



Rising to Your Challenges

Judges 4 & 5
Mother's Day
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Deborah's brief biography.

1. The times in which she lived.
2. The story of her life and ministry.

Deborah's beautiful character.

1. She kept in touch with God. (4:4-7)
2. She had faith to act when God spoke. (4:4, 6-10, 14)
3. She was understanding and compassionate. (4:9; 5:9)
4. She gave praise to God. (5:1-31)
5. She was an instrument of peace. (4:4; 5:31)

In My Life This Week

(As you use this daily guide, write out your observations and responses on a separate piece of paper and save them with this sheet for reference.)

Monday. Read Judges 4:1-24 for an overview of the brief Biblical record of Deborah. What stands out most to you about her life and ministry?

Tuesday. Deborah's character is a good model. She kept in touch with God and when He spoke she not only listened, but acted (4:4-14). Have you been keeping in touch with God so far this week? Have you been obedient to His direction from the Bible and prompting by the Holy Spirit? List and act on things you need to do now to keep growing in this area.

Wednesday. Deborah was understanding, compassionate and an instrument of peace (check #3 and #5 on the outline). List specific examples of these three qualities in yourself this week (note any failures also). If your list is shorter on positive examples than it should be, ask God to help you be sensitive to and growing in these qualities.

Thursday. Deborah gave praise to God. Read Judges 5:1-31 to review her duet of praise with Barak, noting the different things she included in her praise. What have you praised God for today, so far this week?

Friday – Saturday. Sunday we plan to begin a new series in the Sermon on the Mount with *True Happiness* from Matthew 5:3-4. Read Matthew 5:1-11 in preparation for our time of worship.