

## “Great Leaders and Lost Opportunities” Judges 4

The time of Judges was a period when Godly Leaders were scarce; this is still true today. If leaders will lead toward God people will follow, but unfortunately when leaders leave God people follow as well. God desires to raise Leaders that hear His voice, follow His lead, and fight the battles He is asking them to fight. See how two woman, Deborah and Jael stood and fought well.

### 1. **The Cycle Continues (4.1-4)**

- Israel’s Rebellion
- God’s Rebuke
- Israel’s Return
- Deliverer Raised
  
- Why this cycle?

Judges 21:25

In those days there was no king in Israel; everyone did what was right in his own eyes

- If Leaders don’t Lead toward God, people Leave God

### 2. **A Leader Leads (4. 4-10)**

- Deborah Introduced (4.4-5)

Proverbs 31 Deborah

- ◇ Fears God

Proverbs 31.30

Charm is deceitful and beauty is vain, But a woman who fears the Lord , she shall be praised

- ◇ Trusted by Husband

Proverbs 31.11-12

The heart of her husband trusts in her, And he will have no lack of gain. She does him good and not evil All the days of her life.

◇ Enhances Stance of Husband

Proverbs 31.23

Her Husband is known in the gates, When he sits among the elders of the land

◇ Respect and Heard by All

Proverbs 31.26

She opens her mouth in wisdom, And the teaching of kindness is on her tongue.

— Deborah Directs (4.6-10)

— What does God desire from Leaders?

- Listen to God
- Call others to follow God
- Stand with them as they fight

### **3. An Opportunity is Lost (4.8)**

### **4. An Unlikely Hero Arises (4.17-22)**

### **5. Lessons from Judges 4**

- What does God want from Us?

- God Uses His People to Stand and Save
- We Need People to Stand with Us
- God will use People we least expect

- How Does God want us to Fight?

- God desires people that hear his call, follow his lead, and fight the battles he leads you to fight
- Today the battle is not physical as much as spiritual, but this battle requires the same veracity shown in a different variety.
  - Personal Holiness
  - Price of the Air that is deceiving the world