruit as believers continue evangelism, discipleship, and church planting ministries.
- Pray for the team from San Miguel traveling weekly to Santa Anna, that God would give safety, strength, and fruitfulness in establishing a church.
- Pray for continued growth and training of leaders in the Hispanic ministry as they prepare to reach and disciple others.

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Study Date: 05/31/26

Deborah: Strong In Leadership

The meaning of Judges 5:7 centers around the themes of leadership, courage, and divine empowerment. In this verse, Deborah, a prophetess and judge of Israel, reflects on a time when the people of Israel were paralyzed by fear and complacency. The phrase "the villagers in Israel would not fight" indicates a period of oppression from enemy forces, specifically the Canaanites, which had caused the Israelites to hesitate in their call to action.

Deborah’s emergence as a leader, described as "a mother in Israel," evokes a powerful image of nurturing strength and guidance. This title suggests that true leadership often arises in times of crisis, embodying both maternal and warrior qualities. The verse highlights that God can empower individuals to rise above cultural norms and societal expectations, inspiring others to take a stand against injustice.

Deborah’s leadership during this time is particularly significant as she breaks away from typical gender roles in a patriarchal society. Her call to action came at a time when the Israelites were oppressed by King Jabin of Canaan and his commander Sisera. The context of the verse illuminates the struggle for identity and deliverance, showcasing how God uses unexpected leaders to fulfill His purposes.

The imagery of Deborah as "a mother in Israel" invites us to think about the nurturing aspects of leadership. It challenges us to blend compassion with courage, fostering environments where others feel safe to join the fight for justice. In our daily lives, whether in our families, workplaces, or communities, we can embody the qualities of a leader who encourages others to stand for righteousness.

Ultimately, Judges 5:7 serves as a reminder of God’s call to each of us. It reassures us that even in our fears, we are not alone; God empowers us to rise and make a difference. As we reflect on this verse, let us seek ways to embody that leadership in our own lives, inspired by Deborah’s example of faith and courage.

Resource: Bibleverseexplained.com

KEY VERSE

Judges 5:7 (NKJV)

“Village life ceased, it ceased in Israel. Until I, Deborah, arose, Arose a Mother in Israel.”

Read Judges 4:1-16, 5:1-7 Every Day

WEEKLY READINGS

Monday: Joshua 1:9, 4:1-3, 5:7

Lead With Courage

1. What are we witnessing *within* Deborah in her statement: *“until I, Deborah, Arose a mother of Israel.”* What *attitude* was she displaying? (Judges 5:7)
2. What is the message that is bestowed upon Joshua in Joshua 1:9? Do you think it made him absolutely fearless? Is there *courage* without *fear*?

Tuesday: Judges 4:4; Ecclesiastes 3:1

Lead With Balance

3. What is Ecclesiastes 3:1 conveying to us about having *balance* in life? How do YOU interpret *“A time for every purpose under heaven?”*
4. Many of us are challenged when it comes to having *balance* in our life. How should we be encouraged by Ecclesiastes 3:1 to achieve more?

Wednesday: Judges 4:5; I Peter 5:2

Lead With Direction

5. What does Judges 4:5 reveal to us about Deborah’s stature in her society? Was she a woman of little or *great* influence?
6. *“Shepherd the flock of God which is among you”* is clear call to leadership! (I Peter 5:2) Can we lead effectively if we are *not fully committed* to it?

Thursday: Judges 4:6-10; Exodus 18:17-18

Lead With Teamwork

7. What lesson can we learn from Deborah in Judges 4:6-7? How does she *plan* to defeat their enemy? Whose help must she employ and why?
8. What wisdom does Moses’ father-in-law offer him in Exodus 18:17-18? What was the solution imposed to keep Moses from being overwhelmed?
9. How often have YOU allowed yourself to be overwhelmed by tasks that required more than *just your* attention? What is the remedy?

Friday: Judges 4:12-17, 21, 5:1-2; Psalm 20:7; Luke 17:17-18

Lead With Faith And Humility

10. What level of faith is Deborah displaying in her statement to Barak in Judges 4:14?
11. What is the result of Deborah’s statement of faith in Judges 4:14; *“Has not the Lord gone out before you?”* What comes to fruition in verse 15?
12. What is congruent in the messages of Judges 5:1-2 and Luke 17:17-18? While *courage* is valued, *what else* must we lead with to truly serve God?