



One Big Story - Week 3
"Woman On Fire"
Judges 4, 5 (selected verses)
God is an equal opportunity employer. Period.



SERMON EXTRAS & FURTHER READING

FOR FURTHER READING:

Jesus Feminist: An Invitation to Revisit the Bible's View of Women
By Sarah Bessey

God's Feminist Movement: Redefining A "Woman's Place" from a Biblical Perspective

Amber Picota

Unveiling Paul's Women

Lucy Peppiatt

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The daily devotionals will be posted on Pastor Leon's blog, linked on his Tumblr account, the church's Facebook Page and Twitter.

THE BIBLE IS GOD'S ONE BIG STORY OF GOD'S LOVE FOR PEOPLE WHO DON'T ALWAYS FEEL LIKE THEY DESERVE GOD'S LOVE?

THIS SERIES IS GOING TO TEACH US ONE VERY IMPORTANT THING:

GOD LOVES YOU NO MATTER WHAT.

TODAY WE'RE GOING TO BE HEARING THE STORY OF DEBORAH, A WOMAN ON FIRE...

HAVE YOU EVER BEEN MADE TO FEEL LIKE YOU WERE "LESS THAN?"

GOD IS AN EQUAL OPPORTUNITY EMPLOYER. PERIOD.

JUDGES 4, 5

- PEOPLE DID "EVIL IN THE EYES OF THE LORD..." AGAIN—THIS TIME CANAANITES
- JABIN, RULER OF HAZOR—STRATEGIC LOCATION
- DEBORAH - "JUDGE" "PROPHETESS" AND A WIFE OF LAPPIDOTH "WOMAN ON FIRE"
- SHE'S THE ONLY FIGURE PORTRAYED IN THE BOOK THAT ACTUALLY FUNCTIONS
- DEBORAH BRINGS A "WORD FROM THE LORD" TO BARAK, HEBREW MILITARY LEADER
- GATHER 10,000 TROOPS—AGAINST SUPERIOR FORCES, SISERA—IRON CHARIOTS
- BARAK AGREES—IF DEBORAH GOES WITH HIM; SHE TAKES A JAB AT SEXISM
- ISRAELITES MASS ON MT. TABOR—JEZREEL VALLEY; A STORM COMES AS THEY ATTACK
- SISERA IS ROUTED, TAKES REFUGE IN WHAT HE BELIEVES IS A SYMPATHETIC TENT
- Jael - NON-ISRAELITE, WOMAN WINS THE DAY BY KILLING HIM IN HIS SLEEP
- DEBORAH SINGS A SONG WITH BARAK—OLDEST TEXT IN THE BIBLE
- THE SURPRISING PEOPLE GOD USES IN THIS STORY—WOMEN, OUTCASTS
- IMAGES IN THE SONG—SISERA'S MOTHER, WOMEN OF CANAAN; GOD'S JUSTICE

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FOR MUCH OF IT'S LIFE THE CHURCH HAS FAILED TO ACKNOWLEDGE THIS...

WOMEN ARE STILL DENIED LEADERSHIP—IN THE MAJORITY OF CHRISTIAN CHURCHES

COMPLEMENTARIANISM—THE IDEA OF ROLES; NO AUTHORITY OVER MEN

THIS PRACTICE LEADS TO PRIDE, ABUSE, FEAR AND INJUSTICE—NOT OF GOD.

AND IT LEADS ALL OF US TO BELIEVE THAT GOD HAS FAVORITES—GOD DOESN'T.

- WHEN WE EMBRACE GOD'S EQUAL OPPORTUNITIES, IT STRENGTHENS OUR WITNESS.

- WHEN WE EMBRACE GOD'S EQUAL OPPORTUNITIES, WE FIND WHOLENESS.

GOD IS AN EQUAL OPPORTUNITY EMPLOYER. PERIOD.