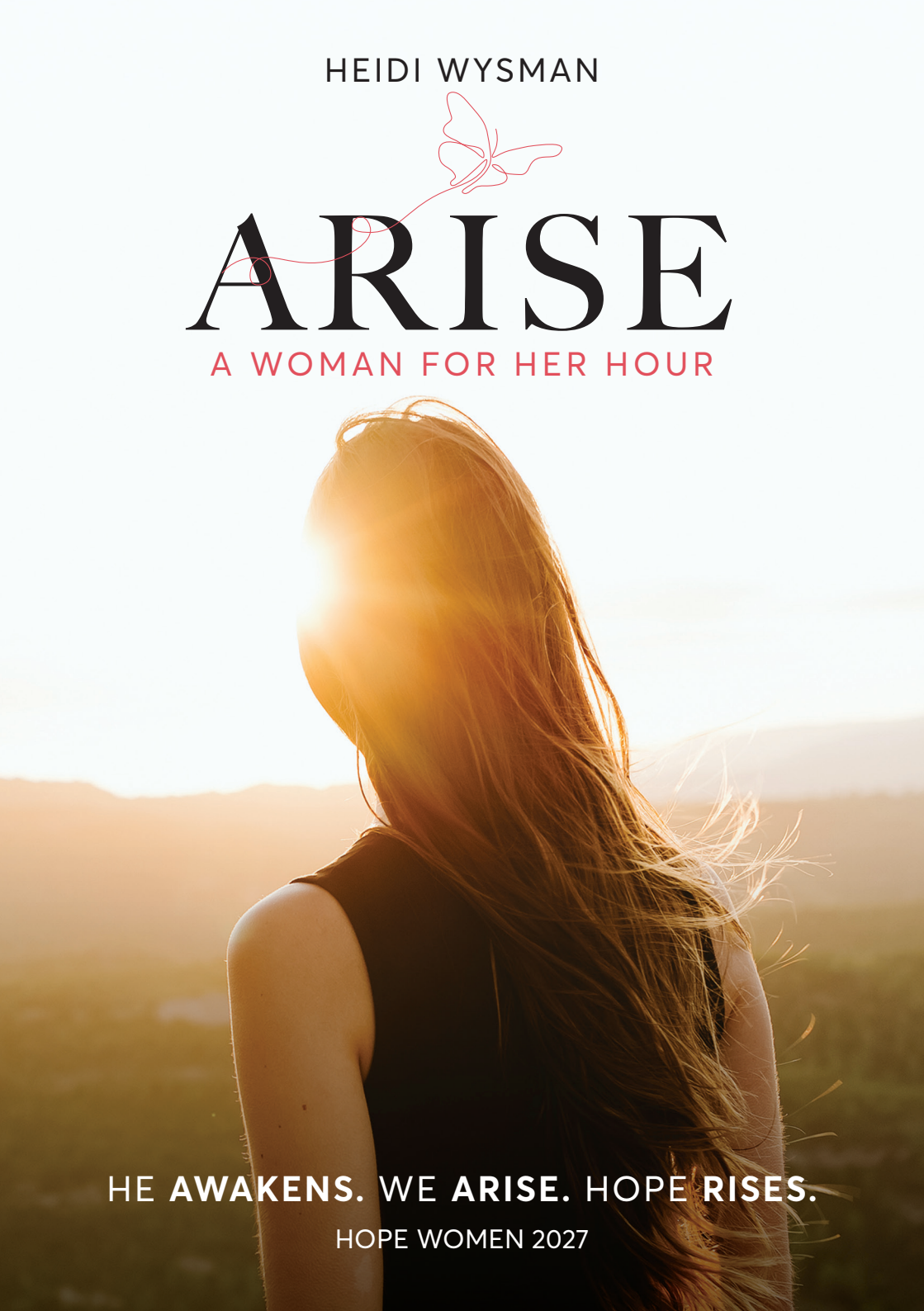


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ARISE

A WOMAN FOR HER HOUR



HE AWAKENS. WE ARISE. HOPE RISES.

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HOPE Women 2027

When God awakens you, arise.

