

Women of Faith: In Spite of It All

Miriam: Mother for a Movement

Micah 6:4

Introduction

The Bible is full of stories of women who exercised great faith and witnessed God produce great works in spite of what they were going through in life. Today we will learn two truths, in particular, from Miriam, the mother of a movement.

The times that Miriam was living in were not much different than what we are facing now. Yet, in spite of what was occurring in and around Miriam's life God was at work. Each of the stories describing events in her life share the theme of freedom. Her stories of freedom are related to our need for freedom that can only be found in Jesus.

1. Freedom to Live. (Exodus 2:1-10).

It is tempting to rush to the ending of this story without considering the great difficulty it was for the family. It is also easy to overlook God's hand in it all.

In any movement a season of observation is essential before action is taken. During those times of watching we must be aware of what is going on around us as well as what is directly in front of us.

Inevitably, however, there is a crisis moment when action is required. It will take courage to step into what God is calling us to do.

We may never know the full outcome of our obedience to God. But because Miriam moved Moses lived. Such is our story. We are all destined to die in our sin but because of Jesus' purchase of our salvation, we are freed to live.

2. Freedom in Praise. (Exodus 15:20-21).

Not only do we have freedom to live, we also find freedom in praise. There is something liberating when we praise God.

Moses rose up to sing a victory song to God for His mighty deliverance, then Miriam followed right behind him leading the women in their own act of praise.

It is one thing to recognize what God has done, but it is another to respond to it in praise.

Recognizing is a good first step, but it is not the final one. To be part of a movement there are times that we must take the lead in responding to what God is doing. Responding to God's presence in our lives helps keep our focus in proper perspective and releases freedom in our lives.

When we fully recognize what Jesus Christ has done for us, our response should be one of constant praise to Him. Our lives are a reflection of how much the freedom in Christ truly means to us.

Conclusion

There is a cry inside of us all for freedom. Jesus has paid a high price for us to be set free from the bondage of sin that leads to death. The stories of Miriam, a woman of faith, provide us with an understanding of God's work in delivering His people from sin's enslavement in spite of challenging circumstances. It also challenges us to recognize His work and to respond in praise.

Further Scriptures: Luke 4:18-19; John 8:32,36.