

## V. LEAD WITH FAITH

<sup>12</sup> *"And they reported to Sisera that Barak the son of Abinoam had gone up to Mount Tabor.*

<sup>13</sup> *So Sisera gathered together all his chariots, nine hundred chariots of iron, and all the people who were with him, from Harosheth Hagoyim to the River Kishon."* Judges 4:12-13

<sup>14</sup> *"Then Deborah said to Barak, 'Up! For this is the day in which the LORD has delivered Sisera into your hand. Has not the LORD gone out before you?' So Barak went down from Mount Tabor with ten thousand men following him.*

<sup>15</sup> *And the LORD routed Sisera and all his chariots and all his army with the edge of the sword before Barak; and Sisera alighted from his chariot and fled away on foot.*

<sup>16</sup> *But Barak pursued the chariots and the army as far as Harosheth Hagoyim, and all the army of Sisera fell by the edge of the sword; not a man was left."* Judges 4:14-16

<sup>17</sup> *"However, Sisera had fled away on foot to the tent of Jael, the wife of Heber the Kenite; for there was peace between Jabin king of Hazor and the house of Heber the Kenite.*

<sup>21</sup> *Then Jael, Heber's wife, took a tent peg and took a hammer in her hand, and went softly to him and drove the peg into his temple, and it went down into the ground; for he was fast asleep and weary. So, he died."* Judges 4:17, 21

Faith is trusting God for the victory.

<sup>7</sup> *"Some trust in chariots, and some in horses; but we will remember the name of the LORD our God."* Psalm 20:7

## VI. LEAD WITH HUMILITY

<sup>1</sup> *"Then Deborah and Barak the son of Abinoam sang on that day, saying:*

<sup>2</sup> *'When leaders lead in Israel, when the people willingly offer themselves, bless the LORD!'"* Judges 5:1-2

Humility swiftly offers praise and thanksgiving.

<sup>17</sup> *"So Jesus answered and said, 'Were there not ten cleansed? But where are the nine?*

<sup>18</sup> *Were there not any found who returned to give glory to God except this foreigner?'"* Luke 17:17-18

### DEBORAH: BE STRONG IN LEADERSHIP

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**TEXT:** Judges 4:1-16; 5:1-7

Deborah was a judge of Israel with the difficult role of leading their deliverance from the Canaanites.

<sup>7</sup> *"Village life ceased, it ceased in Israel, until I, Deborah, arose, arose a mother in Israel."*  
Judges 5:7

## HOW TO BE STRONG IN LEADERSHIP

### I. LEAD WITH COURAGE

<sup>1</sup> *"When Ehud was dead, the children of Israel again did evil in the sight of the LORD.*

<sup>2</sup> *So the LORD sold them into the hand of Jabin king of Canaan, who reigned in Hazor. The commander of his army was Sisera, who dwelt in Harosheth Hagoyim.*

<sup>3</sup> *And the children of Israel cried out to the LORD; for Jabin had nine hundred chariots of iron, and for twenty years he had harshly oppressed the children of Israel."* Judges 4:1-3

Courage is not the absence of fear. Courage is moving forward despite your fear.

<sup>9</sup> *"Have I not commanded you? Be strong and of good courage; do not be afraid, nor be dismayed, for the LORD your God is with you wherever you go."* Joshua 1:9

### II. LEAD WITH BALANCE

<sup>4</sup> *"Now Deborah, a prophetess, the wife of Lapidoth, was judging Israel at that time."* Judges 4:4

Balance between home and work is being obedient in private and public responsibilities.

<sup>1</sup> *"To everything there is a season, a time for every purpose under heaven:"* Ecclesiastes 3:1

### III. LEAD WITH DIRECTION

<sup>5</sup> *"And she would sit under the palm tree of Deborah between Ramah and Bethel in the mountains of Ephraim. And the children of Israel came up to her for judgment."*

Judges 4:5

Direction requires listening well, and then providing clear instruction.

<sup>2</sup> *"Shepherd the flock of God which is among you, serving as overseers, not by compulsion but willingly, not for dishonest gain but eagerly;"* I Peter 5:2

### IV. LEAD WITH TEAMWORK

<sup>6</sup> *"Then she sent and called for Barak the son of Abinoam from Kedesh in Naphtali, and said to him, 'Has not the LORD God of Israel commanded, 'Go and deploy troops at Mount Tabor; take with you ten thousand men of the sons of Naphtali and of the sons of Zebulun;*

<sup>7</sup> *and against you I will deploy Sisera, the commander of Jabin's army, with his chariots and his multitude at the River Kishon; and I will deliver him into your hand'?"*

Judges 4:6-7

<sup>8</sup> *"And Barak said to her, 'If you will go with me, then I will go but if you will not go with me, I will not go!"*

<sup>9</sup> *So she said, 'I will surely go with you; nevertheless, there will be no glory for you in the journey you are taking, for the LORD will sell Sisera into the hand of a woman.' Then Deborah arose and went with Barak to Kedesh.*

<sup>10</sup> *And Barak called Zebulun and Naphtali to Kedesh; he went up with ten thousand men under his command, and Deborah went up with him."* Judges 4:8-10

Teamwork includes delegating and also supporting those you lead.

<sup>17</sup> *"So Moses' father-in-law said to him, 'The thing that you do is not good.*

<sup>18</sup> *Both you and these people who are with you will surely wear yourselves out. For this thing is too much for you; you are not able to perform it by yourself."*

Exodus 18:17-18