

Sunday, May 14, 2023
A FEW FEMININE HEROS

For Mother's Day, we're going to take a look at a few feminine heroes in the Bible. The first woman you find in the book of Genesis. She lived during the time of the Patriarchs. Her name is Tamar.

[Genesis 38:6-14 \(NKJV\)](#)

Tamar fits the classic definition of a victim. She is taken advantage of and lied to by a supposed "man of God." After all that happened, she could have lived out her days in her father's house – her life story one of unfulfilled promises. Tamar is a hero to me because while she is victimized, she doesn't adopt the disposition of a victim. She takes matters into her own hands so that she receives her inheritance. She dresses as a harlot, sits at the side of the road where father-in-law is and, when he approaches her, she sleeps with him. Since Judah doesn't have anything of value with him, he leaves his staff with his insignia on it with Tamar as a pledge of future payment. Tamar hides herself and keeps the staff. When it is discovered, she is pregnant, Judah wants her punished as a harlot. But Tamar sends Judah's staff to him to let him know who the father is.

[Genesis 38:26 \(NKJV\)](#)

Refusing to be a victim – Refusing to give up her inheritance – Refusing to let the failures of others determine her destiny – she inserts herself into the genealogy of Jesus.

Let's look at another feminine hero. War is taking place between Israel and Jabin, Canaanite king. The men called to lead Israel are fearful. If it were not for a woman prophetess, the war would not have been won. The final stroke of victory comes at the hands of a woman named Jael. The Israelites forced the Canaanites into retreat. The captain of the Canaanite army flees and hides in the tent of a local woman – Jael. She hides him and gives him sustenance. Exhausted, the captain sleeps.

[Judges 4:21-23 \(NKJV\)](#)

Taking the drastic step required for the situation. Got time for two more?

Mark 7:24-30 (NKJV)

How many people, when confronted with God doing something different than what they want, persevere to victory? This woman did. Seeing the heart of God through God's mysterious ways? *"For this saying go your way; the demon has gone out of your daughter."* (verse 29)

The last feminine hero:

Luke 7:36-50 (NKJV)

So many obstacles: Her past. Her present. The presence of the Pharisees. What was the key to her deliverance? Gratefulness that turned into worship. Love that turned into honor. Submission that restored her soul.

- Refusing to let others steal what God has for you.
- Willing to do the tough things to win the victory.
- Trusting God when you don't understand His choice.
- Humility that leads to breakthroughs.

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