



Mother in Israel: Deborah's Story

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Questions to consider, discuss or journal.

1. In delving into the details of Deborah's story, which point most resonates with you? Is there a part of her story that was new to you?
2. Deborah shares her voice through several powerful songs. Which lyrics and messages struck you?
3. Deborah prayed and meditated and also faithfully strode forward to battle. Are there times in your life that call for introspection and consideration and others for movement and action? How can Deborah's example help you in both of these scenarios?
4. Deborah condemns the misogyny practiced by the Canaanites, where a woman "is merely a womb". As a community, how can we be sure avoid this same misogyny and provide opportunities for women to be more than the suppliers of children for Sunday school classes?
5. Deborah is a judge in Israel, as well as a warrior and yet claims the role of mother, a role of ultimate servant leadership. Have you ever considered the similarities of mothering with the role that Jesus took on? How does this affect how you relate to Jesus?
6. Are you comfortable with the motherly characteristics of God?
7. What Mother figures in your life have you learned from? What Mother figures in your life have brought you closer to Jesus?
8. Is there a Mother figure in your church community that you can learn from?