

# Judges 4 and 5

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<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?" 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. <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>18</sup> And Jael went out to meet Sisera, and said to him, "Turn aside, my lord, turn aside to me; do not fear."

And when he had turned aside with her into the tent, she covered him with a blanket." "<sup>19</sup> Then he said to her, "Please give me a little water to drink, for I am thirsty." So she opened a jug of milk, gave him a drink, and covered him. <sup>20</sup> And he said to her, "Stand at the door of the tent, and if any man comes and inquires of you, and says, 'Is there any man here?' you shall say, 'No.'" <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. <sup>22</sup> And then, as Barak pursued Sisera, Jael came out to meet him, and said to him, "Come, I will show you the man whom you seek." And when he went into her tent, there lay Sisera, dead with the peg in his temple.

<sup># 23</sup> So on that day God subdued Jabin king of Canaan in the presence of the children of Israel. <sup>24</sup> And the hand of the children of Israel grew stronger and stronger against Jabin king of Canaan, until they had destroyed Jabin king of Canaan."

Judges 4:1-24 (NKJV)

### Judges 5 : 1-2, 6-8

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<sup>8</sup> They chose new gods; Then there was war in the gates; Not a shield or spear was seen among forty thousand in Israel. <sup>9</sup> My heart is with the rulers of Israel Who offered themselves willingly with the people. The LORD came down for me against the mighty. And from Zebulun those who bear the recruiter's staff"..."

<sup>#18</sup> Zebulun is a people who jeopardized their lives to the point of death, Naphtali also, on the heights of the battlefield. To the help of the Lord against the mighty ... <sup>24</sup> "Most blessed among women is Jael, The wife of Heber the Kenite; Blessed is she among women in tents."

Judges 5 : 9, 18 & 24 (NKJV)

## Introduction

- a) People love heroes
- 1960s we have open air cinemas
- watch the western movies
  - excited and cheering was when the heroes appeared on screen to save the damsels in distress

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- dreaming to be a hero one day
  - I was truly an unlikely hero then!

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- People who are my heroes discovered many heroes :
  - ➤ teachers
  - ➢ J. Oswald Sanders
    - my mum and my dad

they were unrecognized heroes

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- c) Heroes in your life
  - not talking about Jesus our ultimate and greatest hero
    - but heroes that Jesus wants us to emulate and become

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### Judges 5 : 18 & 23

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Hebrews 12 : 1 – 2 (NKJV) "Therefore we also, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us lay aside every weight, and the sin which so easily ensnares us, and let us run with endurance the race that is set before us,

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<sup>2</sup> looking unto Jesus, the author and finisher of our faith, who for the joy that was set before Him endured the cross, despising the shame, and has sat down at the right hand of the throne of God." Hebrews 12 : 1 – 2 (NKJV)

# Introduction Heroes give testimony about God acting in their lives to us God to inspire us, teach us and become heroes of faith to others

# Road Map

- The Prophetess Who Became a Judge of Israel: *Leadership*
- 2. The Woman in Tent Who Became a Silent Killer: *Courage*
- 3. The Reluctant General Who Became a Man of Faith: *Strength*



*The prophetess who became a Judge of Israel: Leadership* 

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*The prophetess who became a Judge of Israel: Leadership* 

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"<sup>15</sup> Moreover God said to Moses, "Thus you shall say to the children of Israel: 'The LORD God of your fathers, the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob, has sent me to you. This is My name forever, and this is My memorial to all generations." Exodus 3:15 (NKJV)

### Matthew 22 : 29-32 (NKJV)

*"Jesus answered and said to them, "You are mistaken, not knowing the Scriptures nor the power of God.* <sup>30</sup> For in the resurrection they neither marry nor are given in marriage, but are like angels of God in heaven. <sup>31</sup> But concerning the resurrection of the dead, have you not read what was spoken to you by God, saying, <sup>32</sup> I am the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob'? God is not the God of the dead, but of the living."

*1) The prophetess who became a Judge of Israel: Leadership* 

Galatians 3 : 26–29 (NKJV) "For you are all sons of God through faith in Christ Jesus. <sup>27</sup> For as many of you as were baptized into Christ have put on Christ. <sup>28</sup> There is neither Jew nor Greek, there is neither slave nor free, there is neither male nor female; for you are all one in Christ Jesus. <sup>29</sup> And if you are Christ's, then you are Abraham's seed, and heirs according to the promise."



