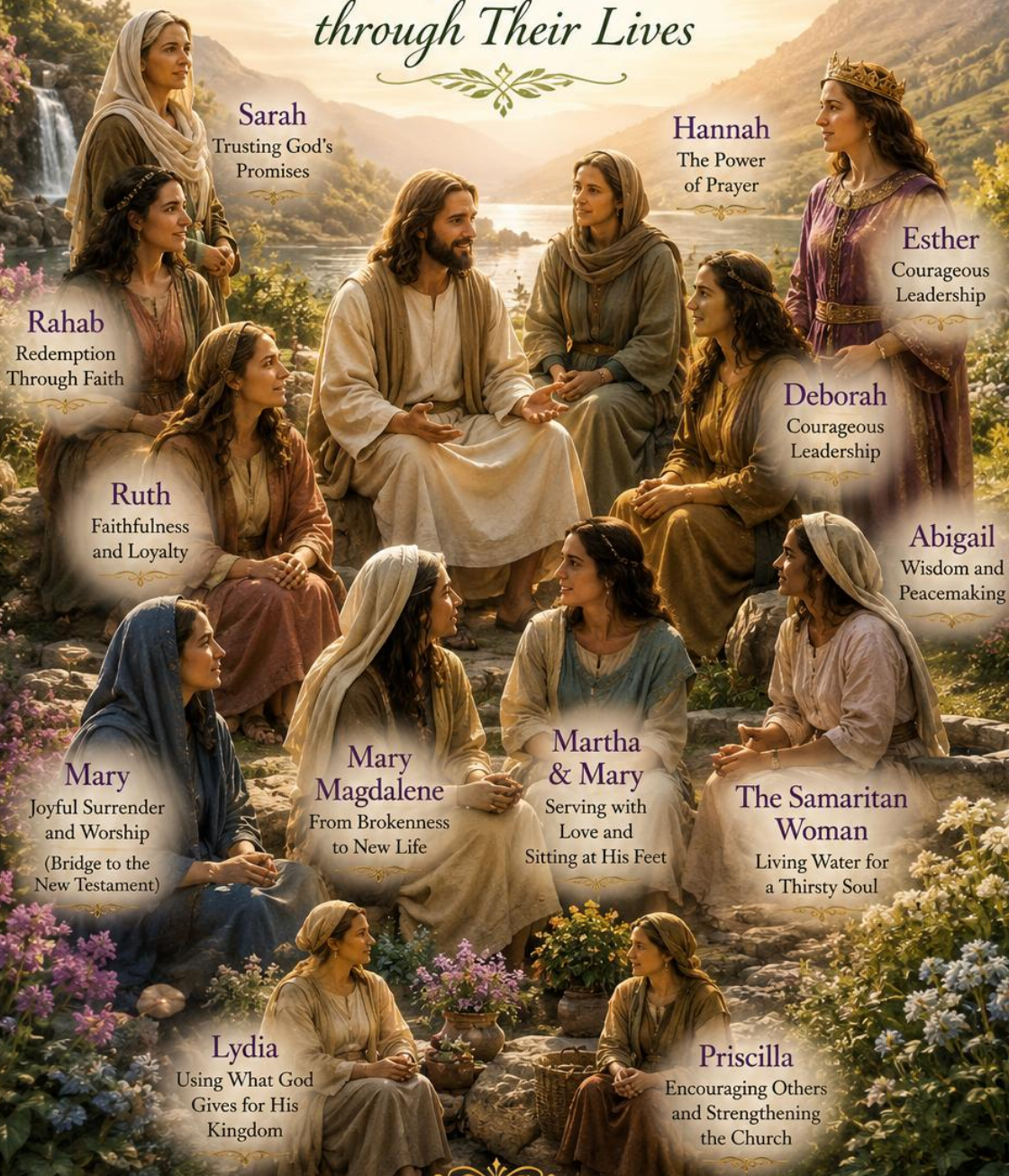


Faithful Women of SCRIPTURE

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For whatever was written in earlier times was written for our instruction,
so that through endurance and through the encouragement of the Scriptures we might have hope.