Inspired by the story of Deborah in Judges 4–5.

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Judges 5:6–7 NIV

DEAR **HOPE** SISTER-FRIEND,

As I began thinking and praying about 2027, I found myself asking God, What does the next year look like? What are You wanting to do in us, through us and among us?

And then, in September, God began speaking to me about **Deborah**.

As I read her story again and those words in Judges 5 — "**until I, Deborah, arose**" — something came alive in me. It felt like a fresh wind, almost as though the breath of God was filling me afresh and awakening something in my spirit. And I began to sense this invitation...

ARISE.

Not strive. Not perform. Not try to make something happen.

But wake up to what God is doing. Listen again. Believe again. Step forward when He calls.

As I prayed, I began to wonder...

What if God is awakening His daughters? What if He is gently calling women who have been weighed down by disappointment, fear or weariness to step forward again? Women who have forgotten what He has placed within them, become so busy surviving that they've stopped dreaming, or lost the confidence to move forward?

What if God is reminding us:

There is still purpose in you.

There is still hope in you.

There is still a yes in you.

This is why Deborah's story has captured my heart for **HOPE Women 2027**. I have a deep conviction that this is God's Word for us in the coming year, and I want to remain faithful to it.

I began praying:

"God, awaken Your daughters. Breathe fresh life into weary hearts. Restore hope to those who have lost it. Bring out of hiding those who have become afraid to step forward. Remind women of their God-given identity, gifts, purpose and calling."

And I began praying for you.

That as we journey towards 2027, you would hear God's voice afresh. That where you are tired, He would breathe fresh strength into you. Where fear has held you back, He would give you courage. Where disappointment has discouraged you, He would restore your hope and confidence.

And where you already know what God has placed within you, that you would have the courage to say yes.

Because perhaps this next season isn't only about what God wants to do in you. Perhaps it is also about what He wants to do through you.

There is a woman who may find courage because you found yours.

Someone who may discover hope because you chose to carry it.

Someone who may take her next step because you were willing to take yours. I don't know exactly what 2027 will hold. But I know what I want to be praying for: that we would be women who are attentive to God, willing to trust His voice and courageous enough to respond. Women who don't just experience hope for ourselves, but carry it into the lives of others.

So, **HOPE** sister-friend, this is my prayer as we look towards 2027:

May God breathe something fresh into your life. May He strengthen the places that have become weary, remind you who you are in Him, stir up your faith and reignite your hope. And when He calls you to step forward, may you have the courage to say yes.

Because I believe God is stirring something among His daughters, and I want us to be ready.

When God awakens you, arise.

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INTRODUCTION

DEBORAH

A WOMAN FOR HER HOUR

Israel had many judges, but one of the most memorable was a woman named Deborah.

She was a prophetess, a judge, a wife, a mother, and a woman who knew her God. She lived in a difficult and oppressive time, when fear had silenced many and the people of Israel had been suffering for years.

Yet Deborah did not allow the circumstances around her to determine what was possible with God.



She listened.
She discerned.
She arose.
And she responded.

Deborah's story in Judges 4 and 5 is not simply the story of a woman who held a position of leadership. It is the story of a woman whose relationship with God shaped the way she lived, led, encouraged and served others.

She knew that her strength did not come from her position, her ability or even her circumstances. It came from the Lord.

And I believe there is something deeply significant for us as women today.

We are living in our own hour.

There are women around us who are weary. Women who have lost hope.

Women who have been silenced by disappointment, fear, rejection or simply the weight of life. There are families, friendships, workplaces and communities that need women who will carry the presence of God into them.

Perhaps this is not an hour for us to shrink back.

Perhaps it is an hour to arise.

Not to strive.

Not to prove ourselves.

Not to become someone we are not.

But to become increasingly aware of who God has made us to be, what He has placed within us, and what He is asking of us in this season.

Deborah arose ... and others arose with her.

She listened to God and spoke courage to others.

She saw beyond the battle and knew that God had gone before them.

She called her people back to God.

And when the battle was over, she sang.

