



DARK HORSES

Unsung Heroes of the
Bible

Deborah - Judges 4

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- **Once again Israel sinned**
 - **after 80 years of peace (Judges 3:30) Israel fell into their old sinful habits**
 - **God once again brought judgment upon Israel**
 - **He loves us too much to let us fall away unchecked**
 - **It took 20 years of oppression for Israel to cry out to God**
- **Deborah would be the leader that would begin the deliverance of Israel**

The Enemy

- **Jabin - King of Canaan**
- **Sisera - the commander of Jabin's army**
 - **900 iron chariots**
- **Previously Israel's lack of faith in God caused them to have incomplete victory in Canaan**



The Issue



- **The enemy had the most advanced weaponry of the time**
 - **900 iron chariots**
- **The fight would take place at the enemy's advantage**
 - **flat land and chariots work well together**
 - **Israel had lacked faith in God previously when fighting against chariots - Judges 1:19**

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- **Always acknowledged it was God who was in control**
 - **4:6, 9, 14**
- **The only female judge or ruler of Israel**
- **Along with Samuel only judges to be called a prophet**
- **Gave a song of praise to God after the victory**
 - **honored those who had served**
- **Song of victory and praise - Judges 5**

Application

- **Everyone plays a role in God's kingdom**
 - **Christianity is not a spectator sport**
 - **Leaders lead, writers write, fighters fight, singers sing**
- **Know your gifts so you can use your gifts (SHAPE assessment)**
- **Trust God and make a move**

It's Time

- It's time to enter into God's promise for Life Community Church
 - The Lighthouse of the gospel for Shippensburg
 - Healing and restoration
 - The wanderer to return home
 - The lost to be found



It's Time

- It's time to take a RISK
- “If your dream doesn't scare you its too small” - Mark Batterson
- In order to complete our mission we need people willing to risk it all
 - I need you



It's Time

- It's time for WAR!
- We must fight to forces of evil that rage against our city
 - Pray
 - Passion
 - Practice