ROMANS 15:4

FAITHFUL WOMEN OF SCRIPTURE

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Introduction

Throughout my walk with Jesus Christ, God has continually drawn me back to one simple yet life-changing truth: the more we know God, the more we are transformed into His likeness. Throughout my doctoral studies, personal Bible study, seasons of healing, and years of ministry preparation, I have discovered that Scripture is not simply a collection of historical events or remarkable people. It is the unfolding story of God's **faithfulness** and His plan to redeem humanity through Jesus Christ.

This series was born out of that discovery. As I studied the lives of the **faithful** women God chose to include in His Word, I realized that each one reveals something beautiful about His character. Their stories are not recorded merely so we will admire their **faith, courage, wisdom, or devotion**. They are recorded so that we will know the God they trusted. Through their lives we see **His promises, His mercy, His provision, His wisdom, His power, His grace, and His unwavering faithfulness**. Every one of these women points us to Jesus Christ, who perfectly fulfills every promise and every truth revealed throughout Scripture.

These women lived in different generations and faced quite different circumstances. Some waited many years for God to fulfill **His promises**. Some carried painful pasts. Some endured seasons of grief and uncertainty. Others were called to lead courageously or to act wisely in tricky situations. Some experienced remarkable restoration after encountering Jesus. Yet despite their differences, they all share one common testimony: God is **faithful** to those who trust Him.

As you journey through these studies, you will meet **Sarah, Rahab, Ruth, Hannah, Deborah, Esther, Abigail, Mary the mother of Jesus, Mary Magdalene, Martha and Mary of Bethany, the Samaritan woman, Lydia, and Priscilla**. Together, their stories reveal the beautiful progression of God's redemptive plan—from His **covenant promises** in the Old Testament to their fulfillment in Jesus Christ, and then to the lives of women whose hearts were transformed by the gospel and who **faithfully** served His Kingdom. Each woman reveals another facet of God's character and another invitation for us to become more like Christ.

My prayer is that you will not approach these studies as biographies to be admired from a distance. Instead, invite the Holy Spirit to walk beside you through each chapter. Allow Him to search your heart, strengthen your **faith**, correct your thinking, and reveal areas where He desires to continue His transforming work within you. Ask Him not only to teach you about these women but also to teach you about Himself.

As you read each study, remember that the goal is not simply to learn more about **faithful women**. The goal is to know God more deeply, to recognize how every story points to Jesus Christ, and to allow His truth to shape your own life. Every lesson builds upon the previous one until together they reveal the beautiful picture God has been painting throughout all of Scripture—a picture of **His faithful love** and His desire to transform ordinary people into devoted followers of Christ.

Questions to Prayerfully Consider Throughout This Series

As you read each woman's story, spend time reflecting on these questions before moving to the next study.

- What does this woman's life reveal about God's character?
- What qualities did God honor and develop in her life?

- Where do I see similar struggles, fears, or opportunities in my own life?
- What is God inviting me to trust Him with today?
- How does Jesus perfectly fulfill what I see in this woman's story?
- In what ways is the Holy Spirit calling me to become more like Christ?
- What practical step of faith or obedience is God asking me to take because of what I have learned?
- How can I reflect God's character more faithfully in my home, church, relationships, ministry, and community?

As you prayerfully answer these questions throughout the series, you will begin to see that God is not only telling their story—He is continuing to write yours.

A Prayer Before We Begin

Gracious Heavenly Father,

*With a heart full of gratitude, I thank You for preserving these women in Your Holy Word. Thank You for allowing their lives to become living testimonies of Your **faithfulness, mercy, wisdom, grace, and unfailing love**. Thank You for using ordinary people to accomplish extraordinary purposes so that every generation might know that You alone are God.*

Lord, I also thank You for the privilege You have given me to study Your Word, to grow through my own journey with Christ, and to write these reflections for others. Every insight, every lesson, and every page have been possible only because of Your guidance through the Holy Spirit. May this series never draw attention to the women themselves or to the one writing these pages, but always point every reader to Jesus Christ, our Savior, Redeemer, and Lord.

