

2013 Election Sermon
How God Can Use You To Save America
Part II

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Sunday, November 10th

1 Corinthians 1: 26-30 (ESV)

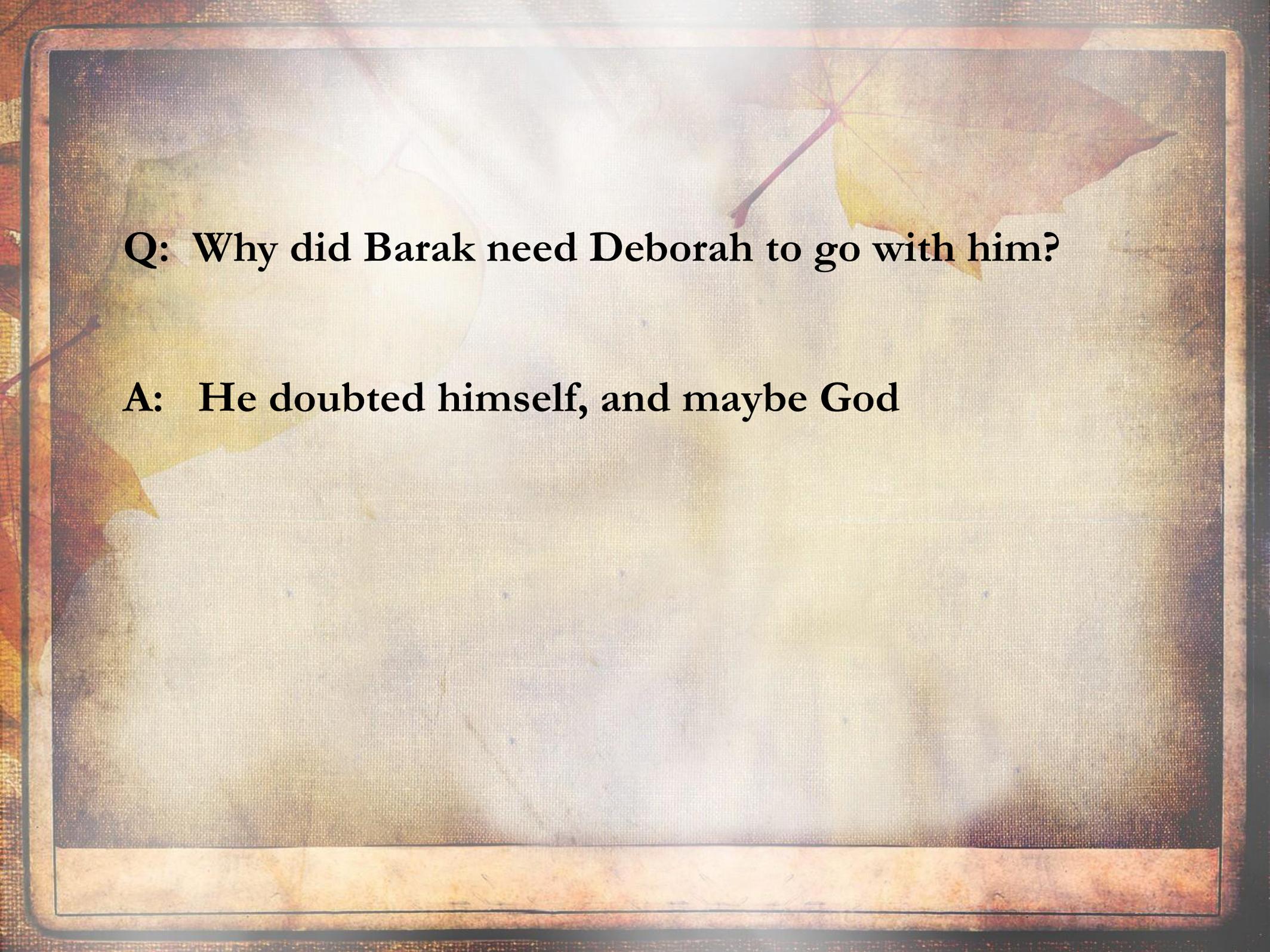
For consider your calling, brothers: not many of you were wise according to worldly standards, not many were powerful, not many were of noble birth. 27 But God chose what is foolish in the world to shame the wise; God chose what is weak in the world to shame the strong; 28 God chose what is low and despised in the world, even things that are not, to bring to nothing things that are, 29 so that no human being might boast in the presence of God. 30 And because of him you are in Christ Jesus, who became to us wisdom from God, righteousness and sanctification and redemption,

Review Main Points From Part I

- * God looks for very flawed people to use
- * Deborah was an ordinary woman, who used her gift faithfully
- * "Her strength was used to motivate men, not replace them"

