



# Jael: HANGING ON THE HORNS OF A DILEMMA

Judges 4 & 5

***The choices we make always have far-reaching consequences.***

*How did Jael end up in this tent having to make this decision?*

*Genesis 15:18 — On that day the LORD made a covenant with Abram and said, "To your descendants I give this land, from the river of Egypt to the great river, the Euphrates."*

***Pattern:***

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Not only did they stop short of complete conquest they \_\_\_\_\_  
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***PROBLEM.*** As long as we're \_\_\_\_\_ we'll tolerate a \_\_\_\_\_.

*How did Jael end up in this tent having to make this decision?*

Israel did \_\_\_\_\_

*Judges 4: 7 — "I will give you victory over him . . ." (Sisera)*

*8 "I will go, but only if you will go with me!"*

*9 "Very well," she replied, "I will go with you. But since you have made this choice, you will receive no honor. For the LORD'S victory over Sisera will be at the hands of a woman."*

***LIFE-PRINCIPLE.*** Good decisions flow from a *good life*...a life that is *fully aligned* with the nature and mind of God.

***LIFE-PRINCIPLE.*** Don't compound bad decisions with more bad decisions.

Spend some time this week thinking about these questions, and maybe even use them as a basis for conversation with someone.

What does God say about reality and life?

What does **he** call evil?

What has gone wrong with creation/life?

What does **he** say is the solution?

Where is he going with history?

What does he expect of me?

What offends him?