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Judges 4:1-7 NEW LIVING TRANSLATION

After Ehud's death, the Israelites again did evil in the Lord's sight. ² So the Lord turned them over to King Jabin of Hazor, a Canaanite king. The commander of his army was Sisera, who lived in Harosheth-haggoyim. ³ Sisera, who had 900 iron chariots, ruthlessly oppressed the Israelites for twenty years. Then the people of Israel cried out to the Lord for help

Judges 4:1-7

NEW LIVING TRANSLATION

⁴ Deborah, the wife of Lappidoth, was a prophet who was judging Israel at that time. ⁵ She would sit under the Palm of Deborah, between Ramah and Bethel in the hill country of Ephraim, and the Israelites would go to her for judgment. ⁶ One day she sent for Barak son of Abinoam, who lived in Kedesh in the land of Naphtali.

Judges 4:1-7 NEW LIVING TRANSLATION

She said to him, “This is what the Lord, the God of Israel, commands you: Call out 10,000 warriors from the tribes of Naphtali and Zebulun at Mount Tabor. ⁷ And I will call out Sisera, commander of Jabin’s army, along with his chariots and warriors, to the Kishon River. There I will give you victory over him.”

Psalm 130:7b

THE PASSION TRANSLATION

... keep waiting on the Lord, for he is tenderhearted, kind, and forgiving. He has a thousand ways to set you free!



Another twist in a tale
of the unexpected:
Jabin, fierce warrior of
the sword will be felled
by a tiny bee —
Deborah: judge,
prophet, hero, leader,
woman

Ambrose of Milan

c. 333–397, BISHOP AND TEACHER OF AUGUSTINE

“[God] chose Deborah, by whose judgment they might be ruled. And so one widow both ruled many thousands of men in peace and defended them from the enemy. There were many judges in Israel, but no woman before was a judge, as after Joshua there were many judges but none was a prophet.

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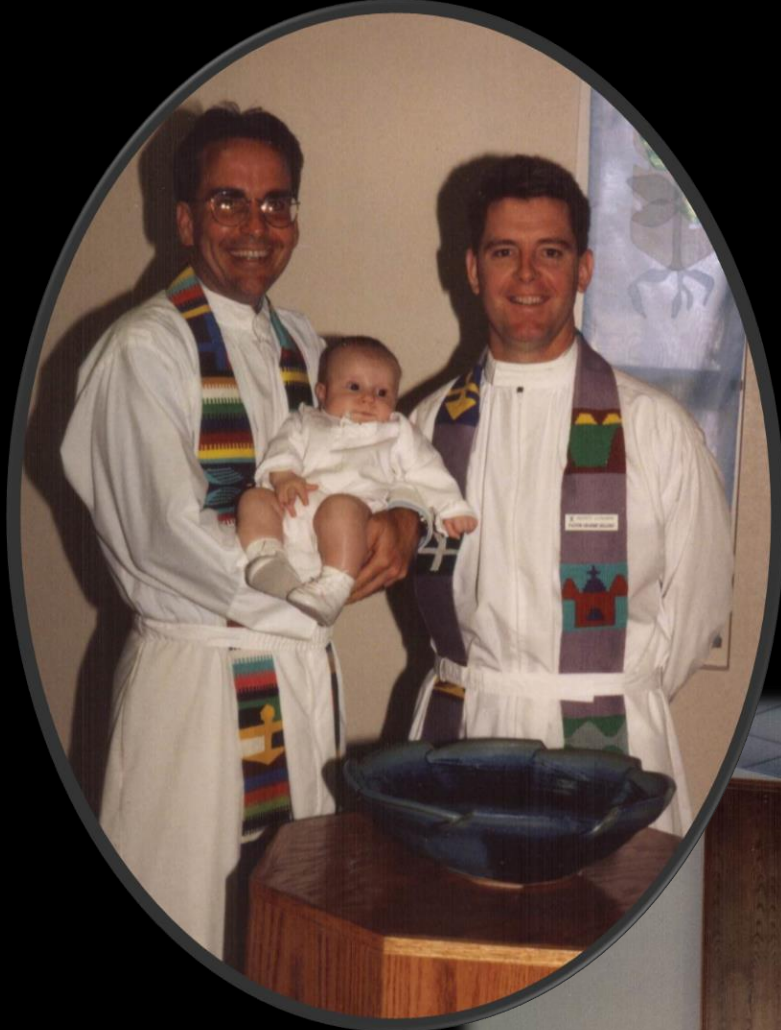
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Luke 12:32

THE MESSAGE TRANSLATION

Don't be afraid of missing out. You're my dearest friends! The Father wants to give you the very kingdom itself.

Philippians 1:6

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There has never been the slightest doubt in my mind that the God who started this great work in you would keep at it and bring it to a flourishing finish on the very day Christ Jesus appears.

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