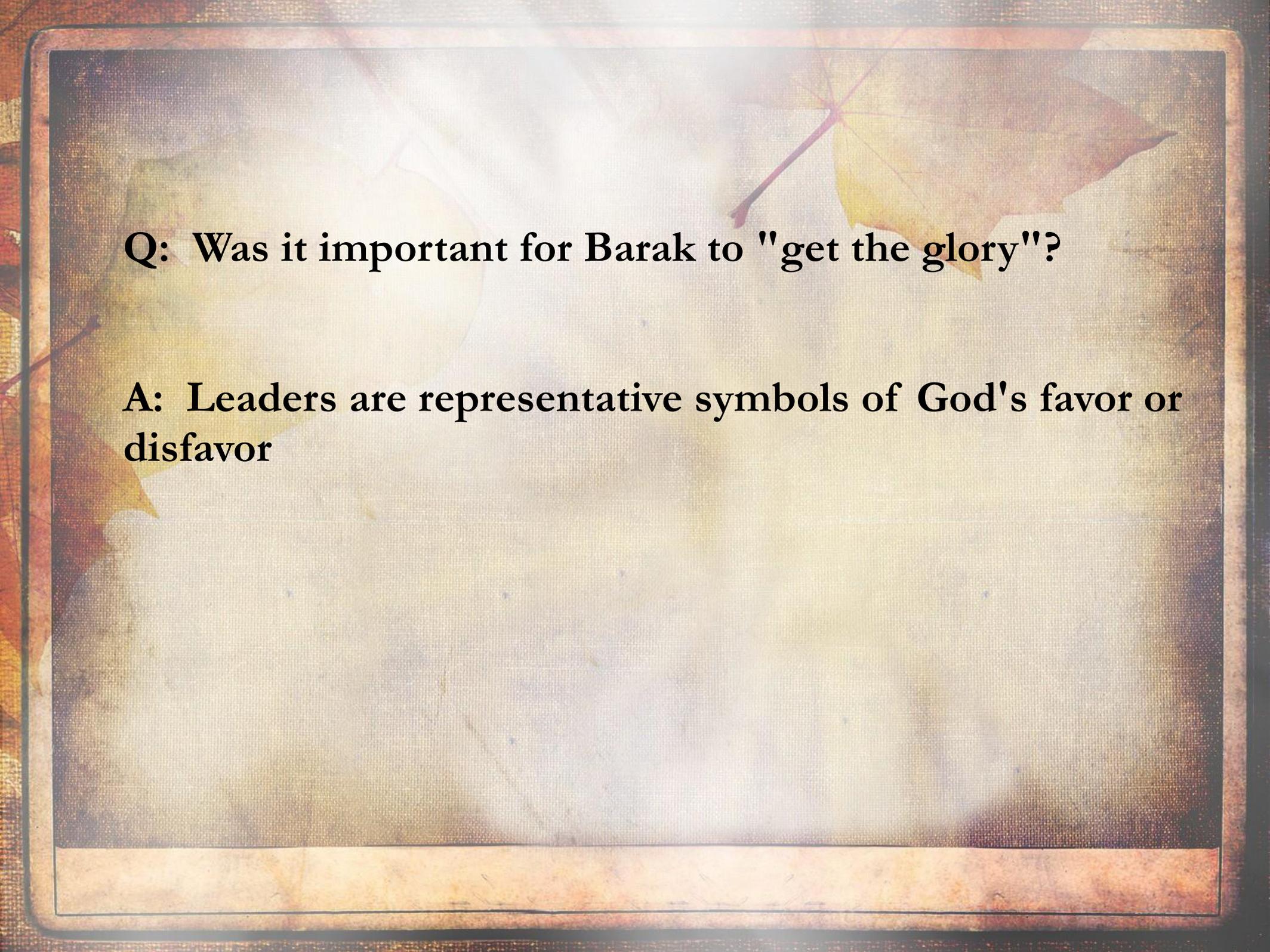
Judges 4:8-10

Barak said to her, “If you will go with me, I will go, but if you will not go with me, I will not go.” 9 And she said, “I will surely go with you. Nevertheless, the road on which you are going will not lead to your glory, for the Lord will sell Sisera into the hand of a woman.” Then Deborah arose and went with Barak to Kedesh. 10 And Barak called out Zebulun and Naphtali to Kedesh. And 10,000 men went up at his heels, and Deborah went up with him.

