SESSION 2

HASN'T THE LORD GONE BEFORE YOU?

MAIN POINT.

Walking in obedience to God ensures our ultimate victory.

1 JUDGES 4:1-10

GOD USES UNEXPECTED PEOPLE.

- **HOW DO BARAK AND DEBORAH SHOW US THAT GOD USES UNLIKELY PEOPLE TO ACCOMPLISH HIS PLANS?**
- **WHAT DO WE OFTEN DO WHEN WE FEEL UNQUALIFIED TO DO WHAT GOD ASKS OF US? HOW DOES THIS PASSAGE CHALLENGE THAT THINKING?**
- **WHEN HAVE YOU PUT LIMITS ON OBEYING GOD? IS CONDITIONAL OBEDIENCE STILL OBEDIENCE?**

2 JUDGES 4:12-21

GOD GOES WITH US AND DELIVERS US.

- **WHY WOULD GOD ALLOW HIS PEOPLE TO FACE AN ARMY THAT SEEMED IMPOSSIBLE TO DEFEAT?**
- **WHY IS IT IMPORTANT FOR US NOT TO LET OUR FEARS DICTATE OUR OBEDIENCE?**
- **HOW CAN WE TRUST THE LORD EVEN WHEN OUR VICTORY DOESN'T LOOK LIKE VICTORY?**

THEOLOGY CONNECTION | GOD'S PLAN AND HUMAN ACTION

God's sovereignty over all of life encompasses the free actions of human beings (Prov. 19:21). In ways we can't comprehend fully, the Lord's plan goes forward through the choices of human beings as moral agents. Even freely chosen sinful actions are factored into God's overarching plan, as is the case with the crucifixion of Jesus—an event both purposed by God through foreknowledge and yet also carried out by the wicked decisions of human beings (Acts 2:23). Knowing God is working all things for the good of those who love Him (Rom. 8:28), we trust in His promise to fulfill His plan, even when we do not understand our present circumstances.

CHRIST CONNECTION

The Son of God walked in perfect obedience to the Father. Jesus displayed perfect obedience—even unto death—because He knew the joy set before Him (Heb. 12:2). Jesus knew the Father's will was to save humanity from sin through His own sacrificial death and resurrection.

THE WRAP-UP WHAT IS GOD CALLING YOU TO DO THAT YOU DON'T WANT TO DO? HOW CAN YOU OBEY ANYWAY?

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