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Deborah – A Mother  
in Israel

# ***Deborah***

## ***A Mother In Israel***

### ***Judges 4 – 5***

- ***Deborah was a unique woman, wife, and mother.***
- ***Female leader in a male dominated society***
- ***Judge in Israel from 1195 BC – 1155 BC***
- ***Civil and Military Authority***
- ***Prophetess***



# ***How does Deborah describe herself?***

- ***Not as prophetess***
- ***Not as a general***
- ***Not as a judge or political power player***

***Deborah describes herself as a mother in Israel.***

***What does this say about how she sees her leadership role?***



***Deborah was able to lead as a mother to Israel by practicing a ministry of presence.***

***Under a palm tree as Judge***

- ***Listened to the people and their disputes***
- ***Present with the people in their difficulties***
- ***Helped the people resolve problems fairly and peacefully***



# ***Modern Day Palm Trees***

- ***Places where we talk about the things that really matter***
- ***Moments when we listen and connect***
- ***Methods that work for each person in each season.***
- ***What does this look like in different seasons of life?***
- ***What ways can you make yourself available to each person in your family?***
- ***Do you need to create different types of Palm Tree moments for different members of your family?***



***Deborah practiced a ministry of presence as a prophetess.***

- ***Deborah listens to God. She practices abiding in the presence of God.***
- ***Deborah speaks what God has said to her.***
- ***What things is God speaking to you?***
- ***Do you trust his voice?***
- ***Do you trust your ability to hear him?***



# ***Deborah practice a ministry of presence in battle***

- ***Deborah was present with Barak and the soldiers in battle.***
- ***She didn't just tell them what to do, she came along side them.***
- ***Living out a ministry of presence with our families means that we stand with them in difficult times.***
- ***We do not do their fighting for them, but we walk with them into the fight.***



- ***Deborah did not usurp Barak's role***
- ***Deborah did not take over and do the fighting for Barak while he followed.***
- ***Moms, we have to remember the specific things God calls us to do, and do not more or no less.***





# ***The Importance of Deborah's Presence***

- ***Barak knew the presence of the prophetess was a tangible representation of God's presence with them.***
- ***Her presence demonstrated her belief that God would give them victory.***
- ***What does your presence say to your family?***
- ***How can you be "present" when you can not physically be there?***

