**Pastor Demetric Felton Sr. September 30, 2018**

**Some Things Never Change**

Judges 4:1-10 & 5

**Key Truth:** God calls unlikely individuals and He uses what He gives them to accomplish His will.

**The Same Old Problem:**

1. Sin is a cycle that must be broken. 1 John 1:9

2. Experiencing victory with God in the past in no guarantee of

 victory in the present.

3. Lack of male leadership that demonstrated moral integrity

 and authority.

**The Solution:**

1. Call out to God for deliverance.

2. Leaders must step up to the challenge.

 A. God used Deborah to call Barak into action.

 B. Barak failed to fully embrace all that leadership required.

 1. Courage in the face of fear.

 2. Obedience is key even when we have some doubt.

3. The people willingly follow godly leadership.

4. When we obey God He fights our battles and gives us the

 victory.

 1. God doesn’t need us to fight for Him, we need God to fight

 for us.

5. Praise and worship is the appropriate response from those

 who have been redeemed. Judges 5

**Taking It Beyond The Walls:** Thank God for His many blessings and gifts, and pray that He will help you live with a fresh commitment to not waste a single opportunity He has given you.

**Connection Group Homework**

Looking back at your notes from this week’s teaching, was there anything you heard for first time or that caught your attention, challenged or confused you?

What is one thing you are exceptionally good at?

What is the most rewarding time you can recall when you used the gifts God has given you to advance His kingdom?

Read Judges 4:8-24: What gifts did Deborah have that God used in this story? How did God use these gifts to meet the needs of the Israelites?

How does Barak compare to Deborah in this passage? What are some reasons why people might refuse to listen to the Lord as He tells them to do something?

Read Hebrews 10:24-25: Why do we sometimes need others to encourage us to listen to God? How can our group do this for one another?

Read 1 Samuel 17:31-37: Why was David the most unlikely person to defeat Goliath in the eyes of King Saul? What made David the right person to defeat Goliath?