As we step into 2027, may Deborah's story awaken something in us ... a fresh willingness to listen, to arise, to lead, to encourage, to worship and to step into God's purposes with courage and humility.

Because sometimes one woman saying "yes" to God can help awaken courage in many others.

01.

DEBORAH

A WISE SERVANT

"And Deborah, a prophetess, the wife of Lapidoth, she judged 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 NIV

The Bible clearly states that Deborah was a prophetess — one instructed in divine knowledge by the inspiration of the Spirit of God. She was a wife and was chosen by God to be a judge over Israel.

The role of judges and rulers in the Old Testament was that of a leader of the Hebrew people. Being a ruler and judge meant being accountable for the welfare and protection of the people.

Deborah served God and the people with wisdom, humility and courage.

At that time, the judges made very clear that everything depended upon faithful obedience to the Lord. It was the gateway to governing with God's justice and mercy.

Deborah made time for the people and had excellent listening skills, as evidenced by her keeping court under a palm tree. So well-known was she that the palm tree was called the **"Palm of Deborah."**

Deborah listened attentively to the people, but more importantly, she listened to God.

So when she spoke, her wisdom provided value and established God's justice.

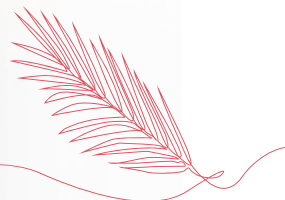
JESUS SAID:

"Therefore whoever hears these sayings of Mine, and does them, I will liken him to a wise man who built his house on the rock." - Matthew 7:24 NIV

AND JAMES REMINDS US:

"If any of you lacks wisdom, you should ask God, who gives generously to all without finding fault, and it will be given to you." - James 1:5 NIV

Wisdom isn't simply knowing what to say. It is knowing when to listen, when to speak and how to respond in a way that honours God.





PRAYER

Lord, as I step into **2027**, make me a woman who listens before I speak, seeks You before I decide, and follows Your wisdom rather than my own understanding.

Give me ears to hear what You are saying in this new season and a heart humble enough to obey. Help me recognise Your voice amid the noise and give me courage to follow where You lead.

Teach me to be a safe place for others — a woman who listens with compassion, speaks with wisdom, and carries Your justice and mercy into every place You have called me.

Where I lack wisdom, I ask You to give it generously.

May the words I speak in 2027 bring life, clarity and courage to those around me. May the wisdom You give me not simply change me, but become a blessing to the women, families, friendships and communities You place around me.

Lord, as I enter this new year, make me wise — not merely knowledgeable, but wise enough to know what to do with what You have shown me.

May 2027 be a year in which I listen deeply, walk wisely and respond boldly to Your voice.

In Jesus Name. Amen.



02.

DEBORAH

A LEADER OF LEADERS

"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. I will lead Sisera, the commander of Jabin's army, with his chariots and his troops to the Kishon River and give him into your hands.'"

"Barak said to her, 'If you go with me, I will go; but if you don't go with me, I won't go.'

'Certainly I will go with you,' said Deborah. 'But because of the course you are taking, the honor will not be yours, for the LORD will deliver Sisera into the hands of a woman.' So Deborah went with Barak to Kedesh."

JUDGES 4:6-9 NIV

Deborah was not caught up in the fear of her day. She took God at His Word.

So when she was given the message to give to Barak to attack Sisera, she didn't flinch. Even though Sisera had a formidable army featuring 900 iron chariots, she delivered God's message to Barak with confidence:

"Has not the LORD, the God of Israel, commanded you?" Judges 4:6

Barak had faith to believe that God had spoken through Deborah. He trusted God's promise of victory. In fact, Barak is recognised for his faith in Hebrews 11:32.

But his faith was reinforced when Deborah agreed to join him.

Without hesitation, Deborah courageously agreed to go.

After Deborah pledged to accompany him, Barak recruited ten thousand men to meet Sisera's 900 chariots.

Deborah was a leader of leaders.

As they prepared for battle, Deborah gave a brief motivational speech. The Israelites had no reason to live in fear because God was on their side.

