

**Lessons from the Judges**  
Week #4 – “Where Are the Men?”  
Judges 4-5

**Introduction:**

1 Corinthians 16:13

Deuteronomy 20:5-8

Joshua 1:14

Isaiah 3:12

**Where are the men? How one man goes from fear to faith, from forsaking his role to fulfilling his role**

1. Israel’s idolatry and the lack of godly men leading are related – 4:1-3
  - a. Israel’s sin: Idolatry – “\_\_\_\_\_ evil” – vs. 1
  - b. Israel’s judgment: Dangerous time to live in this nation, no one is \_\_\_\_\_.
  - c. Fearful men who do not fulfill their God-given role are governed by idolatry and \_\_\_\_\_, not faith and courage.
    - i. Harsh oppression for the nation – 4:3; 5:6-7
    - ii. Why is the King of Canaan oppressing the nation a sign of the lack of godly men in Israel?
      1. Judges 3:1-4 & Judges 5:8
      2. Joshua 1:6-8; 11:1, 6-11
  - d. What idols cause fear that keep men from bravely fighting for what is right in the eyes of the Lord?
  
2. The lack of men leading is seen by Deborah standing in the gap – vs. 4
  - a. Compare Judges 4:4 with the typical pattern of what happens after the people cry out to the LORD in Judges 3:9 and 3:15?
  - b. “Deborah...was judging Israel \_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_.” God didn’t raise her up when the people cried out. Instead she was already fulfilling this role.
  - c. She would sit between Ramah and \_\_\_\_\_.
  
3. The call for men to arise and fulfill their God-given role – vs. 6-24
  - a. Vs. 8 – If you will go, then I will go
    - i. Consequence for the man not fulfilling his role – vs. 9
  - b. The turning point is verse 14 – Deborah is not \_\_\_\_\_ after that.
  - c. What is the result of Barak’s faith? Hebrews 11:32-34
  - d. “Arise and \_\_\_\_\_” – Judges 4:14; 5:7, 12

### **Discussion Questions:**

Why is the lack of men leading a sign that a nation or church is already in a state of spiritual decline?

As one considers James 4:17, Is it a sin for a man not to fulfill His God-given role?

What are potential idols of the world that keep men from fulfilling their godly role? What is the correlation between a man's courage and his relationship with the Lord?

How can ladies best encourage men to be the leaders that they need to be?

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“Then the children of Israel did evil in the sight of the LORD, and served the Baals; and they forsook the LORD God of their fathers, who had brought them out of the land of Egypt; and they followed other gods from among the gods of the people who were all around them, and they bowed down to them; and they provoked the LORD to anger. – Judges 2:11-12