

Can you think of something you were taught by a woman?



Lessons in Faith

From Women in the Bible

Mary: A Servant's Faith

- *"I am the Lord's servant," Mary answered. "May it be done to me as you have said." Luke 1:38*
- Mary did whatever the Lord asked her to do.
- She saw herself as a servant to the lord.
- How do we view our role in our relationship with God?
- Are we ready and willing to do what He asks us to do no matter the difficulty?
- Do we see God as our "wish granter?"

Rahab: Faith Through Fear

- Prostitute living in Jericho.
- Helped the Israelites enter the Promised Land.
- Lineage of Jesus.
(Matt 1: 5)
- Her act of faith saved her and her family.



Rahab: Faith Through Fear

- *Now Joshua the son of Nun sent out two men from Acacia Grove to spy secretly, saying, "Go, view the land, especially Jericho."*
- *So they went, and came to the house of a harlot named Rahab, and lodged there. ² And it was told the king of Jericho, saying, "Behold, men have come here tonight from the children of Israel to search out the country."*
- *³ So the king of Jericho sent to Rahab, saying, "Bring out the men who have come to you, who have entered your house, for they have come to search out all the country."*
- *⁴ Then the woman took the two men and hid them. So she said, "Yes, the men came to me, but I did not know where they were from. ⁵ And it happened as the gate was being shut, when it was dark, that the men went out. Where the men went I do not know; pursue them quickly, for you may overtake them."*

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- *⁶ (But she had brought them up to the roof and hidden them with the stalks of flax, which she had laid in order on the roof.) ⁷ Then the men pursued them by the road to the Jordan, to the fords. And as soon as those who pursued them had gone out, they shut the gate.*
- *Now before they lay down, she came up to them on the roof, ⁹ and said to the men: “I know that the LORD has given you the land, that the terror of you has fallen on us, and that all the inhabitants of the land are fainthearted because of you.*

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- *¹⁰ For we have heard how the LORD dried up the water of the Red Sea for you when you came out of Egypt, and what you did to the two kings of the Amorites who were on the other side of the Jordan, Sihon and Og, whom you utterly destroyed. ¹¹ And as soon as we heard these things, our hearts melted; neither did there remain any more courage in anyone because of you, for the LORD your God, He is God in heaven above and on earth beneath.*
- *¹² Now therefore, I beg you, swear to me by the LORD, since I have shown you kindness, that you also will show kindness to my father's house, and give me a true token, ¹³ and spare my father, my mother, my brothers, my sisters, and all that they have, and deliver our lives from death.”¹⁴ So the men answered her, “Our lives for yours, if none of you tell this business of ours. And it shall be, when the LORD has given us the land, that we will deal kindly and truly with you.”*
- *Joshua 2: 1-14*

Rahab: Faith Through Fear

- Rahab took a chance by hiding the spies and lying to the king's men.
- She served the God of Israel out of fear.
- She just wanted to protect her family.
- What motivates us to serve God? Is it love/gratitude?
- *“to love the LORD your God and serve Him with all your heart and with all your soul,” Deuteronomy 11: 13*
- Is it fear?
- *“Fear God and give Him glory.” Rev. 14:7*
- We will have to give an account of our lives.
- *“...but all things are naked and open to the eyes of Him to whom we must give account.” Hebrews 4:13*

Martha and Mary

What's Important to You?

- 38 Now it happened as they went that He entered a certain village; and a certain woman named Martha welcomed Him into her house. 39 And she had a sister called Mary, who also sat at Jesus' feet and heard His word.*



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- *40 But Martha was distracted with much serving, and she approached Him and said, "Lord, do You not care that my sister has left me to serve alone? Therefore tell her to help me."*
- *41 And Jesus answered and said to her, "Martha, Martha, you are worried and troubled about many things. 42 But one thing is needed, and Mary has chosen that good part, which will not be taken away from her."*
- *Luke 10: 38-42*

What's Important to Us?

- Mary put everything aside to be with Jesus and listen to His words.
- Martha chose to make the house ready to host Jesus.
- Which person is an example of our choice?
- We must be careful to not let anything, even good acts, get in the way of our relationship with God.

The Samaritan Woman

Do we share Christ ?

- *25 The woman said to Him, "I know that Messiah is coming" (who is called Christ). "When He comes, He will tell us all things."*
- *26 Jesus said to her, "I who speak to you am He."*
- *28 The woman then left her water pot, went her way into the city, and said to the men, 29 "Come, see a Man who told me all things that I ever did. Could this be the Christ?" 30 Then they went out of the city and came to Him.*

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- *39 And many of the Samaritans of that city believed in Him because of the word of the woman who testified, "He told me all that I ever did." 40 So when the Samaritans had come to Him, they urged Him to stay with them; and He stayed there two days. 41 And many more believed because of His own word. John 4: 25-26, 28-30, 39-41*
- Do we share Christ with others?
- Do we make it a point to talk about what God has done for us?
- Are we excited about sharing our faith?

Which lessons do we live out?

- Serve God and be willing to do anything He asks of us.
- Be willing to take risks for your faith.
- Make sure God is the most important part of your life.
- Share Christ and all He has done for us with others.

Thank You Sisters!

Our church is blessed to have a great group of Christian women, who set examples for all of us of how Christianity should look.