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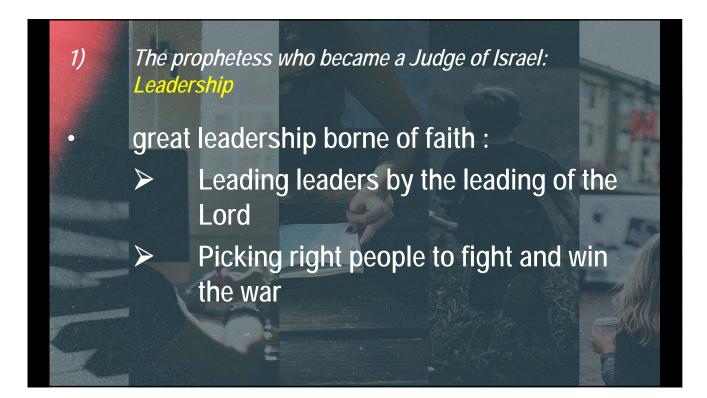
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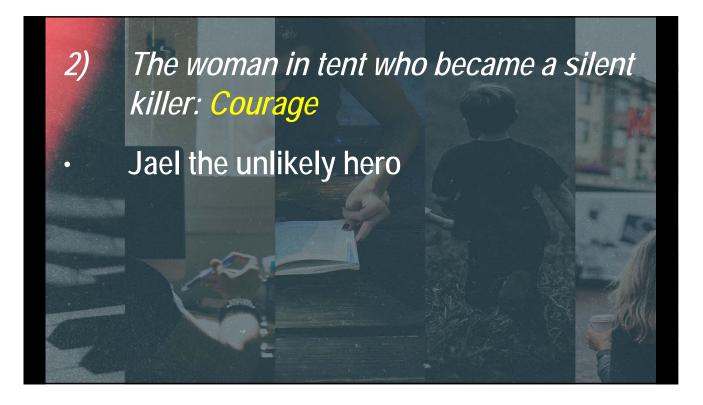








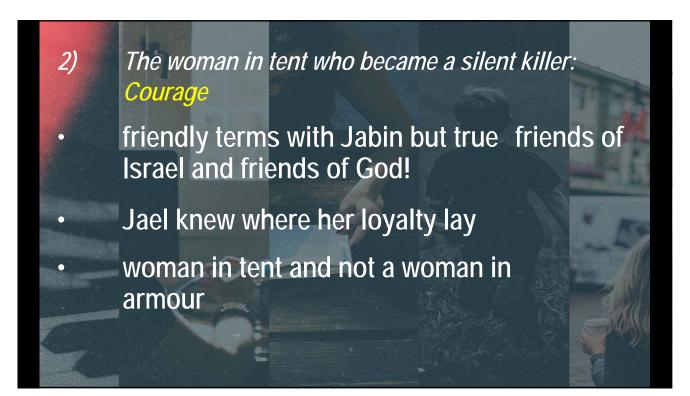


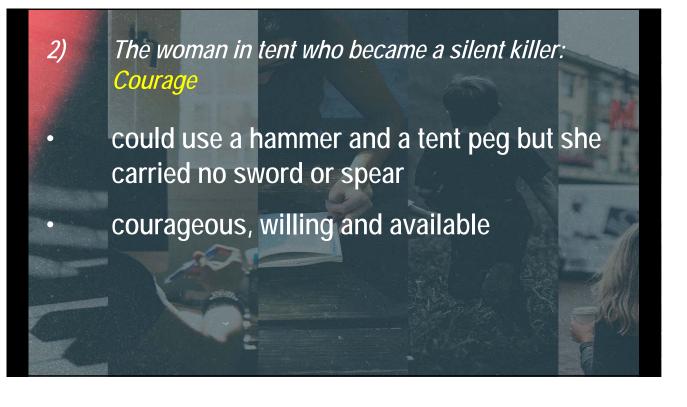


#### Judges 4 : 17-22

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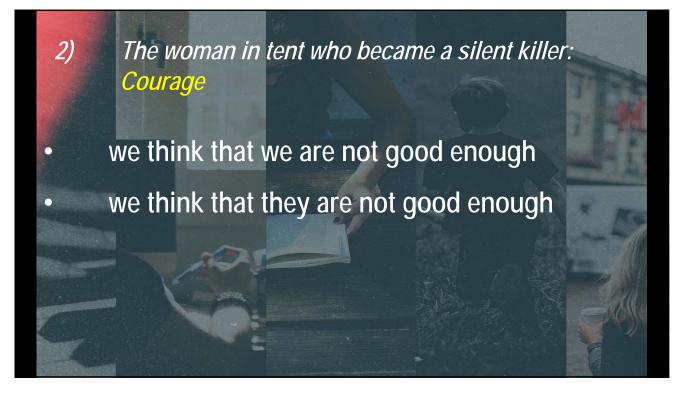




*The woman in tent who became a silent killer: Courage* 

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*"Behold, I am sending you out like sheep in the midst of wolves; be wary and wise as serpents, and be innocent (harmless, guileless, and without falsity) as doves." Matthew 10:16 (AMPC)* 



good sense of loyalty, courage and wisdom like Jael
resourceful and be willing to use simple tools in hand to accomplish big things for God *1 Samuel 17 Matthew 14*

*The woman in tent who became a silent killer: Courage* 

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1 Corinthians 1:27 (NKJV) " But God has chosen the foolish things of the world to put to shame the wise, and God has chosen the weak things of the world to put to shame the things which are mighty"