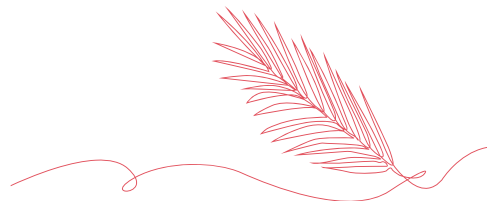
Knowing that the outcome was already decided in heaven, Deborah spoke with the confidence of someone who knew that God was going before them.

Such boldness is a result of unwavering faith in the goodness and power of God.

Centuries later, the apostle Paul expressed the same type of resolve:

"If God is for us, who can be against us?" Romans 8:31

Deborah's leadership reminds us that sometimes our greatest leadership is not doing everything ourselves, but helping someone else find the courage to do what God has called them to do.





PRAAYER

Lord, as I step into **2027**, help me recognise the influence You have entrusted to me.

Give me courage to encourage others, strength to stand beside them, and wisdom to know when to speak and when to simply walk alongside someone.

Make me a woman who calls courage out of others. Help me see potential where others may only see weakness, and help me speak words that strengthen faith and inspire others to step into all You have called them to be.

In 2027, may I never feel threatened by another woman's gifts, influence or calling. Instead, give me a generous heart that celebrates other women, champions them and calls them higher.

And when You ask me to walk beside someone into something difficult, may I have the courage to say, **"I will go with you."**

Lord, make me a leader who leads others towards You, and use my life to help other women discover the courage to say yes to You too.

In Jesus Name. Amen.



03.

DEBORAH

AROSE

"In the days of Shamgar son of Anath, in the days of Jael, the highways were abandoned; travelers took to winding paths. Villagers in Israel would not fight; they held back until I, Deborah, arose, until I arose, a mother in Israel."

JUDGES 5:6-7 NIV

The Israelites had been beaten down by 20 years of oppression until Deborah arose.

They were tired and discouraged. They needed someone to inspire them, and the Lord chose Deborah.

Of all the things Deborah could have legitimately called herself — judge, prophetess, deliverer, intercessor or worshipper — she chose to call herself a **mother**.

She was first and foremost a mother.

She saw all of Israel as her children and longed for all of her children, literal and figurative, to experience peace, restoration and security.

Women with positions of such influence were uncommon in that culture at the time. Yet Scripture shows us that God raises up, equips, empowers and uses His obedient servants.

In verse seven, we see that no one in Israel would fight until Deborah **arose**.

One woman's courage to stand in the face of fear and an impossible situation made a difference.

God has entrusted each of us with natural and spiritual gifts necessary to fulfil His purposes.

Deborah busily exercised her gifts of prophecy and wisdom. She arose as a spiritual and national leader over Israel.

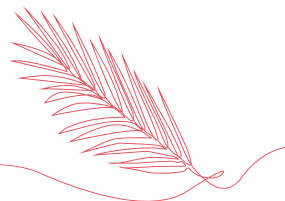
If she had not been obedient to act on what the Lord told her to do, nothing would have changed.

Often, it is in difficult times that our true nature is revealed.

May we all arise with humility and step into God's purpose.

"Arise, shine, for your light has come, and the glory of the LORD rises upon you."

Isaiah 60:1 NIV





PRAYER

Lord, as I enter 2027, awaken me.

Where I have become weary, awaken hope. Where I have become afraid, awaken courage. Where disappointment has caused me to sit down, give me grace to arise.

Where I have been hiding, remind me that You have not forgotten me.

Show me what You have placed within me and where You are asking me to step forward in this new season.

Lord, I don't want to spend 2027 waiting for someone else to arise if **You are asking me to arise.**

Give me courage to use the gifts You have given me, faith to respond when You speak, and humility to remember that it is Your strength working through me.

May I arise with confidence, not because I have everything figured out, but because I know the One who goes before me.

Lord, let 2027 be a year in which I arise into Your purposes and become a woman who helps others find the courage to arise too.

In Jesus Name. Amen.



04.



DEBORAH

TURNED THE PEOPLE BACK TO GOD

"So may all your enemies perish, LORD! But may all who love you be like the sun when it rises in its strength."

"Then the land had peace forty years."

