Sunday December 29, 2024 Alta Vista Baptist Church Judges 4:1-5:31

"When the princes in Israel take the lead, when the people willingly offer themselves - praise the Lord! ... So may all your enemies perish, Lord! But may all who love you be like the sun when it rises in its strength. Then the land had peace forty years." Judges 5:2, 31

Deborah & Barak (...and Jael ... AND JESUS!!!)

1) A Godly _____. (vs. 4:1-9)

"... His government and its peace will never end. He will rule with fairness and justice from the throne of his ancestor David for all eternity. The passionate commitment of the Lord of Heaven's Armies will make this happen!" - Isaiah 9:6-7

(Matthew 28:18, 1 Corinthians 15:25-26, Revelation 1:4-5, 17:14, 19:16)

2) A Godly _____. (vs. 4:10-24)

"For he has rescued us from the dominion of darkness and brought us into the kingdom of the Son he loves, in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins." - Colossians 1:13-14

(Psalm 107:28, Isaiah 41:10, 46:3-4, Luke 19:10, John 3:16-17, Galatians 1:4, 2 Timothy 4:18)

3) God _____! (vs. 5:1-31)

"...For the Lord your God is the one who goes with you to fight for you against your enemies to give you victory" - Deuteronomy 20:1-4

(Isaiah 25:8, John 16:33, Revelation 11:15, 21:6-7) (Zephaniah 3:14-20, 1 Corinthians 15:57)

DIGGING DEEPER

(For use in personal/family devotions or with your care group)

Q1: How is it encouraging, and humbling, to know that God works through flawed people?

Q2: Like Deborah, what do you do differently in your life because you have faith, even though you don't get honour or credit for it?

Q3: Are there times you can look back on when you have taken a risk in obeying the Lord and found him providing what you need as you do so? Are there ways in which you are/should be taking a risk in obedience to the Lord right now?

Q4: As you reflect on 2024 how has God blessed and changed you this year? What is one lesson the Lord taught you this year that stands out to you?

Q5: As you look forward to 2025 list 4 goals you have for your relationship with Jesus in the next year.

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