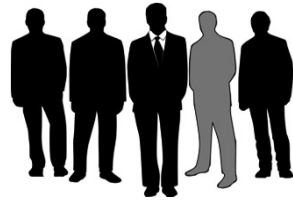


Think of a time ...

- Have you ever been thrust into a task or responsibility in an unexpected way or at an unexpected time? How did you respond?



Listen for a command.

Judges 4:6-9 (NLT2)

⁶ One day she [Deborah] sent for Barak son of Abinoam, who lived in Kedesh in the land of Naphtali. She said to him, "This is what the LORD, the God of Israel, commands you: Call out 10,000 warriors from the tribes of Naphtali and Zebulun at Mount Tabor. ⁷ And I will call out Sisera, commander of Jabin's army, along with his chariots and warriors, to the Kishon River. There I will give you victory over him." ⁸ Barak told her, "I will go, but only if you go with me." ⁹ "Very well," she replied, "I will go with you. But you will receive no honor in this venture, for the LORD's victory over Sisera will be at the hands of a woman." So Deborah went with Barak to Kedesh.

Discuss

- Why do you think Barak wanted Deborah to accompany him? What results did Deborah say this would have for Barak?
- What was a time when you felt you really needed God to be with you? What did you do?

Discuss

- Judges 5:1-31 is a poetic expression of celebration for the victory related in Judges 4:1-24. Why would poetry or song be a proper response to the deliverance recounted in Judges 4?
- As a family, write some lyrics about how God worked in your lives. Find an appropriate hymn and fit your words to that tune.