I pray for every person who opens this book. Prepare their heart before they read a single page. Give them a hunger to know You more deeply and a willingness to allow Your Word to transform every area of their life. May they discover Your faithfulness in seasons of waiting, Your grace in moments of failure, Your strength in times of weakness, Your wisdom in tough decisions, Your peace in uncertainty, and Your hope in every circumstance.

*Holy Spirit, open our eyes to see Jesus throughout every study. Help us not merely gain knowledge but experience **genuine spiritual transformation**. Form within us the character of Christ so that our lives become faithful reflections of Your love to a world that desperately needs You.*

May every lesson deepen our faith, strengthen our obedience, increase our love for Your Word, and equip us to fulfill the Great Commandment and the Great Commission until the day we stand before You.

We give You all the glory, all the honor, and all the praise, because You alone are worthy.

*In the precious and powerful name of Jesus Christ, **Amen***



FAITHFUL WOMEN OF SCRIPTURE

DISCOVERING GOD'S CHARACTER THROUGH THEIR LIVES

DEBORAH

COURAGEOUS LEADERSHIP AND OBEDIENT FAITH
LEADING WITH COURAGE BY TRUSTING GOD'S CALLING

OPENING SCRIPTURE

JUDGES 4:4(NLT)

"Then Deborah said to Barak, 'Get ready! This is the day the LORD will give you victory over Sisera, for the LORD is marching ahead of you.' So, Barak led his ten thousand warriors down the slopes of Mount Tabor into battle."

THEME

God equips and empowers those who trust His calling, leading them to walk in courageous obedience for His glory.

KEY TRUTH

Deborah's story reminds us that God calls ordinary people to accomplish extraordinary things when they trust Him and obey His voice. She led with courage, wisdom, and unwavering faith, demonstrating that true leadership begins with dependence on God rather than confidence in ourselves. As we faithfully follow His direction, God equips us to influence others, stand for truth, and fulfill the purpose He has prepared for us.

GOD'S CHARACTER REVEALED

- God is Sovereign—He rules over nations, kings, and every circumstance, accomplishing His purposes through those who trust Him.
- God is Faithful—He keeps His promises and goes before His people, giving victory according to His perfect plan.
- God is Wise—He gives discernment and guidance to those who seek Him and obey His Word.
- God is Powerful—He fights for His people and demonstrates that victory belongs to Him, not human strength.
- God is Calling—He equips and empowers His servants, regardless of their position, to fulfill the work He has appointed for them.
- God is Worthy—He alone deserves all honor, praise, and glory for every victory and every act of faithful obedience.

CENTRAL LESSON

God calls His people to lead with courage, humility, and obedient faith, trusting that He will provide the wisdom, strength, and victory needed to accomplish His will. Deborah's life teaches us that when we listen to God's voice and step forward in faith, He works through our obedience to bless others, accomplish His purposes, and bring glory to His name.

**Deborah's Story**

Deborah's story is found in Judges 4–5 during one of the darkest periods in Israel's history. After the death of Joshua, the Israelites repeatedly turned away from God, worshiped false gods, and suffered under the oppression of their enemies. For twenty years, King Jabin of Canaan and his commander Sisera ruled harshly over Israel, leaving God's people living in fear. During this tough time, God raised up Deborah, a prophetess and judge, to lead His people with wisdom, courage, and unwavering faith.

Deborah held court beneath the Palm of Deborah, where the people of Israel came to her for guidance and justice. She faithfully listened to God and spoke His truth with authority. When the Lord commanded that Barak gather an army to confront Sisera, Deborah delivered God's message without hesitation. Although Barak agreed to go into battle only if Deborah accompanied him, she willingly went, trusting that the victory would belong to the Lord rather than to any human leader.