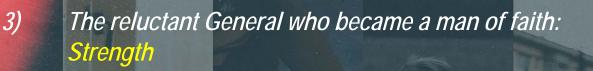


Barak the unrecognized hero

strong leader and a general

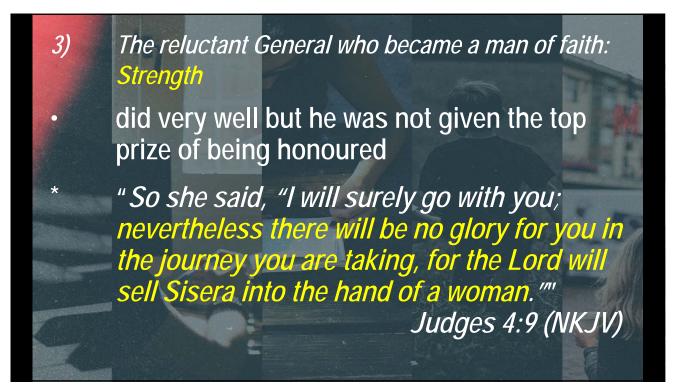
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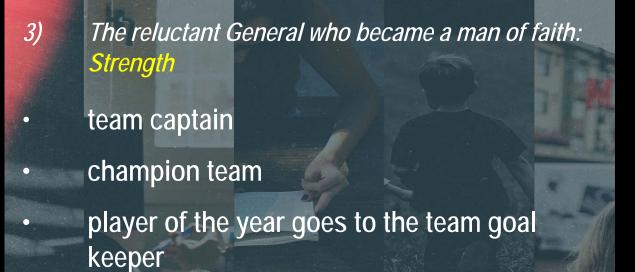
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Judges 4 : 10 & 14 (NKJV)





Judges 4 : 6-8 (NKJV) "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;

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Judges 4 : 6-8 (NKJV)

*The reluctant General who became a man of faith: Strength* 

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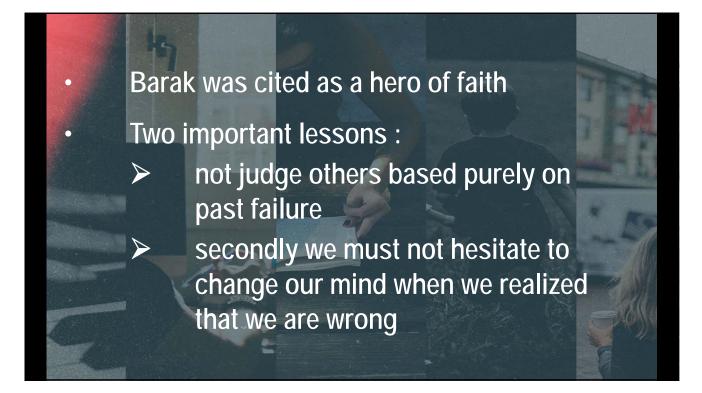
### 1 Samuel 12 : 6–11 (NKJV)

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"Now Samuel said to all Israel: <sup>6</sup> Then Samuel said to the people, "It is the LORD who raised up Moses and Aaron, and who brought your fathers up from the land of Egypt . . . <sup>9</sup> And when they forgot the LORD their God, He sold them into the hand of Sisera, commander of the army of Hazor, into the hand of the Philistines, and into the hand of the king of Moab; and they fought against them." <sup>#10</sup> Then they cried out to the LORD, and said, 'We have sinned, because we have forsaken the LORD and served the Baals and Ashtoreths; but now deliver us from the hand of our enemies, and we will serve You.' <sup>11</sup> And the Lord sent Jerubbaal, (Gideon-Targum, Deborah-Syriac) Bedan, (Barak-Septuagint) Jephthah, and Samuel, and delivered you out of the hand of your enemies on every side; and you dwelt in safety." 1 Sam 12 : 6–11 (NKJV)

### Hebrews 11 : 32-34 (NKJV)

"And what more shall I say? For the time would fail me to tell of Gideon and Barak and Samson and Jephthah, also of David and Samuel and the prophets: <sup>33</sup> who through faith subdued kingdoms, worked righteousness, obtained promises, stopped the mouths of lions, <sup>34</sup> quenched the violence of fire, escaped the edge of the sword, out of weakness were made strong, became valiant in battle, turned to flight, the armies of the aliens."



### Matthew 21 : 28-34 (NKJV)

*"But what do you think? A man had two sons, and he came to the first and said, 'Son, go, work today in my vineyard.' <sup>29</sup> He answered and said, 'I will not,' but afterward he regretted it and went. <sup>30</sup> Then he came to the second and said likewise. And he answered and said, 'I go, sir,' but he did not go. <sup>31</sup> Which of the two did the will of his father?" They said to Him, "The first."* 

Jesus said to them, "Assuredly, I say to you that tax collectors and harlots enter the kingdom of God before you. <sup>32</sup> For John came to you in the way of righteousness, and you did not believe him; but tax collectors and harlots believed him; and when you saw it, you did not afterward relent and believe him."

Matthew 21 : 28-34 (NKJV)

