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DEBORAH

A Bible study on Deborah can provide powerful insights into leadership, courage, faith, and God's role in empowering individuals for His purposes. Deborah's story, found in Judges 4-5, reveals much about God's call to leadership and the way He works through those who are willing to obey and trust in Him.

1. Introduction to Deborah

• Passage: Judges 4:1-10

Deborah was a prophetess, and the only female judge mentioned in the Bible. During a time of oppression, God raised her up to lead the people of Israel. Israel had turned away from God, and they were being oppressed by King Jabin of Canaan, whose army was led by Sisera.

Deborah's position as a judge and prophetess is significant because it shows that leadership is not bound by gender, and God calls whomever He chooses to fulfill His purposes.

2. Deborah's Leadership Role

• Passage: Judges 4:4-7

- Deborah was both a judge and a prophetess, demonstrating her leadership in both spiritual and civic matters.
- She held court under a palm tree, where the Israelites came to her for judgment, which shows her respect and influence among the people.
- She was able to give clear guidance to Barak, the military leader, when he needed it.

Deborah's leadership was not defined by traditional norms of her time. She stepped into a role that required wisdom, discernment, and courage, trusting in God's direction.

3. Deborah's Courageous Faith

• Passage: Judges 4:8-10

- Deborah called upon Barak to lead an army against Sisera, with God's assurance of victory.
- Barak's hesitancy to go without Deborah shows his trust in her leadership and the spiritual authority she carried.
- Deborah shows boldness in her faith, asserting that God will deliver Israel.

Deborah's courage was rooted in her faith and trust in God's promises. True leadership often requires stepping out in faith, even when the task seems daunting.

4. God's Empowerment for Leadership

• Passage: Judges 4:14-16

- Deborah encourages Barak, reminding him that God is leading the way and will give them victory.
- The victory over Sisera was not due to Barak's strength but God's intervention.
- God used a combination of Deborah's spiritual leadership and Barak's military action to achieve His purpose.

Leadership in God's kingdom is empowered by Him. Deborah didn't rely on her own strength but on God's promise and guidance.

5. Deborah's Song of Praise

• Passage: Judges 5

- After the victory, Deborah and Barak sing a song of praise to God for His deliverance.
- The song reflects Deborah's understanding that God, not human efforts, brought the victory.

- Deborah also highlights the role of other tribes, showing her humility and recognition that leadership is often a collective effort.

Praise and worship are essential parts of leadership. True leaders recognize that their successes are ultimately due to God's work through them.

6. Key Lessons from Deborah

- God Uses All People for His Purpose: Deborah's story shows that God calls individuals from all walks of life, regardless of gender, to fulfill His purposes.
- Faith and Courage in Leadership: Leadership often requires bold faith and courage, especially in difficult circumstances.
- God is the Source of Our Strength: Leaders must rely on God's strength, not their own, as they fulfill the call He has placed on their lives.
- Humility in Leadership: Even though Deborah was a leader, her song of praise acknowledges God as the ultimate deliverer, not herself.

7. Application for Today

- Personal Reflection: Ask the group how they can apply Deborah's example of courage, faith, and humility in their own lives. Encourage them to consider how they can step into leadership roles in their own communities, whether in church, family, or work.
- Empowering Women in Leadership: Deborah's story can be an inspiration for women in the church today. Reflect on how the church can create space for women to lead in various capacities and be empowered to serve God.

Discussion Questions

1. What characteristics of Deborah's leadership stand out to you? How can we apply those characteristics in our own leadership roles?

2. How does Deborah's relationship with Barak highlight the importance of collaboration and mutual trust in leadership?
3. What challenges do you think Deborah faced as a female leader in a patriarchal society, and how did God help her overcome them?
4. How does Deborah's story challenge or inspire your own faith and courage in following God's calling?

After thought - Visualize this:

In **Judges 4:6** Deborah (Mother of Israel) said to him, "Has not the LORD, the God of Israel, commanded you, 'Go, gather your men at Mount Tabor, taking 10,000 from the people of Naphtali and the people of Zebulun. And I will draw out Sisera, the general of Jabin's army, to meet you by the river Kishon with his chariots and his troops, and I will give him into your hand' So she questioned Barak and his reply reads, God did, yet, Barak ignored God much like Jonah right? Then again she questioned Barak again **4:14** almost like a parent having to tell the child who keeps ignoring almost like do what your told! Now!

I find Barak's response both verbal and non verbal funny relenting like a child, saying fine but only if you go. her response saying no problem but know if I go you can't say you did it you won't get any praise . Can you see the humorous scene lol

Additionally, **Judges 4:5** where the Bible describes where Deborah judges it is describing her area of responsibility to judge, her district

What are we being oppressed by? (That we should be taking authority over?)
Maybe we aren't physically at war but spiritually and emotionally we are at war, just the same. Just as if we can't win!

Your authority comes from God. Placing your trust in the Lord, you have already won you just need to change your mindset and step in the authority that God has given you. Equip yourself for battle as in **Psalms 18:39** For you equipped me with strength for the battle; you made those who rise against me sink under me.

The authority of the believer comes from God and from God's Word. As we are God's ambassadors, we can speak with His authority as we share His Word, appealing to the world on behalf of Christ (**2 Corinthians 5:20**).

