

Happy Mother's Day!

Everyday Biblical Women Make Decisions That All of Us Must Face

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1 Thessalonians 2:13 (NIV) And we also thank God continually because, when you received the word of God, which you heard from us, you accepted it not as a human word, but as it actually is, the word of God, which is indeed at work in you who believe.

I. Miriam, Moses' Sister - Cheerleader

Exodus 15:20-21 (NIV) Then Miriam the prophet, Aaron's sister, took a timbrel in her hand, and all the women followed her with timbrels and dancing. Miriam sang to them: "Sing to the Lord, for he is highly exalted. Both horse and driver he has hurled into the sea." (*Ref Ex 2:1-10; Num 12:1-16, 20:1*)

 **She chose to lead in _____ and deliverance**

II. Anna, a Widow - Intercessor

Luke 2:36-38 (NIV) ...She was very old; she had lived with her husband seven years after her marriage, and then was a widow until she was eighty-four. She never left the temple but worshiped night and day, fasting and praying. Coming up to them at that very moment, she gave thanks to God and spoke about the child to all who were looking forward to the redemption of Jerusalem.

 **She chose to sacrifice and _____ and was rewarded**

III. Michal, Wife of a King - Misunderstood

2 Samuel 6:15-16 (NIV) while he and all Israel were bringing up the ark of the Lord with shouts and the sound of trumpets. As the ark of the Lord was entering the City of David, Michal daughter of Saul watched from a window. And when she saw King David leaping and dancing before the Lord, she despised him in her heart. (*Ref 1 Sam 19:11-17, 2 Sam 6:15-23*)

 **She chose to never understand _____ for the Lord**

IV. Hannah, a Difficult Home Life - Fruitful

1 Samuel 2:1-4, 9-10 (NIV) Then Hannah prayed and said: "My heart rejoices in the Lord; in the Lord my horn is lifted high. My mouth boasts over my enemies, for I delight in your deliverance. "There is no one holy like the Lord; there is no one besides you; there is no Rock like our God. "Do not keep talking so proudly or let your mouth speak such arrogance, for the Lord is a God who knows, and by him deeds are weighed... those who stumbled are armed with strength...He will guard the feet of his faithful servants, but the wicked will be silenced in the place of darkness. "It is not by strength that one prevails; those who oppose the Lord will be broken. (*Ref 1 Sam 1:1-2:21*)

 **She chose to keep an open heart to the Lord despite disappointments**

V. Sapphira, an Early Church Leader - Testy


Acts 5:7-9 (The Voice) About three hours had passed when Sapphira arrived. She had no idea what had happened. Peter: Did you sell the land for such-and-such a price? Sapphira: Yes, that was the price. Peter: Why did the two of you conspire to test the Spirit of the Lord? Do you hear those footsteps outside? Those are the young men who just buried your husband, and now they will carry you out as well.

 **She chose to align herself with a person of _____, to lie, and to disrespect God**

VI. Deborah, a Mother to God's People - Warrior

Judges 5:7 (NIV) Villagers in Israel would not fight; they held back until I, Deborah, arose, until I arose, a mother in Israel.

Judges 4:8-9 (NIV) Barak said to her, "If you go with me, I will go; but if you don't go with me, I won't go." "*Certainly I will go with you,*" said Deborah. (*Ref Jdg 4:1-5:31*)

 **She chose to be fiercely loyal and speak truth with confidence; The survival of _____ was her top priority**

VII. The Un-Stoned Woman, Desperate - Forgiven

John 8:11 (The Voice) ...Jesus: Well, I do not condemn you either; all I ask is that you go and from now on avoid the sins that plague you.

 **She chose to receive a second chance, a _____ and love from Jesus**

VIII. Lois and Eunice, Mother and Daughter - Inheritance

2 Timothy 1:4-5 (AMP) and as I recall your tears, I long to see you so that I may be filled with joy. I remember your sincere and unqualified faith [the surrendering of your entire self to God in Christ with confident trust in His power, wisdom and goodness, a faith] which first lived in [the heart of] your grandmother Lois and your mother Eunice, and I am confident that it is in you as well.

 **They chose to pass down their sincere faith to the _____**

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This Week's Bible Readings (Use the TCND App if you want to listen):

Sat Rest Sun 2 Kgs 11-13 Mon 2 Kgs 14-16; Ps 75 Tue 2 Kgs 17;

Prov 16 Wed 2 Kgs 18-19; Ps 73, 83, 91 Thur 2 Kings 20-21; Ps 88; Prov 17

Fri 2 Kings 22-23; Ps 76, 85, 146-147 Sat Rest

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