

## Sermon Notes

### Judges: God in the Chaos

#### Judges 4,5

#### Leadership = Influence

Judges 4,5 are two chapters dedicated to the story of Deborah, a true leader.

Chapter 4: Historic account

Chapter 5: Poetic account

#### **1. Be the one who is available to God.**

- Where has God placed me?

#### **2. Be the one who honors God.**

- “It is better to walk alone than to walk with a crowd in the wrong direction.”
- “Choose this day whom you will serve....God....or something else” (Joshua 24)
- “...all the people did whatever seemed right in their own eyes.”  
Judges 21:25b

#### **3. Be the one who gets into the game.**

- “[Sisera] ruthlessly oppressed the Israelites for twenty years.”
- “...people avoided the main roads,  
and travelers stayed on winding pathways.

<sup>7</sup> There were few people left in the villages of Israel—until Deborah arose as a mother for Israel. 5:6,7

- How should I get into the game, step up to the plate and partner with God?

#### **4. Be the one who gives ultimate credit to God.**

- *Is there ever a time when a person can take credit for something he or she has done?*
- What do you have that God hasn't given you? And if everything you have is from God, why boast as though it were not a gift? 1 Cor 4:7
- What impression do I leave with those I influence?

The stories in Judges point to a Greater Story.