There Was No King in Israel
Pt 4 – Deborah: The Power of Godly Women
Judges 4-5

The _____ of Israel v.1-3; 5:6-8

Deborah and Jael are both _____ v.4, 5:724-27

God is the _____ v.12-15; 5:4-5;19-21

The _____ of Sisera and Jabin v.17-24; 5:24-27

My Response:
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Think about how the god who wins the battle for our heart controls our lives. Are there gods in your life (materialism, money, fame, success, relationships, etc.) that control your life and keep you from God's promises?

As a man or woman in our society how does it feel to see the work of God through Deborah and Jael? How does Barak's failure of faith strip him of his honor?

Think about God as the only hero of our story. How does this amplify the idea that our salvation is by "faith alone not by works that no man may boast"?

God "sold Israel into the hands" of Jabin and Sisera. How does the manner of their death assure you that in the end "no weapon that is formed against us will prosper" and that you can trust justice into the hands of God.

Read through Deborah's song in chapter 5 in full. How does her praise for God in this long poem reflect a different ending to her story from those that have come before? How is our praise after deliverance integral to our living through the trial?

Advent Readings

Week One: The Prophets

Monday (Nov 30): Genesis 3:1-24
Tuesday: Deuteronomy 18:15-19
Wednesday: Isaiah 7:10-14
Thursday: Isaiah 11:1-15
Friday: Micah 5:2
Saturday: Isaiah 53

Week Two: The Angels

Monday (Dec 7): Isaiah 19:20-25
Tuesday: Isaiah 40:9-11
Wednesday: Isaiah 42:1-4
Thursday: Isaiah 49:1-7
Friday: Isaiah 53:1-12
Saturday: Isaiah 61:1-3

Week Three: The Shepherds

Monday (Dec 14): Jeremiah 23:5-6
Tuesday: Micah 5:2
Wednesday: Zechariah 9:9-10
Thursday: Malachi 3:1
Friday: Luke 1:1-25
Saturday: Luke 1:26-

Week Four: The Magi

Monday (Dec 21): Luke 1:39-56
Tuesday: Luke 2:1-7
Wednesday: Luke 2:8-20
Thursday: Matthew 2:1-12
Friday: Luke 2:29-35
Saturday: Luke 2:36-40