As the battle began, God fulfilled His promise by sending confusion into Sisera's army, giving Israel a miraculous victory. Sisera fled on foot and was defeated through Jael, another courageous woman whom God used to accomplish His purposes. After the victory, Deborah and Barak responded with a song of praise, giving all glory to God for His faithfulness and power. Deborah's life stands as a testimony that God uses those who trust Him, obey His voice, and courageously lead others according to His will.

**Understanding Deborah's World**

Deborah lived during the period of the Judges, a time marked by spiritual decline, moral confusion, and repeated cycles of rebellion. Israel had no earthly king, and Scripture describes this era by saying that everyone did what seemed right in their own eyes. Whenever the people turned away from God, He allowed surrounding nations to oppress them until they cried out for His help. Then He would raise up a judge to deliver them and restore peace.

Unlike modern judges, the judges of Israel were spiritual, military, and civic leaders whom God specifically appointed to guide His people. Deborah was unique because

she served not only as a judge but also as a prophetess, speaking God's Word with wisdom and authority. In a culture where men held leadership, God sovereignly chose Deborah to lead His people, demonstrating that He equips whom He calls.

The oppression under King Jabin and Sisera was severe. Sisera commanded nine hundred iron chariots, making Israel appear hopelessly outmatched from a human perspective. Yet God's plans are never limited by military strength or human resources. Through Deborah's leadership, Barak's obedience, and Jael's courage, God showed that victory belongs to Him alone. Deborah's world reminds us that even during seasons of spiritual darkness and overwhelming opposition, God remains in control and continues to accomplish His purposes through faithful servants.



What Deborah's Life Reveals About God

Deborah's life reveals a God who is completely sovereign over history, nations, and every circumstance of life. At a time when Israel was trapped in fear and oppression because of their own disobedience, God did not abandon His covenant people. Instead, He raised up Deborah to speak His truth, lead with wisdom, and remind Israel that their hope rested not in military power but in the Lord. Her story demonstrates that God remains faithful even when His people have been unfaithful.

Deborah also reveals God's heart for obedient leadership. Rather than seeking personal recognition or power, she faithfully conducted the role God had entrusted to her. She listened carefully to His voice, spoke His Word boldly, and encouraged others to trust His promises. Her confidence rested entirely in God's faithfulness rather than in her own abilities. This reminds us that true spiritual leadership begins with humility, dependence upon God, and obedience to His direction.

Her life also displays God's power to accomplish His purposes through unlikely people and unexpected circumstances. Israel faced an enemy that seemed impossible to defeat, yet God brought victory in a way that no one could claim credit for apart from Him. He used Deborah's wisdom, Barak's willingness to follow, unexpected weather that threw Sisera's army into confusion, and Jael's courageous actions to fulfill His plan. Every detail points to God's sovereign hand directing history according to His perfect will.

Deborah's song of praise after the victory reveals another important truth about God's character. She understood that every victory belonged to the Lord and deserved to be celebrated with worship. Instead of focusing on human achievement, she lifted her voice in gratitude, honoring the God who had gone before His people in battle. Her response teaches us that worship should naturally follow every evidence of God's faithfulness in our lives.

Deborah's life points us to Jesus Christ, the perfect Judge, Prophet, Deliverer, and King. Like Deborah, Jesus speaks God's truth and leads His people with perfect wisdom, but unlike every earthly judge, His reign is eternal. He has defeated our greatest enemies—sin and death—and invites us to walk courageously in obedience, trusting that He has already secured the ultimate victory. Deborah's story reminds us that God still calls His people to lead faithfully, trust Him completely, and give Him all the glory for every victory He brings.



Understanding Deborah's World

Deborah lived during the period of the Judges, one of the most spiritually unstable times in Israel's history. After Joshua's generation passed away, the people repeatedly turned from the Lord, worshiped idols, and experienced the consequences of their disobedience. When they cried out to God for help, He faithfully raised up judges to rescue, guide, and restore them. Deborah served as both a judge and a prophetess, providing wise leadership and speaking God's truth during a time of national crisis.

