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Judges 4:14-24

Usually, Jael is viewed as a hero in the story of Israel's defeat of the Canaanite forces in Judges 4. However, there is more at work. Sisera, general of the Canaanite army had a formidable array of 900 chariots fitted with iron. Deborah's song tells us that God lured Sisera to the River Kishon and sent a flood that swept them away. The iron chariots became mired in the mud. Sisera, with his army in disarray, fled on foot, ending up in the hands of Jael. Once again, victory was in the hands of a woman. She had a role to play, but God is the One who routed Sisera and his chariots.

This thrilling story can also have an important spiritual application. Insidious things invade our homes, our thoughts, and our hearts. They are at war with God's purposes and our best interests. We must never allow them to make themselves at home. May God search our hearts and put to death in us any of those things He sees as enemies of our souls.

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