



# Stuff They Didn't Teach Me In Sunday School



## Episode 053 - Never Trust a Woman in a Tent!

Judges 4-5

Barak, whose name means “lightning bolt,” didn’t quite live up to his name. He was afraid to act on his own, insisting Deborah the judge accompany him. Barak was not alone in his doubts though; several tribes refused to go out to war with him (Judges 5:15-17). But God provided a helper for him—a woman who went against her husband and received the greatest glory in this battle.

- When have you been weak in faith and slow to act?
- Describe how difficult it is to keep fighting evil when fellow Christians refuse to support your efforts.
- How can we stand side by side and encourage one another in our battles?

When it was Jesus’ time for battle, He faced it alone, His friends having deserted Him. Isaiah 59:15-17 speaks of Jesus’ lonely struggle against evil:

15 Truth is nowhere to be found,  
and whoever shuns evil becomes a prey.  
The LORD looked and was displeased  
that there was no justice.

16 He saw that there was no one,  
He was appalled that there was no one to intervene;  
so His own arm worked salvation for Him,  
and His own righteousness sustained Him.

17 He put on righteousness as His breastplate,  
and the helmet of salvation on His head;  
He put on the garments of vengeance  
and wrapped Himself in zeal as in a cloak.

- Jesus is often thought of as a weak and helpless victim. How does this prophecy reveal His great strength to you?
- What encouragement and hope do you draw from Jesus standing firm?

God worked great things through Jael when she chose to remain faithful to Him—even when her husband gave his loyalty to God’s enemies: Sisera and Jabin.

- How can you remain loyal to God when your family, friends, or co-workers are against Him?