Israel was living under the harsh oppression of King Jabin of Canaan and his military commander, Sisera, whose army possessed nine hundred iron chariots. Humanly speaking, Israel had little hope of victory. Yet God was preparing to demonstrate that His power is greater than any earthly force. Deborah's leadership reminds us that God often works through those who are willing to trust Him, regardless of the challenges they face. Her world was one of uncertainty, fear, and spiritual decline, but it also became a stage for God's faithfulness, power, and sovereign plan to be displayed.

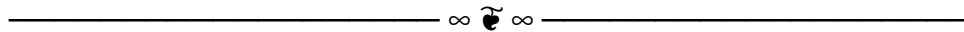


What Deborah's Life Reveals About God

Deborah's life reveals that God is sovereign over every circumstance and faithfully accomplishes His purposes through those who trust and obey Him. At a time when Israel was discouraged and oppressed, God did not abandon His people. Instead, He raised up Deborah to lead with wisdom, courage, and unwavering faith. Her story reminds us that God is never limited by human weakness, difficult circumstances, or cultural expectations. He equips those He calls and gives them everything they need to fulfill His will.

Deborah also reveals that God desires leaders whose confidence is rooted in Him rather than in themselves. She listened carefully to God's voice, boldly proclaimed His Word, and encouraged others to step forward in faith. When victory came, she did not seek personal recognition but immediately gave glory to the Lord through worship and thanksgiving. Her example teaches us that true leadership flows from humility, obedience, and complete dependence on God.

Most importantly, Deborah's life points us to Jesus Christ, our perfect Judge, Deliverer, and King. Just as God brought deliverance to Israel through Deborah's leadership, He has provided eternal deliverance through His Son. Jesus goes before His people, fights the battles we cannot win on our own, and calls us to trust Him with courageous faith. Deborah's story encourages us to follow God's leading with confidence, knowing that every victory belongs to Him.



Lessons We Learn from Deborah's Life

Deborah's life teaches us that God delights in using ordinary people who are willing to trust Him completely and obey His voice. She did not become a great leader because of personal ambition or earthly power, but because she faithfully listened to the Lord and responded with courage. Her example reminds us that true leadership is not about position or recognition—it is about faithfully serving God and encouraging others to walk in obedience to Him.

Deborah also teaches us the importance of courage in the face of uncertainty. When God called Israel to battle against a powerful enemy, she did not focus on the size of the opposition but on the greatness of the God who had promised victory. Her unwavering confidence encourages us to face our own challenges with faith, knowing that the Lord goes before us and can accomplish what seems impossible.

Her life reminds us that wisdom comes from a close relationship with God. As a judge and prophetess, Deborah sought the Lord's direction before leading His people. She demonstrates that wise decisions are rooted in listening to God's Word, trusting His guidance, and submitting our plans to His will. In a world filled with confusion and competing voices, Deborah challenges us to seek God's wisdom above our own understanding.

Deborah's relationship with Barak also teaches us the value of encouraging others in their faith. Rather than seeking the spotlight, she strengthened and supported those around her, helping them trust God's promises. God often calls us to encourage, mentor, and equip others so they too can faithfully fulfill His purposes.

Another important lesson from Deborah's life is that every victory belongs to God. After Israel was delivered, Deborah responded with worship instead of self-congratulation. She understood that the Lord alone deserved the praise for what had been accomplished. Her example reminds us to give God the glory for every success, blessing, and answered prayer in our lives.

Finally, Deborah teaches us that obedient faith leaves a legacy. Because she trusted God and faithfully fulfilled her calling, an entire nation experienced deliverance and peace. Her life encourages us to live with the same faithful obedience, knowing that our

willingness to follow God today can influence generations to come and point others to Jesus Christ.



Deborah's Life and My Journey

Deborah's life challenges me to trust God's calling with courage and obedient faith, even when the path ahead seems uncertain. She did not allow fear, opposition, or the expectations of others to keep her from fulfilling the purpose God had given her. Instead, she listened carefully to His voice, faithfully proclaimed His truth, and encouraged others to trust the Lord. Her example reminds me that God often calls ordinary people to accomplish extraordinary things when they are willing to walk in obedience.

