

DARE TO LEAD

“The Contrarian Leader”

We are ALL leaders. We all lead SOMETHING or SOMEONE.

Our ability to lead and inspire others should increase throughout the course of our lives.

God calls us to go against the crowd if the crowd is going against God.

² ***Do not conform any longer to the pattern of this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind. Then you will be able to test and approve what God’s will is—his good, pleasing and perfect will.*** **Romans 12:2 (NIV)**

Contrarian = “A person who takes an opposing view, **especially one who rejects the majority opinion.**”

⁶ One day she sent for Barak son of Abinoam, who lived in Kedesh in the land of Naphtali. She said to him, “This is what the Lord, the God of Israel, commands you: Call out 10,000 warriors from the tribes of Naphtali and Zebulun at Mount Tabor. ⁷ And I will call out Sisera, commander of Jabin’s army, along with his chariots and warriors, to the Kishon River. **There I will give you victory over him.**”
Judges 4:6-7 (NLT)

⁸ Barak told her, **“I will go, but only if you go with me.”**
⁹ “Very well,” she replied, “I will go with you. But you will receive **no honor** in this venture, for the Lord’s victory over Sisera **will be at the hands of a woman.**”
Judges 4:8-9 (NLT)

¹⁴ Then Deborah said to Barak, “Get ready! This is the day the Lord will give you victory over Sisera, for the Lord is marching ahead of you.” So Barak led his 10,000 warriors down the slopes of Mount Tabor into battle. ¹⁵ When Barak attacked, the Lord threw Sisera and all his chariots and warriors into a panic. **Sisera leaped down from his chariot and escaped on foot.** ¹⁶ Then Barak chased the chariots and

the enemy army all the way to Harosheth-haggoyim, killing all of Sisera's warriors. Not a single one was left alive.

Judges 4:14-16 (NLT)

*¹⁸ Jael went out to meet Sisera and said to him, "Come into my tent, sir. Come in. Don't be afraid." So he went into her tent, and she covered him with a blanket. ¹⁹ "Please give me some water," he said. "I'm thirsty." So she gave him **some milk** from a leather bag and covered him again. ²⁰ "Stand at the door of the tent," he told her. "If anybody comes and asks you if there is anyone here, say no."*

Judges 4:18-20 (NLT)

*²¹ But when Sisera fell asleep from exhaustion, **Jael quietly crept up to him with a hammer and tent peg in her hand.** Then she drove the tent peg through his temple and into the ground, and so he died. ²² When Barak came looking for Sisera, Jael went out to meet him. She said, "Come, and I will show you the man you are looking for." So he followed her into the tent and found Sisera lying there dead, with the tent peg through his temple. **Judges 4:21-22 (NLT)***

When we stand for what we believe in and trust God for the outcome, it will inspire others to do the same.

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