

“Mother’s Day: Deborah – A Mother in Israel” (Judges 4, 5)

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2. Roles: Men – Servant Leadership, Women – Support

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