A young girl with dark hair, wearing a white lace-trimmed top, is smiling and looking towards the right. Behind her, a woman with dark hair is also smiling. In the background, there is a sign that says "HAPPY MOMMYS DAY" in blue marker. The entire scene is set against a green, wavy, textured background.

Mother's Arise!

Judges 4:4-10



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4 Now Deborah, a prophetess, the wife of Lappidoth, was judging Israel at that time.⁵ She used to sit under the palm tree of Deborah between Ramah and Bethel in the hill country of Ephraim; and the sons of Israel came up to her for judgment.⁶ Now she sent and summoned Barak the son of Abinoam from Kedesh-naphtali, and said to him, "Behold, the LORD, the God of Israel, has commanded, 'Go and march to Mount Tabor, and take with you ten thousand men from the



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sons of Naphtali and from the sons of Zebulun.⁷ 'I will draw out to you Sisera, the commander of Jabin's army, with his chariots and his many *troops* to the river Kishon, and I will give him into your hand.'⁸ Then Barak said to her, "If you will go with me, then I will go; but if you will not go with me, I will not go."⁹ She said, "I will surely go with you; nevertheless, the honor shall not be yours on the journey that you are about to take, for the LORD will sell Sisera into the



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hands of a woman." Then Deborah arose and went with Barak to Kedesh.

10 ¶ Barak called Zebulun and Naphtali together to Kedesh, and ten thousand men went up with him; Deborah also went up with him.




The Reality of Life

- We celebrate today ...
- We were made to be together!
- Gen 2:18 Then the LORD God said, "It is not good for the man to be alone; I will make him a helper suitable for him."
- We are always at our best... and His Blessed!




Don't Sit Under the Tree!

- Deborah was a Judge and Prophet (#4)
- God's Words need Committed Deeds!
 - Anyone can criticize “under the tree”
 - Cheerleaders are great, but where are you standing?
 - Deborah calls and inspires...
- She called Barak to Battle...



Everybody Has a 'Body' ...

- We are all involved - our OWN place!
 - Deborah could not fight – could have done nothing
 - Barak - NO victory without Vision/HOPE!
- THERE IS A **PLACE** FOR ALL!
- BUT...are we all doing **our** part?
- The work of a woman/mother...



The Goal of Encouragement

- “Behold, the Lord, the God of Israel, has commanded...”
- Barak gets caught in the “messenger” - the “message”!
- Exhort, counsel, admonish, edify, love...each other!
- God will draw out the enemy for destruction (7)
- What you fear, God will deliver into your hand!
- “I will surely go with you...” (9)



On the Spirit's Side

- 1 Spirit-led, 1 reluctant, 10,000 followers! (10)
- Going to battle ???
- Ex. 33:15 “If your presence does not go with us, do not lead us up from here.”
- God’s presence is what we need!
- One another is what we were made for!
- ‘Deborah’s’ **ARISE!!!**



Judges 5

1 ¶ Then **Deborah and Barak** the son of Abinoam sang on that day, saying, 2 "That the leaders led in Israel, That the people volunteered, Bless the LORD! 3 "Hear, O kings; give ear, O rulers! I—to the LORD, I will sing, I will sing praise to the LORD, the God of Israel. 4 "LORD, when You went out from Seir, When You marched from the field of Edom, The earth quaked, the heavens also dripped, Even the clouds dripped water. 5 "The mountains quaked at the presence of the LORD, This Sinai, at the presence of the LORD, the God of Israel. 6 ¶ "In the days of Shamgar the son of Anath, In the days of Jael, the highways were deserted, And travelers went by roundabout ways. 7 "The peasantry ceased, they ceased in Israel, Until I, Deborah, arose, Until I arose, a mother in Israel.