

# Bible Biographies

Sunday Night Auditorium Class

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## Responding to God's Call: **Deborah**

Judges 2:1-3:6; ch. 4 & 5

### Text

“The battle is not yours, but the Lord’s” (2 Chron. 20:15). How easy it is to forget that whatever “battles” we face, the Lord knows. We need a constant reminder of the presence of the Lord in our lives, a Lord who will fight our battles with us.

Deborah was a leader whom her co-leader, Barak, leaned on to secure victory over the enemies of Israel. Through Deborah, we learn that God wants to use us for His cause, as long as we are willing to do things His way and keep His will uppermost in our minds.

### Questions

1. Skim Judges 1 & 2. What is this book about? What was the historical situation? Draw the cycle of events in the space below. Read 17:6; 21:25
  - This cycle is a pattern in the spiritual lives of many individuals. Why? What needs to change?
2. How does Judges 4:1-3 demonstrate this cycle?
3. From 5:6-8, identify the events that took place in Israel during Deborah’s life.
4. Who was Deborah? [4:4-5] Can you name another prophetess or two in the Bible?
5. Besides having talent and ability, what other important leadership trait did Deborah have? See 5:7 for a clue.

6. Why did God choose Deborah to be a Judge? How many other female Judges did He choose?
  - Can a woman be a leader in the church today? Why or why not? If so, what kind of leadership role can she lawfully take?
  
7. Read 4:4-9, 13-15. What, exactly, did Deborah do? What was the key to victory?
  
8. What great leadership “secret” do we discover in 5:2?
  
9. What do we learn from all this: (a) about God (b) about our response to God during difficult times.