JUDGES 5:31 NIV

When you watch a sunrise, you see the beauty and brightness of the sun chase away the darkness.

It pierces through the clouds, warms the earth and brings another day to our planet.

As children of God who place our trust in Him and His Word, we are called to shine.

From Deborah's example, God shows us how to stand against the forces of wickedness with dedication and confidence.

Deborah's leadership, practical wisdom and motherly instincts embodied godly living.

Yet orchestrating a stunning victory over the Canaanites wasn't even her greatest accomplishment.

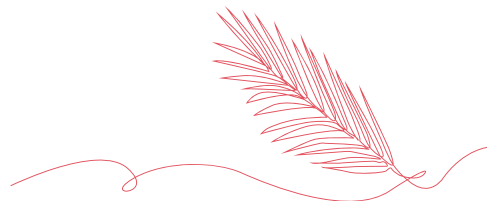
Deborah's greatest victory and eternal legacy was that she **called her people back to God.**

May our lives shine brightly, revealing the nature of God.

"The fruit of the righteous is a tree of life, And he who wins souls is wise."

Proverbs 11:30 NKJV

Our influence is not ultimately about ourselves. It is about what people see of God through our lives.





PRAYER

Lord, as I step into 2027, let my life point people back to You.

May the way I live, speak, love, forgive and respond to difficult circumstances reveal something of Your character.

Let Your light in me be brighter than the darkness around me.

Give me opportunities this year to speak hope to someone who has lost theirs, remind someone of Your faithfulness and gently lead someone closer to You.

Lord, may I never become so focused on what I am doing for You that I forget the reason behind it all — **helping people see You.**

In 2027, let my life shine with a strength that doesn't draw attention to me, but directs attention to You.

May my home, my friendships, my workplace, my ministry and every place You take me become places where people encounter Your love, Your hope and Your presence.

Lord, let me be a woman who shines brightly and points faithfully to You.

In Jesus Name. Amen.



05.

DEBORAH

AWOKE WITH SONG

"Wake up, wake up, Deborah! Wake up, wake up, break out in song!"

JUDGES 5:12 NIV

Deborah's post-battle song provides us with a remarkable glimpse into what transpired when God awakened her from her day-to-day living.

Deborah awoke as a leader to inspire others to get up and fight.

She awoke as a **worshipping warrior**.

Deborah had a heart after God — a heart that He could anoint and instruct.

She saw the oppression of her people. She identified with their suffering. She was willing to listen to God, communicate what she heard and remain faithful to Him in the face of overwhelming circumstances.

With all the chaos and turmoil in the world today, we can relate to Deborah as a role model who lived in troubled times.

God aroused within her a passion to act after twenty years of persecution, while most of her people cowered in dread.

God often uses unlikely people and uncommon means to accomplish His purposes and fulfil His promises.

Be inspired to realise that God uses ordinary people to accomplish extraordinary things.

He wants to awaken you to all that He has planned for you.

Could this be the day that God wakes you from your own sleep so that He might use you to do more than you could possibly think or dream of for the sake of His Kingdom and His glory?

"For this reason He says, 'Awake, sleeper, And arise from the dead, And Christ will shine [as dawn] upon you and give you light.'" Ephesians 5:14
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And Deborah understood something beautiful: awakening and worship belong together.

"The LORD is my strength and my shield; in him my heart trusts, and I am helped; my heart exults, and with my song I give thanks to him."
Psalm 28:7 ESV



PRAYER

Lord, as I journey through 2027, awaken my heart again and again.

Awaken my first love for You. Awaken dreams I have buried, gifts I have neglected and courage I have allowed fear to silence.

Wake me from spiritual sleep and help me recognise the opportunities You place before me.

If You are calling me to something new in 2027, give me the courage to respond.

If You are asking me to step out, help me trust You.

If You are awakening something within me, don't let fear talk me out of what faith is asking me to do.

Let my first response not be fear, but faith. Let my life become a song of praise, not because everything is easy, but because **You are still good, You are still faithful and You are still God.**

May my worship strengthen someone else's faith and my courage awaken courage in another woman.

