THE GOD THAT MOVES MOUNTAINS.

JESUS CHRIST IS THE SAME YESTERDAY, TODAY AND FOREVER MORE.

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BIBLE REFERENCE

- Hebrews 13: 5-8
 - 5 God has said,
 - "Never will I leave you; never will I forsake you."
 - So we say with confidence,
 - "The Lord is my helper; I will not be afraid.

What can mortal man do to me?"

- Remember your leaders, who spoke the word of God to you.
 Consider the outcome of their way of life and imitate their faith.
- 8 Jesus Christ is the same yesterday and today and forever.

Focus Remains: "The House of Prayer for all Nations, Extending God's Love to all the Nations." We are sowers (not eaters) but the sower reaps multiple folds.

The Leader, DEBORAH, consider the outcome of Her way of life and imitate Her faith.

Judges 4 (NASB)

Context: (Similar to our nations today where evil keeps re-occurring), ¹Then the sons of Israel again did evil in the sight of the LORD. ² So the LORD sold them into the hand of Jabin king of Canaan, who reigned in Hazor; and the commander of his army was Sisera.

³ The sons of Israel cried out to the LORD; for Jabin had nine hundred iron chariots, and he oppressed the sons of Israel severely for twenty years.

⁴ Now Deborah, a prophetess, the wife of Lappidoth, was judging Israel at that time. ⁵ She used to sit under the palm tree of Deborah between Ramah and Bethel in the hill country of Ephraim; and the sons of Israel went up to her for judgment.

⁶ Now she sent *word* and summoned Barak the son of Abinoam from Kedesh-naphtali, and said to him, "The LORD, the God of Israel, has indeed commanded, 'Go and march to Mount Tabor, and take with you ten thousand men from the sons of Naphtali and from the sons of Zebulun. ⁷ I will draw out to you Sisera, the commander of Jabin's army, with his chariots and his ^[d]many *troops* to the river Kishon, and I will hand him over to you." ⁸ 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."

The Leaders, consider the outcome of their way of life and their faith.

Luke 5:37-38

"No one pours new wine into old wineskins. If he does, the new wine will burst the skins, the wine will spill, and the wineskins will be ruined."

"Instead, new wine is poured into new wineskins."

As we consider the life of the leaders and their faith, let us use the lessons to create new wineskins and expand our spiritual container to enable God to move the mountains He has planned to move for us in 2023.

Her way of life...

- Multi-functionality: Prophet. Judge, Wife and Mother
- Trusted Person:
 - Israel could come to her to be judged and believed in her judgement
 - Won the trust of her spouse and children to be allow to pursue her multiple functionality
 - She exceled at all she did
 - Could speak to Barak to go to war and he trusted her
- Feared God, Trusted God and Obeyed God's Command
 - Very devotional "⁵ She used to sit under the palm tree of Deborah between Ramah and Bethel in the hill country of Ephraim; and the sons of Israel went up to her for judgment." (Judges 4). "⁶ Now she sent word and summoned Barak the son of Abinoam from Kedeshnaphtali, and said to him, "The LORD, the God of Israel, has indeed commanded."
 - She got this instructive revelation because she was in the spirit.
 - Even as a Judge (Lawyer), God could count on her as Prophet
 - Could hear God and obey God
 - 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.", 9 She said, "I will certainly go with you;
- Submitted herself as weapon of War in God's hand

- She was close to God, was hearing from God and followed through.
- Even with having only footmen (there being no horses in Judea) she was determined to fight. This made the victory the more glorious, by the overthrow of a vast number of chariots and horses in the opposite army.

Judges 4 (NASB) (contd.)

⁸ 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." ⁹ She said, "I will certainly go with you; however, the fame shall not be yours on the journey that you are about to take, for the LORD will sell Sisera into the hand of a woman." Then Deborah got up and went with Barak to Kedesh. ¹⁰ Barak summoned Zebulun and Naphtali to Kedesh, and ten thousand men went up with him; Deborah also went up with him.

