

IN A BATTLE

COURAGE



- Read Judges 4 and 5.
- Would you say that your response to conflict is BOLD like Deborah or HESITANT like Barak?
- Deborah was willing to say things that made people uncomfortable and made hard decisions that required courage. What are some hard and uncomfortable things you need to say or do in this season?
- • Deborah led from a place of reliance on God, but Barak hesitated and lacked confidence. What areas of your life and leadership need a little more grit and perseverance?
- Although Barak hesitated, he didn't run from God; he asked for help. He said to Deborah: "If you go with me, I will go; but if you don't go with me, I won't go." (Judges 4:8). Do you have a spiritual support system that you can ask to come alongside you in battle?

APPLICATION

While the fact that Deborah and Jael are strong women is key to the story of Israel, this is not just a story about women. THIS IS A STORY ABOUT GOD AND WHETHER OR NOT WE TRUST HIM. Barak was afraid, and his fear got the best of him. Fear stalled both the nation of Israel and Barak. Deborah wasn't afraid. She was so confident that God had gone before them and would go before them again that her confidence gave her the courage to say to Barak, "What are you waiting for? Get going!" Deborah pushed Barak to do what God had called him to do, knowing that God had already gone before him to prepare the victory. What is God calling you to? Where do you need to get going?

S.O.A.P. (Scripture|Observation|Application|Prayer)

Monday Judges 4:1-10
Tuesday Judges 4:14-16
Wednesday . Judges 5:1-5

Thursday . . . Judges 5:6-12
Friday Judges 5:13-31

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