Deborah was fearless in the face of battle, you can too! Trust in the Lord.

Tidbits:

Deborah's name means Queen Bee
She is known as the mother of Israel.

Closing Prayer

Dear Holy Father, we pray that the those using this study, will be inspired by Deborah's example of courageous faith, leadership, and trust in God. We ask for your guidance as we step into our own roles of influence and leadership, whether in our homes, workplaces, or church.

Father, help us recognize this study can encourage both women and men to step into the leadership roles that you have called us to, trusting in your empowerment to lead faithfully.

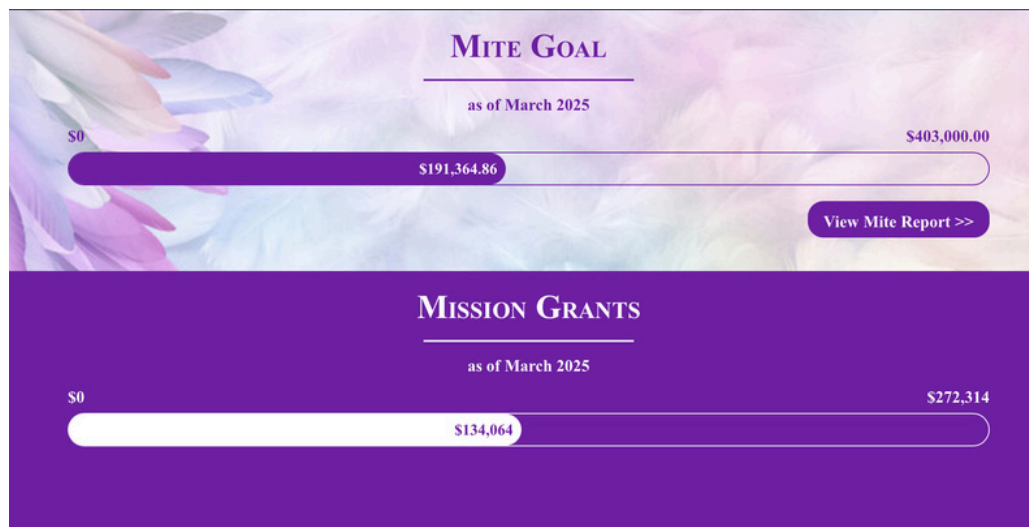
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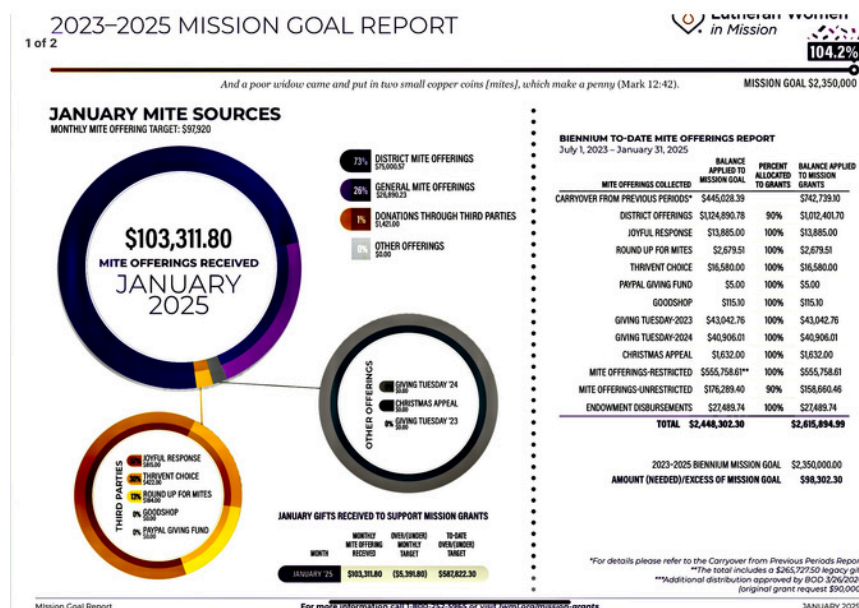
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The Table Church of Los Fresnos Receives Historic Church Building in San Benito

*First Worship Service in new home
is set for Sunday, May 4, 2025*

San Benito, TX — April 25, 2025 — In a heartfelt and historic transition, The Table Church of Los Fresnos is honored to announce it has been gifted the church building formerly home to St. John's Lutheran Church in San Benito. While St. John's has officially closed its doors, its legacy of faith will continue to live on through this new chapter.

The Table Church will hold its first worship service in its new location on Sunday, May 4, 2025, at 10:30 AM at 1000 N. Crockett St., San Benito, TX. The entire community is warmly invited to attend.

“This is more than just a building — it’s a sacred space filled with decades of prayer, love, and service,” said a representative from The Table Church. *“We are incredibly grateful for this gift and humbled by the opportunity to carry forward the legacy of St. John’s with a renewed sense of mission and hope.”*

The Table Church, originally based in Los Fresnos, is known for its welcoming spirit, community involvement, and commitment to spiritual growth. With this new location, the church looks forward to expanding its reach and continuing its work of building faith, fostering relationships, and serving the broader community.

As the church steps into this exciting season, it does so with deep gratitude and a strong sense of purpose.

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