

ARE MEN AND WOMEN EQUAL  
IN WORK AND WORTH?

GOD'S CALL KNOWS NO CEILING—  
BREAK BARRIERS, NOT SPIRITS.

# CULTURAL BARRIERS: LEADING OUTSIDE THE BOX

JUDGES 4:4-5, 8-9, 21

Now Deborah, a prophet, the wife of Lappidoth, was leading Israel at that time. She held court under the Palm of Deborah between Ramah and Bethel in the hill country of Ephraim, and the Israelites went up to her to have their disputes decided.

**JUDGES 4:4-5**

Judges 4 reinforces the truth  
that women can—and do—play critical roles  
in fulfilling God's purposes.

# ECCLESIOLOGICAL BARRIERS: EQUALITY IN THE CHURCH

JUDGES 5:7 · EPHESIANS 5:21 · GALATIANS 3:28

Submit to one another out of reverence for Christ.

EPHESIANS 5:21

There is neither Jew nor Gentile, neither slave nor free, nor is there male and female, for you are all one in Christ Jesus.

**GALATIANS 3:28**

They tie up heavy, cumbersome loads and put them on other people's shoulders, but they themselves are not willing to lift a finger to move them.

**MATTHEW 23:4**

Rules have their place.  
When they no longer foster growth and instead  
become restrictive, they lose their purpose.

# DOMESTIC BARRIERS: SHIFTING ROLES IN THE HOME

JUDGES 4:4 · JUDGES 5:24-27

She sent for Barak son of Abinoam from Kedesh in Naphtali and said to him, "The Lord, the God of Israel, commands you: 'Go, take with you ten thousand men of Naphtali and Zebulun and lead them up to Mount Tabor.'"

**JUDGES 4:6**

## FOUR ACTION POINTS

1. Reflect on Your Roles and Rules
2. Walk Alongside the Next Generation
3. Affirm Unrecognized Leadership
4. Work on Your Heart, Not Just Rules