



A Brave New Leader

Judges 4

Deborah was a prophet and the leader of Israel. She served her people under the Palm Tree of Deborah. The people of Israel would meet her there to ask for her advice and for her help in settling arguments.



One day, Deborah was giving Barak, a commander in the army, a message from God. God had told Deborah that Israel was going to have to go to war with an evil king's army.

Even though he was the commander, Barak was too afraid to step up and go first against the evil army. He told Deborah, "I will not go unless you go!"



Deborah knew what God had commanded Israel to do. She knew that God would go ahead of them to fight for them. So she decided that she wasn't going to wait around for someone else to lead the way. She was going to be a leader and go first!

Deborah set the right example by trusting God and doing what He said to do. Her bravery gave Barak and the rest of the army the courage to follow her into battle!



They went to battle against the evil king's army and defeated them! Deborah and Barak thanked and praised God for giving them the victory against a cruel king and his army.