

Our Desperate Need for Dangerous Leaders **Judges 4-5**

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Dangerously godly leaders are:

1. _____ when others _____.

2. willing to _____ in a world plagued by _____.

3. _____ leaders



For Small Group discussion & application this week:

Based on your personal time reviewing Judges 4 & 5 this week, what did God teach you?

Oftentimes taking a stand for Christ is risky or dangerous and takes courage. How have you shown courage as a follower of Jesus?

The world expects followers of Christ to be passive or indifferent. How have you taken a stand for truth? How have you also shown grace in these moments?

What did you take away from the message that you didn't get on your own?

Looking ahead: February 19, spend time in Judges 4 & 5 this week.

What will God teach you personally as you spend time in His word this week. Draw near to Him asking Him to reveal truth to you.

Chapter 4 gives us the historical narrative account of what took place after Ehud and chapter 5 is a song that Deborah the Judge sings because of the historical reality. Chapter 4 gives us the facts; chapter 5 gives us the theology. Chapter 4 as one author said, is the language of the historian, chapter 5 is the language of the poet. So, engineers will love chapter 4, artist will love chapter 5. Spend time in both and listen to the voice of God as you do.

From what you see in Judges 4-5, what can you praise God for most? Make a personal investment of time and thought to speak with Him about this and honor Him.

As you read Deborah's song in chapter 5, what further perspectives do we gain:

- regarding the battle?
- regarding Israel's circumstances prior to the battle?
- about the participation of Israel's tribes in the battle?
- see in the requests made in the song's final two lines?