¹² Then they told Sisera that Barak had gone up to Mount Tabor. ¹³ Sisera summoned all his chariots, nine hundred iron chariots, and all the people who were with him, from Harosheth-hagoyim to the river Kishon. ¹⁴ Then Deborah said to Barak, "Arise! For this is the day on which the LORD has handed Sisera over to you; behold, the LORD has gone out before you."

So Barak went down from Mount Tabor with ten thousand men following him. ¹⁵ And the LORD routed Sisera and all *his* chariots and all *his* army with the edge of the sword before Barak; and Sisera got down from *his* chariot and fled on foot. ¹⁶ But Barak pursued the chariots and the army as far as Harosheth-hagoyim, and all the army of Sisera fell by the edge of the sword;

Judges 4 (NASB) (contd.)

¹⁷ Now Sisera fled on foot to the tent of Jael the wife of Heber the Kenite, even one was left.... ²¹ But Jael, Heber's wife, took a tent peg and a hammer in her hand, and went secretly to him and drove the peg into his temple, and it went through into the ground; for he was sound asleep and exhausted. So he died.

^{--- 23} So God subdued Jabin the king of Canaan on that day before the sons of Israel. ²⁴ And the hand of the sons of Israel pressed harder and harder upon Jabin the king of Canaan, until they had eliminated Jabin the king of Canaan.

Brethren, God moved out the mountain of Jabin, for Israel.

The Faith of Deborah is worthy of imitation:

She....

- 1. Was devotional because she had high confidence in God
- 2. Believed God and did not hesitate to step out for war
- 3. Gave all credit to God
- 4. Was expectant of victory
- 5. Took the first step with Barak because she was sure of God
- 6. Was sure that God would delivered the enemy into Barak's hands

Outcome of Deborah's way of life and her faith

- ✓ All the army of Sisera fell by the edge of the sword;
- ✓ God recruited Jael who killed Sisera without Barak's efforts or input;
- ✓ And the LORD routed Sisera and all his chariots and all his army with the edge of the sword before Barak.
- ✓ So God subdued Jabin the king of Canaan on that day before the sons of Israel. ²⁴ And the hand of the sons of Israel pressed harder and harder upon Jabin the king of Canaan, until they had eliminated Jabin the king of Canaan.

Brethren, Jesus Christ is the same yesterday, today and forever more. As was done in the days of Deborah, He continues to do in our days today:

KCM Corporate Prayers:

1. Pray for each Nation's needs:

"The sons of Israel again did evil in the sight of the LORD. So the LORD sold them into the hand of Jabin king of Canaan, who oppressed the sons of Israel severely for twenty years."

Brethren many nations are being oppressed today, think even of the nation you come from, because of the sin in the land.

But Deborah and Barak saved Israel's situation and extended God's love to Israel. KCM has been set up as a house of prayer for all nations to extend God's love to all the nations.

God said: "¹³ "When I shut up the heavens so that there is no rain, or command locusts to devour the land or send a plague among my people, ¹⁴ if my people, who are called by my name, will humble themselves and pray and seek my face and turn from their wicked ways, then I will hear from heaven, and I will forgive their sin and will heal their land."

KCM Corporate Prayers: (contd.)

- 2. Pray for KCM, that it continues to fulfil its calling to God's glory.
- 3. For Leaders of every nation Deborah was a devotional leader
- 4. For Ministry/Missions/Churches
- 5. For Priests, Ministers & Missionaries
- 6. For upcoming elections in Nigeria and other nations
- 7. For Families, Marriages & Children
- 8. For Members of KCM that each of us can
- 9. Personal prayer: Help me to imbibe the way of life and imitate the faith of Deborah
- 10. Pray for all First Nations for forgiveness for hurt, rebuilding of relationship and allowing God's word to penetrate
- 11. For Any Special Request
- 12. For the week & next Sunday