As I reflect on my own journey, I see how God has continually been teaching me to trust Him one step at a time. There have been seasons when I questioned my abilities, struggled with past wounds, or wondered whether I was truly capable of fulfilling the ministry He has placed on my heart. Yet, like Deborah, I am learning that my confidence cannot rest in my own strength or experience. It must be rooted in the God who calls, equips, and faithfully goes before me.

God has not called me to lead through my own wisdom but through complete dependence on Jesus Christ and the guidance of the Holy Spirit. Whether He opens doors for teaching, writing, mentoring, or encouraging those who are broken and searching for hope, I desire to respond with the same willingness Deborah demonstrated. Her life reminds me that faithful leadership is not about recognition or position but about pointing others to the Lord and giving Him all the glory.

Deborah's story encourages me to move forward with confidence, knowing that the God who called her continues to call His people today. As I surrender my plans, fears, and future into His hands, I can trust that He will provide the wisdom, courage, and strength needed to accomplish everything He has prepared for me. My prayer is that, like Deborah, my life will encourage others to trust God's promises, follow His leading, and boldly live for His glory.



Looking to Jesus

Deborah's life points us to Jesus Christ, our perfect Judge, Deliverer, and King. Just as Deborah faithfully spoke God's Word, led His people with wisdom, and trusted the Lord for victory, Jesus perfectly reveals the Father, leads His people in truth, and has won the greatest victory through His death and resurrection. He calls us to follow Him

with courageous faith, knowing that He goes before us, fights our spiritual battles, and empowers us through the Holy Spirit to live in faithful obedience.



Conclusion

Deborah's story reminds us that God is not looking for the most qualified people but for those who are willing to trust Him and obey His voice. Her courage, wisdom, and unwavering faith demonstrate that God equips those He calls and accomplishes His purposes through lives that are fully surrendered to Him. No challenge is too great when the Lord goes before His people.

As you continue your journey with Christ, may Deborah's example encourage you to listen for God's direction, step forward in faith, and lead wherever He calls you. Trust that the same God who strengthened Deborah is faithful to strengthen you, guiding each step so that your life brings glory to Him and points others to Jesus Christ.



Prayer of Thanksgiving

Heavenly Father,

Thank You for the remarkable example of Deborah and for the powerful lessons her life continues to teach us today. Thank You for showing us that You are a God who faithfully calls, equips, and strengthens those who are willing to trust and obey You. Through Deborah's story, we see that no challenge is too great when You go before Your people and that every victory belongs to You alone. Thank You for reminding us that Your plans are always greater than our fears and that Your power is made perfect in our weakness.

Lord, thank You for the wisdom You generously give to those who seek You and for the courage You provide when You call us to step out in faith. Thank You for leading us through seasons of uncertainty and for teaching us to depend upon Your guidance rather than our own understanding. Help us to listen carefully for Your voice, to obey without hesitation, and to lead with humility, compassion, and unwavering confidence in Your promises. May our lives always point others to You instead of seeking recognition for ourselves.

Most of all, thank You for sending Your Son, Jesus Christ, our perfect Judge, Deliverer, and King. Thank You that through His death and resurrection we have forgiveness, victory over sin and death, and the assurance that He goes before us in every battle we face. Thank You that Jesus strengthens us through the Holy Spirit, equips us for every excellent work, and calls us to walk faithfully in the purpose You have prepared for our lives.

May Deborah's example inspires us to lead with courage, serve with humility, and trust You completely in every season of life. Teach us to rely on Your wisdom, stand firm in our faith, and remain obedient even when the path before us seems difficult. Help us to remember that every gift, every opportunity, and every victory come from Your gracious hand and is meant to bring honor and glory to Your name.

