

Judges 05

Showing Up is Half the Battle



Jdg 5:2 NLT “Israel’s leaders took charge, and the people gladly followed. Praise the LORD!

Jdg 5:4 NLT “LORD, when you set out from Seir
and marched across the fields of Edom, the earth
trembled, and the cloudy skies poured down rain.

Jdg 5:6-7 NLT “In the days of Shamgar son of Anath, and in the days of Jael, people avoided the main roads, and travelers stayed on winding pathways. 7 There were few people left in the villages of Israel—until Deborah arose as a mother for Israel.

Jdg 5:8-9 NLT When Israel chose new gods, war erupted at the city gates. Yet not a shield or spear could be seen among forty thousand warriors in Israel! My heart is with the commanders of Israel, with those who volunteered for war. Praise the LORD!

Jdg 5:13-18 NLT “Down from Tabor **marched** the few against the nobles. The people of the LORD **marched** down against mighty warriors. They **came down** from Ephraim—a land that once belonged to the Amalekites; they **followed** you, Benjamin, with your troops. From Makir the commanders **marched** down; from Zebulun came those who carry a commander’s staff. 15 The princes of Issachar were with Deborah and Barak. They **followed** Barak, **rushing** into the valley.

But in the tribe of Reuben there was great indecision. Why did you sit at home among the sheepfolds—to hear the shepherds whistle for their flocks? Yes, in the tribe of Reuben there was great indecision. 17 Gilead remained east of the Jordan. And why did Dan stay home? Asher sat unmoved at the seashore, remaining in his harbors. 18 But Zebulun risked his life, as did Naphtali, on the heights of the battlefield.

Jdg 5:19-21 NLT “The kings of Canaan came and fought, at Taanach near Megiddo’s springs, but they carried off no silver treasures. 20 The stars fought from heaven. The stars in their orbits fought against Sisera. 21 The Kishon River swept them away—that ancient torrent, the Kishon. March on with courage, my soul!

Jdg 5:23-27 NLT ‘Let the people of Meroz be **cursed**,’
said the angel of the LORD. ‘Let them be utterly
cursed, because they did not come to help the
LORD—to help the LORD against the mighty
warriors.’ 24 “Most **blessed** among women is Jael,
the wife of Heber the Kenite. May she be **blessed**
above all women who live in tents.

25 Sisera asked for water, and she gave him milk. In
a bowl fit for nobles, she brought him yogurt. 26
Then with her left hand she reached for a tent peg,
and with her right hand for the workman's hammer.
She struck Sisera with the hammer, crushing his
head. With a shattering blow, she pierced his temples.
27 He sank, he fell, he lay still at her feet. And where
he sank, there he died.

Jdg 5:31 NLT “LORD, may all your enemies die like Sisera! But may those who love you rise like the sun in all its power!” Then there was peace in the land for forty years