

When the princes in Israel take the lead, when the people willingly offer themselves— praise the LORD! Judges 5:2

- **Leadership Is About Linking PEOPLE to PURPOSE...**

In the days of Shamgar son of Anath, in the days of Jael, the highways were abandoned; travelers took to winding paths. Villagers in Israel would not fight; they held back until I, Deborah, arose, until I arose, a mother in Israel. Judges 5:6-7

It's Not Always Easy to Overcome INERTIA...

- **FAILURE**
Again the Israelites did evil in the eyes of the LORD... Judges 4:1
- **FEAR**
So the LORD sold them into the hands of Jabin king of Canaan, who reigned in Hazor. Sisera, the commander of his army, was based in Harosheth Haggoyim... he had nine hundred chariots fitted with iron... Judges 4:2-3a
- **FAMILIARITY**
[He] had cruelly oppressed the Israelites for twenty years, they cried to the LORD for help. Judges 4:3b

Now Deborah, a prophet, the wife of Lappidoth, was leading Israel at that time... She sent for Barak son of Abinoam from Kedesh in Naphtali and said to him, "The LORD, the God of Israel, commands you: 'Go, take with you ten thousand men of Naphtali and Zebulun and lead them up to Mount Tabor. I will

lead Sisera, the commander of Jabin's army, with his chariots and his troops to the Kishon River and give him into your hands.' " Barak said to her, "If you go with me, I will go; but if you don't go with me, I won't go." Judges 4:4, 6-8

- **Leadership Is About Defining REALITY...**

- **Leadership Sees Things the Way They ARE...**
God chose new leaders when war came to the city gates, but not a shield or spear was seen among forty thousand in Israel. Judges 5:8
- **Leadership Sees Things the Way They CAN BE...**

"Certainly I will go with you," said Deborah. "But because of the course you are taking, the honor will not be yours, for the LORD will deliver Sisera into the hands of a woman." So Deborah went with Barak to Kedesh. Judges 4:9

Then Deborah said to Barak, "Go! This is the day the LORD has given Sisera into your hands. Has not the LORD gone ahead of you?" So Barak went down Mount Tabor, with ten thousand men following him. At Barak's advance, the LORD routed Sisera and all his chariots and army by the sword, and Sisera got down from his chariot and fled on foot. Judges 4:14-15

- **Spiritual Leadership Is About Being SPIRITUALLY LED!**

Most blessed of women be Jael, the wife of Heber the Kenite, most blessed of tent-dwelling women. Judges 5:24

It's Amazing What You Can Accomplish When You DON'T CARE WHO GETS THE CREDIT!