We praise You because You are sovereign over every circumstance. We thank You because You are faithful to fulfill every promise. We trust You because You are our righteous Judge, our mighty Deliverer, and the God who faithfully goes before His people.

In the precious name of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ, we pray. Amen.



Grow Deeper

Deborah's story reminds us that a life of faith is strengthened through courage, obedience, and trust in God's calling. She did not allow fear, opposition, or the uncertainty of the battle to keep her from following God's direction. Her journey encourages us to place our confidence not in our own strength, but in the Lord who goes before us, equips us, and faithfully accomplishes His will.

As you spend time with the Lord, ask Him to reveal where He is calling you to step forward in obedient faith. Reflect on the ways He has already given you wisdom, courage, and strength in difficult seasons. Allow Deborah's example to encourage you to listen for God's voice, trust His leading, and walk boldly in the purpose He has prepared for you, knowing that every victory belongs to Him.



Reflection Questions

Take a few quiet moments to pray and ask the Holy Spirit to speak to your heart. As you reflect on Hannah's journey, consider how God may be inviting you to deepen your prayer life, trust His timing, and surrender every burden into His loving hands.

1. What area of my life is God calling me to lead with greater courage and faith?
2. Am I listening carefully for God's direction, or am I relying on my own understanding?
3. Is fear or self-doubt preventing me from obeying what God has asked me to do?
4. How has God demonstrated His faithfulness by giving me strength during difficult circumstances?
5. Am I willing to step out in obedience even when I cannot see how God will accomplish His plan?

6. What does Deborah's example teach me about trusting God's wisdom more than my own abilities?
7. In what ways can I encourage and strengthen others to follow the Lord with confidence?
8. Do I give God the glory for the victories He has brought into my life, or do I take credit for them myself?
9. How is God using my current circumstances to prepare me for the work He has called me to do?
10. What is one courageous step of obedience God is asking me to take as I trust Him more completely?



Digging Deeper

As you study the life of Deborah, look beyond the events of her story and focus on what they reveal about the character of God. Notice His sovereignty over nations, His faithfulness to deliver His people, and His power to work through obedient servants who trust His calling. Observe how Deborah's courage, wisdom, and leadership point us to Jesus Christ, our perfect Judge, Deliverer, and King. Ask the Holy Spirit to show you how Deborah's journey applies to your own walk with the Lord and how God is inviting you to listen for His voice, step forward in courageous obedience, and trust Him to go before you in every battle.

Primary Scripture

Judge 3 and 4

Additional Passages for Study

Study the following passages to gain a deeper understanding of Ruth's faith, God's providence, and His plan of redemption. As you read each passage, ask the Lord to reveal what it teaches you about His character, how it points to Jesus Christ, and how you can apply these truths to your own walk with Him.

- **Judges 4:1–10** — Discover how God called Deborah to lead Israel and how she faithfully delivered His message to Barak.
- **Judges 4:11–24** — Watch the Lord fulfill His promise by giving Israel victory over Sisera through His sovereign power.
- **Judges 5:1–31** — Read Deborah's song of praise and see how worship naturally follows God's faithfulness and deliverance.
- **Exodus 15:1–21** — Compare Deborah's song with the song of Moses and Miriam, celebrating God's victory and mighty acts.
- **Joshua 1:1–9** — Be encouraged by God's command to be strong and courageous, trusting that He goes with His people wherever they go.

- **Isaiah 41:10** — Find assurance that God strengthens, helps, and upholds those who trust in Him.
- **Romans 8:31–39** — Rejoice that because God is for us, nothing can separate us from His love or defeat His eternal purposes.
- **Ephesians 2:10** — Discover that God has prepared good works in advance for His people to accomplish through obedient faith.
- **Hebrews 11:32–34** — Read how the heroes of faith accomplished God's purposes through trust in His power rather than their own strength.
- **James 1:5** — Be reminded that God generously gives wisdom to those who ask Him in faith.

These passages follow the same pattern as the other studies—beginning with Deborah's life in the Old Testament and concluding with New Testament passages that reveal how her story points to Christ and encourages believers to live lives of courageous faith, obedient leadership, and complete trust in God's sovereign plan.