Lord, awaken me for this hour, and let 2027 be a year in which I am fully awake to You, Your voice and Your purposes.

In Jesus Name. Amen.



06.

DEBORAH

KNEW WHO WON THE BATTLE

"Then Deborah said to Barak, 'Go! This is the day the LORD has given Sisera into your hands. Has not the LORD gone ahead of you?' So Barak went down Mount Tabor, with ten thousand men following him. At Barak's advance, the LORD routed Sisera and all his chariots and army by the sword, and Sisera got down from his chariot and fled on foot."

JUDGES 4:14-15 NIV

How could ten thousand foot soldiers defeat an army of nine hundred chariots and thousands more soldiers?

They couldn't — not in their own strength.

But God was with them, and God went before them.

Deborah gave praise and glory to God because the victory belonged to Him.

The Song of Deborah says:

"From the heavens the stars fought, from their courses they fought against Sisera. The river Kishon swept them away..." Judges 5:20–21 NIV

Almighty God fought the battle as only He could.

What looked impossible from the ground was never impossible for God.

Deborah knew something that changed the way she faced the battle:

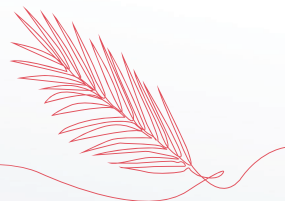
God had already gone before them.

That doesn't mean there was no battle. It doesn't mean there was no courage required. It means Deborah knew where the ultimate victory came from.

Sometimes we spend so much energy trying to win battles that God never asked us to carry alone.

There are circumstances we cannot control, outcomes we cannot determine and battles we cannot fight in our own strength.

But we can trust the One who goes before us.





PRAYER

Lord, as I walk forward in 2027, teach me to trust You with the battles I cannot fight in my own strength.

When circumstances look bigger than me, remind me that they are never bigger than You.

When I am tempted to be overwhelmed by what I can see, help me remember what I know — **You go before me.**

Give me courage to obey even when I cannot see the outcome.

Help me to stop carrying battles You never asked me to carry, and give me wisdom to know what is mine to do and what I need to place into Your hands.

When I face difficult circumstances in 2027, remind me that I don't walk into them alone. **You have gone before me.**

And when victory comes, keep my heart humble enough to give You all the glory.

Lord, may I enter this new year with a confidence that doesn't come from knowing what lies ahead, but from knowing **Who goes ahead of me.**

The battle belongs to You.

In Jesus Name. Amen.



07.

DEBORAH

AWAKENED OTHERS



Deborah's story wasn't only about what she did.

Her courage helped others find theirs.

Her faith strengthened Barak.

Her leadership helped Israel rise.

Her words gave courage to people who had lived under oppression.

And her worship gave glory to God.

This is perhaps one of the most beautiful things about Deborah's life: **she didn't simply arise for herself. She arose in a way that helped others arise too.**

There are women around us who may be waiting for someone to believe in them again.

Someone who will see beyond their circumstances.

Someone who will remind them of who they are.

Someone who will say, *"You can do this. God is with you. Don't give up."*

Perhaps this is part of what God is calling us to in this hour.

Not simply to be women who carry hope, but women who **help others find hope.**

Not simply to shine, but to help others see the light.

Not simply to arise, but to create courage for others to arise too.



PRAYER

Lord, throughout **2027**, make me a woman who awakens hope in others.

Help me notice the woman who is sitting quietly, the woman who feels unseen, the woman who has lost her confidence and the woman who simply needs someone to believe in her again.

Give me words that breathe life.

Give me courage that is contagious.

Give me compassion that makes room for others.

Lord, let what You are awakening in me become something that awakens others.

May the women I encounter in 2027 leave our conversations a little more hopeful, a little more courageous and a little more aware of how deeply they are loved by You.

Help me not to underestimate what You can do through one ordinary woman who simply says yes to You.

May I be a woman who doesn't just **arise for herself**, but rises in such a way that other women find the courage to rise too.

Lord, use my life in 2027 to awaken hope, courage, faith and purpose in the women around me.

In Jesus Name. Amen.





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