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**Judges 4-5**

**Principle:** God can use anyone who is willing to be used by Him.



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# Judges: Leaders of Grit and Grace

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## Journey Group Questions

1. Review Mr. Jeffrey's message from Sunday night. Judges were people, used by God, to bring corrective leadership to the nation of Israel before Saul was anointed King. For those of you who were here on Wednesday, what stuck out to you about his message?

2. Read Judges 4:4-16. Barak's obedience was conditional. He said he would only go down if Deborah went with Him. He was not willing to obey on his own (vs 8).

A. Is conditional obedience still a problem among God's people today?

B. What is at the root of conditional obedience?

C. How do we as followers of Christ avoid falling into it?

3. Deborah told Barak that God wanted him to take 10,000 men against 900 Iron chariots (4:6). That's not just risky, its practically a suicide mission. "Iron chariots went through foot soldiers like a knife through butter (Tim Keller)." Despite the risk, Barak obeyed and God provided victory. Are there times you can look back on when you have taken a risk in obeying the Lord, and found him providing what you needed to do it?

4. Deborah also told Barak (after he put a condition on his obedience) that he would not receive the honor or glory for the victory (vs 9). Even with the knowledge that he would not receive the recognition or glory, Barak still obeyed. What do you do differently in your life because of your faith in Christ, even though you don't get honor, credit, or recognition for it?

5. Judges 5 gives us a different account of the same story. While Judges 4 is a story of what happened, Judges 5 is the poetic account of Deborah and Barak telling the same story. What is awesome about Judges 5 is how Deborah and Barak praise God for being the true Hero of the story. It was He who raised up Deborah, gave victory to Barak, and orchestrated Jael's opportunity to kill the king. This poem is an awesome look into the perspective of these Judges; they saw God working in every part of their story. What would it look like for you to adopt a "Judges 5" perspective in your own life?