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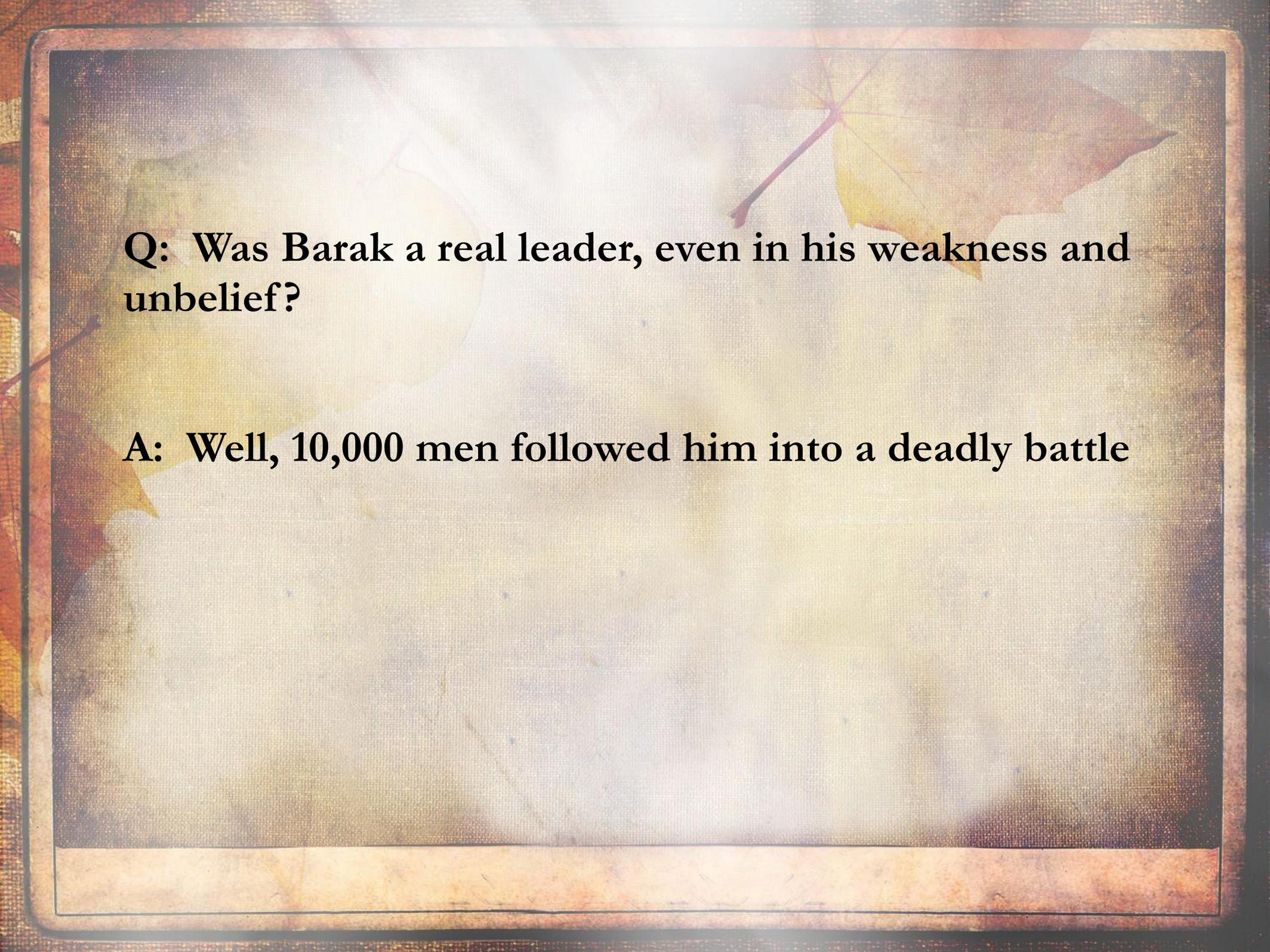
Q: Why did Barak need Deborah to go with him?

A: He doubted himself, and maybe God

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Q: Was it important for Barak to "get the glory"?

A: Leaders are representative symbols of God's favor or disfavor

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Q: Was Barak a real leader, even in his weakness and unbelief?

A: Well, 10,000 men followed him into a deadly battle

Judges 4:11

Now Heber the Kenite had separated from the Kenites, the descendants of Hobab the father-in-law of Moses, and had pitched his tent as far away as the oak in Zaanannim, which is near Kedesh.

