

A WORD ON WORSHIP

REVIEW OF MESSAGE FROM NOVEMBER 10, 2013

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Judges 4:8-9

Then Barak said to her, “If you will go with me, then I will go; but if you will not go with me, I will not go.” She said, “I will surely go with you; nevertheless, the honor shall not be yours on the journey that you are about to take, for the Lord will sell Sisera into the hands of a woman.”

If you spend any time studying the Book of Judges you will find no end to the theological papers written on Judges 4, as if scholars have found the Holy Grail of texts regarding women in ministry. Everyone seems to have an opinion on Deborah and her role as a prophetess. The conservatives want to push Deborah to the background and the liberals make her the poster child of women's ministry. Being a contrarian by nature, I think both have missed the mark. The hero of this story is not Deborah, but Jael.

Who would have thought Jael would be the hero of this story? I don't think even Jael thought she would. Sisera had 900 iron chariots under his command and all the resources of Jabin at his command to make happen whatever he saw was in the Canaanites' best interests. Jael was merely a wife of a Bedouin. How many times had she taken down the tent only to put it up again at the end of the next day? Have you ever wondered how unimportant she must have felt? She was the wife of a nomad who was not even a Jew, whose primary job was to set up the tent, arranging the blankets and offering hospitality. Well, all of that and drive home some tent pegs, too.

All her life this woman was doing the mundane tasks of life. In terms of the big things in life, as those who tell others what is significant, she must have felt as if she was extremely insignificant. And yet God had been preparing her this whole time to make a difference. Just as God prepared the Children of Israel for the rigors of life on the road by their service in Egypt, so God had prepared her by setting up all those tents for this moment in time. The Book of Judges has taught me over and over again that God uses unlikely people to accomplish His purposes. In His time, He lifts up the lowly (Jael) and humbles the mighty (Sisera).

I can't tell you how many people have told me they want to be called to a "great" work for God, but have failed because they are not a successful teacher of many or made some great contribution to the church. And so they now believe they are living a relatively insignificant life without the power of God demonstrated in their lives. If the Book of Judges teaches us anything, may it be that God uses inconsequential people to achieve great things by His power. We need to be what we are. Deborah should be commended for being a prophetess. It was her job to tell Barak what God said to do. Jael's job was to drive tent pegs — and when the opportunity came up she did just that — for the glory of God. Our Lord Jesus accomplished great things with twelve unlikely disciples and He will do the same with us.



Sunrise Community Church
Come acknowledge the Lord in our midst
EVERY SUNDAY BEGINNING AT 8:45 A.M.

NOVEMBER 2013						
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The Hymns We Sing

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There Is Power In The Blood

<http://www.hymntime.com/tch/htm/t/h/e/therewpow.htm>

"They have washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb."

Rev. 7:14

Words & Music: Lewis E. Jones, 1899. Jones wrote this song at a camp meeting at Mountain Lake Park, Maryland.

Would you be free from the burden of sin?
There's power in the blood, power in the blood;
Would you o'er evil a victory win?
There's wonderful power in the blood.

Refrain

There is power, power, wonder working power
In the blood, of the Lamb;
There is power, power, wonder working power
In the precious blood of the Lamb.

Would you be free from your passion and pride?
There's power in the blood, power in the blood;
Come for a cleansing to Calvary's tide;
There's wonderful power in the blood.

Refrain

Would you be whiter, much whiter than snow?
There's power in the blood, power in the blood;
Sin stains are lost in its life giving flow.
There's wonderful power in the blood.

Refrain

Would you do service for Jesus your king?
There's power in the blood, power in the blood;
Would you live daily His praises to sing?
There's wonderful power in the blood.

Refrain

Into My Heart

<http://www.hymntime.com/tch/htm/i/m/y/imyheart.htm>

"That Christ may dwell in your hearts by faith."

Ephesians 3

Words & Music: Verse 1, Harry D. Clarke (1888-1957) 1924, verse 2 anón.

Into my heart, into my heart,
Come into my heart, Lord Jesus;
Come in today, come in to stay;
Come into my heart, Lord Jesus.

Out of my heart, out of my heart,
Shine out of my heart, Lord Jesus;
Shine out today, shine out alway;
Shine out of my heart, Lord Jesus.



Harry D. Clarke

SEE YOU SUNDAY AT SUNRISE

What's Happening at Sunrise

November 2013

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| Nov. 10 | 8:45 a.m. | Judges 4 verses 1 to 24
<i>What I learned in Jael</i> |
| | 10:30 a.m. | Second Hour |
| Nov. 11 | | Veteran's Day |
| Nov. 12 | | No Bible Study |
| Nov. 15 | 7:00 p.m. | Game Night |
| Nov. 17 | 8:45 a.m. | Worship |
| | 10:30 a.m. | Second Hour |
| Nov. 19 | 7:00 p.m. | Bible Study in the Book of Ephesians |
| Nov. 22 | 6:30 p.m. | Friday Night Fellowship |
| Nov. 24 | 8:45 a.m. | Worship |
| | 10:30 a.m. | Thanksgiving Brunch |
| Nov. 26 | 7:00 p.m. | Bible Study in the Book of Ephesians
at the Kikkert's |
| Nov. 28 | | Thanksgiving |
| Nov. 29 | | No Friday Night Activities |

The Cost of Discipleship –

PAKISTAN: Death Threats Against Human Rights Defender

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SOURCES: LEGAL EVANGELICAL ASSOCIATION DEVELOPMENT, ASSIST NEWS SERVICE

Human rights defender and campaigner Sardar Mushtaq Gill has received death threats in recent months. Sardar is the National Director of the Legal Evangelical Association Development (LEAD), a non-governmental organization in Punjab that represents marginalized people who are either falsely implicated by the police or unable to afford legal assistance.

According to a news release, the threats apparently stem from an incident that took place in March of 2013. During that time, about 200 homes, 18 shops and two churches in the Christian community of Joseph Colony were attacked, looted, burnt and destroyed by a mob of more than 3,000 people.

While the criminal case was registered at a police station in Bedami Bagh (Lahore), and arrests were made, a division bench of the Lahore High Court granted bail to some of the accused who were involved in the Joseph Colony incident. However, on June 4, the association's lawyers asked that the bail be revoked. Since then, these lawyers have been threatened by unknown individuals who are demanding the withdrawal of their opposition to the bail. Due to the severity of these threats, the human rights lawyers were unable to appear in court.

As time progressed, the situation worsened. On Nov. 2, close to the vicinity where Sardar and his family live, unknown perpetrators fired random shots for almost 30 minutes. Sardar stated in a recent news release that he received a text from his wife asking him where he was at the time as there was a shooting occurring. She fearfully warned, "Be careful. We (are) terrified...and locked the door." As Pakistan is notorious for its controversial and very strong "anti-blasphemy" laws, Sardar has asked for prayer on behalf of his family and those of his human rights legal defense team.

Pray that God will grant Sardar and his dedicated team of lawyers needed strength, courage and wisdom to tackle such volatile opposition, while protecting them and their loved ones in the process. "Say to those who are fearful-hearted, 'Be strong, do not fear! Behold, your God will come with vengeance, with the recompense of God; He will come and save you'" (Isaiah 35:4).