

““Israel’s leaders took charge, and the people gladly followed. Praise the Lord!” Judges 5:2 NLT

## [lectio] // JUDGES 5:1-11

listen to the text by reading out loud slowly and repeat up to 3x if desired

## [meditatio]

reflect on – what word, words, phrase, or sentence speaks to you from the text, then write them down

Judges captures the simple truth, “people gladly followed.” No wonder few want to lead. I understand that most are personality/ego driven. But some are truly called but don’t want the responsibility, the intense scrutiny and accountability. They might as well live in a glass castle. Deborah, Israel’s judge says, “they took charge.” People will follow when leaders lead, it gives everyone a sense of safety and boundaries for a future. I was watching the show, Victoria last night and the queen had to deliver news that the British army had lost over 4,000 men in Afghanistan - EVERYONE loses in Afghanistan. She told the people that they must still believe that British military was the best even in loss. She had to lead! Her advisors were divided on what to say or do, some didn’t want to tell the people about the loss of life at all.

## [oratio]

pray as responding to the words, phrase, sentence that God has stirred within you

Dad,

It’s extremely hard to focus when tax liability and future social security (of which I have none) issues are at hand. I knew there would be a day of reckoning, but I was desperate to get us out of Downey! I had to move us out of ambivalence to a path of restoration. It comes with a STEEP price tag that I’m now asking you to pay. Only you can do these kind of miracles.

## [contemplatio]

rest in the presence of God, allowing the words revealed to take root