Judges 4: 14-16

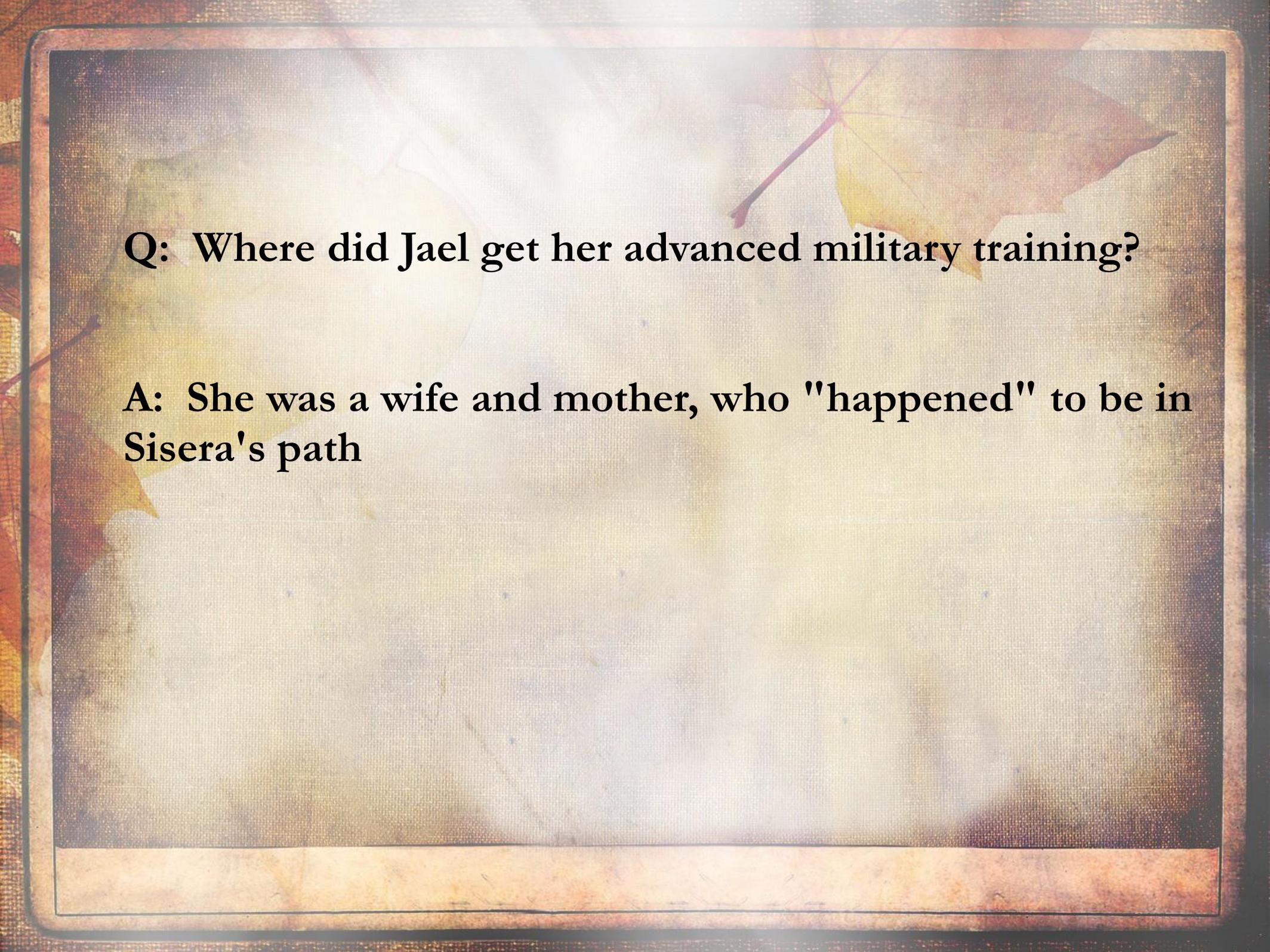
And Deborah said to Barak, “Up! For this is the day in which the Lord has given Sisera into your hand. Does not the Lord go out before you?” So Barak went down from Mount Tabor with 10,000 men following him. 15 And the Lord routed Sisera and all his chariots and all his army before Barak by the edge of the sword. And Sisera got down from his chariot and fled away on foot. 16 And Barak pursued the chariots and the army to Harosheth-hagoyim, and all the army of Sisera fell by the edge of the sword; not a man was left.

Judges 4: 17-20

But Sisera fled away on foot to the tent of Jael, the wife of Heber the Kenite, for there was peace between Jabin the king of Hazor and the house of Heber the Kenite. 18 And Jael came out to meet Sisera and said to him, “Turn aside, my lord; turn aside to me; do not be afraid.” So he turned aside to her into the tent, and she covered him with a rug. 19 And he said to her, “Please give me a little water to drink, for I am thirsty.” So she opened a skin of milk and gave him a drink and covered him.

Our Conclusions

- * If you're ordinary, flawed, a nobody, or even a bit fearful - **PERFECT!**
- * If you daily humble yourself, you are destined for greatness
- * Humility is key, because Jesus won't share His glory with our gods

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Q: Where did Jael get her advanced military training?

A: She was a wife and mother, who "happened" to be in Sisera's path