Upcoming Events & Reminders

- **November 4th**
  - **Refuge Bob Jones University Takeover –** 7pm
- **November 6th**
  - **Legendary Ladies Meeting –** 9:30am
- **November 6th – 7th**
  - **Men's Retreat –** @ Camp Snyder
- **November 14th**
  - **BBC Kids Glow in the Dark Day –** 11:00am-1:00pm
- **November 15th**
  - **Children's Ministry Meeting–** @ 11:15am
  - **Discover Battlefield -** @11:15am
  - **Watchmen -** @ 5pm
- **November 16th**
  - **Healing Hearts Meeting –** 10:00am
- **November 18th**
  - **AWANA Scarecrow Night –** 7:00pm
  - **Refuge Christmas Shoe Box Packing Party –** 7pm
- **November 20th – 22nd**
  - **Marriage Enrichment Weekend**
- **November 22nd**
  - **Operation Christmas Child Shoebox Return**

Events Sign Up

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SERMON NOTES

Judges 4:1-7
1 And the children of Israel again did evil in the sight of the LORD, when Ehud was dead. 2 And the LORD sold them into the hand of Jabin king of Canaan, that reigned in Hazor; the captain of whose host was Sisera, which dwelt in Harosheth of the Gentiles. 3 And the children of Israel cried unto the LORD: for he had nine hundred chariots of iron; and twenty years he mightily oppressed the children of Israel. 4 And Deborah, a prophetess, the wife of Lapidoth, she judged Israel at that time. 5 And she dwelt under the palm tree of Deborah between Ramah and Beth-el in mount Ephraim: and the children of Israel came up to her for judgment. 6 And she sent and called Barak the son of Abinoam out of Kedesh-naphtali, and said unto him, Hath not the LORD God of Israel commanded, saying, Go and draw toward mount Tabor, and take with thee ten thousand men of the children of Naphtali and of the children of Zebulun? 7 And I will draw unto thee to the river Kishon Sisera, the captain of Jabin's army, with his chariots and his multitude; and I will deliver him into thine hand. 8 And Barak said unto her, If thou wilt go with me, then I will go: but if thou wilt not go with me, then I will not go. 9 And she said, I will surely go with thee: notwithstanding the journey that thou takest shall not be for thine honour; for the LORD shall sell Sisera into the hand of a woman. And Deborah arose, and went with Barak to Kedesh.

In the Time of the Judges – Week 3 - Judges 4:1-21

Big Idea: God accomplishes His purposes through people who are willing to trust Him and obey His Word.

1. The Cry (Judges 4:1–3)

- The cycle begins once more, with Israel finding themselves under the heel of _____, king of Canaan.
- This is the _____ time in the book that we are told that the LORD sold/gave them up to the hand of their enemy.
- God's discipline of His children is not His _____ of them. (Hebrews 12:6)

2. The Call (Judges 4:4–7)

- Deborah served the people as a judge as well as a _____.
- As God's prophet, she informed _____ that he was God's choice to be the deliverer of Israel.
- God rarely calls us to things we're _____ to do on our own. He calls us to things only He can do through us, so there's no mistake about who gets the _____.

3. The Condition (Judges 4:8–10)

- He was straightforward in stating that he absolutely would not go unless _____ went with him.
- We often disguise _____ obedience as prudence, preparation, or waiting for the right time.
- The honor that should be Barak's will go to a _____.
- The point is men _____ up, not women stepping back.

4. The Conquest (Judges 4:11–21)

- A miraculous downpour in the dry season made the Kishon River overflow and turn the battlefield into a muddy mess, rendering the enemy's chariots useless.
- Jael killed him by pounding a _____ peg through his head. Deborah's prediction has been fulfilled.
- The emphasis is not on the strength of Israel's army. It's on the _____ and power of Israel's God.
- His ability is not limited by your _____.