

Deborah and Barak

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Remember: you do not have to do the entire study (you may not have time) – you can choose what questions you want to discuss.

Read Judges 4

1. What was the situation of the Israelites at this time? How would you characterise the people's relationship with God?
2. How is Deborah described? What was her role as a judge?
3. What character qualities and attributes do we see in Deborah in this passage?
4. Why did Barak want to go only with Deborah? What different reasons do you think he might have had? What did this show about his character?
5. Have there been times when your faith has wavered or weakened? What happened? What did you learn from those times?
6. What do you think of what Jael did? Why? What would you have done?
7. In what ways do Barak and Deborah show great faith in this episode?
8. What does this episode tell us about the way God works? How have you experienced God working like this in your life?
9. What is it that helps faith endure? What is it that has helped your faith endure over time?
10. What is God laying before you at this time? What is he calling you to step into?

Prayer points:

- Pray for the plight of refugees, the homeless, and the displaced around the world.
- Pray for the two families from Afghanistan that are heading to us.
- Pray for those affected by violence and conflict and climate change around the globe.