

Great Women of the Bible



A Salute to **Great** Women

The Contributions of Women
we meet in Scripture

*For the Women of the Bible we are studying, leaving a **legacy** for us as Christians to follow is part of what makes them **Great...***

For our last lesson in this series, we have selected several Women of the Bible whose stories teach us important lessons about life. We hope you enjoy reading about these women and learn something important from them...

Sarah

- Genesis 18: 10-15
 - Abraham was a man of God. His wife Sarah was of old age when God promised Abraham that she would bare him a son. Abraham laughed at the thought of having a newborn son at 100 years old. Sarah, too, laughed at the idea of giving birth in her nineties. Just as the Lord had promised, Sarah gave birth to Isaac and the bloodline of Abraham, Isaac and Joseph would eventually lead to Christ!
 - **Life Lesson: Nothing is too hard for God. He can do what is impossible for man to accomplish on his own.**

Bathsheba

- 2 Samuel 11: 1-5, 12: 11-19
 - King David gives into sin and sleeps with Bathsheba, another man's wife. Bathsheba was the object of King David's desire. Did she feel pressured because he was King or was she a willing participant? We don't know, but through her story, we see that sin has BIG consequences for King David.
 - **Life Lesson: The consequences of sin outweigh the pleasures of sin.**

King David and Bathsheba



Tamar

- 2 Samuel 13: 1-2, 6-14
 - Tamar, King David's daughter, is raped by her own half-brother, Amnon, who is King David's son. Tamar's sense of shame and her personal pain overcomes her and we are told in scripture that she became a desolate (gloomy, depressed) woman. Tamar's story is a reminder to us that devastating, unfair things will happen in our lives. However, we should not allow terrible things that have happened to us to ruin our future.
 - **Life Lesson: We should work to resolve the pain of our past so that it does not hinder our future.**

Private Pain



Woman of Faith

- Matthew 9: 20-22
 - The woman we meet in scripture has been ill for 12 years. Undoubtedly, she has tried everything to address her illness, but nothing has worked. She hears about Jesus and becomes convinced that He can help her if she can just get close enough to touch his cloak. Through her tenacity, she gets to Jesus and touches him. He feels the energy transfer between him and the sick woman and tells her that her faith has healed her.
 - **Life Lesson: Connecting with God and having an attitude that is full of faith is the answer to all of our problems.**

Mary and Martha



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- Luke 10: 38-42
 - Martha is focused on the wrong thing. She is distracted by that which is insignificant. She has Jesus at her house. This is a once in a lifetime type opportunity to learn from Him...but she is focusing on the wrong things. We, too, worry about things we shouldn't be concerned about. We are distracted too. Our focus should be on God.
 - **Life Lesson: Don't worry about insignificant things. Focus your attention of learning more about God.**

Lydia

- Acts 16: 13-15
 - Lydia was willing to receive the Word of God and when she did, her family responded too and opened their hearts. Her household was baptized into Christ because she, first, responded to the Word of God.
 - **Life Lesson: Worried about your family and their lack of a relationship with God? Be like Lydia. Continue to be an example for them to follow.**

Woman Caught in Adultery

- John 8: 1-11
 - The woman who was caught in adultery was to be punished by being stoned to death. When Jesus asked for the person without sin to cast the first stone, no one could condemn the woman. We all have sinned. We should not harshly judge others. Jesus does not condemn us, but **he expects for us to leave sin alone.**
 - **Life Lesson: Do not condemn or judge others. Christ has mercy on all of us. We all have the right to forgiveness. However, the Lord fully expects us to leave sin alone and do our very best to live a Godly life as he has outlined in His Word.**

The Widow

- I Kings 17: 7-16
 - Elijah visits a widow who is a victim of a severe drought. Because there is famine in the land, she has accepted that she and her son will die. She has begun to make preparations for their very last meal. She tells Elijah that all she has left is a little oil and a handful of flour. He instructs her to make bread for him and then for her and her son and assures her that the Lord will provide more food for them to eat.
 - Just as Elijah said, the Lord continued to provide for her and her son and she continued to have as much oil and flour as she needed.
 - **Life Lesson: Use what you do have wisely. Even when the situation looks bad, be obedient and God will continue to provide.**

The Lord Will Provide!



We hope you enjoyed our series
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We pray that you will salute the
Great Women in your life and their
accomplishments and contributions.