Word Study

Spend time studying these biblical words and how they appear throughout Scripture.

- Courage
- Leadership
- Obedience
- Wisdom
- Faith
- Victory
- Deliverance

Ask Yourself

1. Am I willing to follow God's calling with courage, even when I feel uncertain or unqualified?
2. Is there an area of my life where God is asking me to obey His voice instead of giving in to fear?
3. How can I use the wisdom, influence, and opportunities God has given me to encourage others and point them to Jesus Christ?

Looking for Jesus

Deborah's story points us beautifully to Jesus Christ. Just as Deborah faithfully led God's people with wisdom, courage, and unwavering obedience, Jesus is our perfect Judge, Prophet, Deliverer, and King who leads His people in truth and righteousness. Deborah encouraged Israel to trust that the Lord would go before them into battle, and Jesus has gone before us by defeating our greatest enemies—sin, death, and Satan—through His death and resurrection. Through Christ, we receive the wisdom, strength,

and courage to follow God's calling with confidence, knowing that He is always with us and that every victory belongs to Him.



Walking with Deborah to Jesus

As we walk beside Deborah, we witness a woman whose strength was rooted in her confidence in God. She teaches us that courageous faith is not the absence of fear but the willingness to obey God's voice because we trust the One who goes before us. Deborah did not lead for her own recognition; she led because God had called her. Her wisdom, courage, and obedience remind us that true leadership begins with surrendering to the Lord.

Deborah's journey prepares our hearts to better understand Jesus Christ. Just as Deborah served as a judge and deliverer for Israel, Jesus is our perfect Judge, Deliverer, and King. Deborah spoke God's truth and called others to trust His promises, but Jesus is the living Word of God who perfectly reveals the Father. Deborah pointed Israel toward victory that God would provide, but Jesus accomplished the final victory through His death and resurrection.

Because of Jesus, we can walk in courageous obedience without depending on our own strength. He has already defeated sin and death, and through the Holy Spirit, He equips us to follow God's calling with faith and confidence. We do not have to be fearless to be faithful; we simply need to trust the Savior who leads us, strengthens us, and goes before us.

Walking with Deborah leads us to a deeper trust in Jesus. Her life reminds us that God still calls His people to stand firm, speak truth, encourage others, and follow Him with obedient faith. As we walk with Christ each day, He transforms our fear into courage, our uncertainty into trust, and our obedience into a testimony of His power. Like Deborah, we can move forward with confidence, knowing that every battle belongs to the Lord and every victory brings glory to His name.



Key Verse to Remember

Judges 4:4 (NLT)

"Then Deborah said to Barak, 'Get ready! This is the day the LORD will give you victory over Sisera, for the LORD is marching ahead of you.' So, Barak led his ten thousand warriors down the slopes of Mount Tabor into battle."

Take This Truth with You

Throughout this week, return to this verse whenever you face uncertainty, discouragement, or a season of waiting. Let these words remind you that God's power

is never limited by your circumstances, His promises are never forgotten, and His timing is always perfect. When you are tempted to doubt, remember Sarah. When you grow weary of waiting, remember God's faithfulness. When life seems impossible, remember that nothing is too hard for the Lord. Allow this verse to become more than words on a page. Pray for it. Meditate on it. Memorize it. Let it strengthen your faith and remind you that the God who fulfilled His promise to Sarah is still faithfully working in your life today.



Continue the Journey

Thank you for taking the time to study the life of Ruth. Her story reminds us that God faithfully leads those who trust Him, even when they cannot see the road ahead. As you continue this series, you will discover that each woman reveals another beautiful aspect of God's character and points us more deeply toward Jesus Christ. Together, these studies form a journey of faith, courage, surrender, wisdom, worship, and faithful discipleship.

As you continue reading, ask the Lord to transform not only your understanding of these women but also your own heart. Allow their examples to strengthen your faith, deepen your trust, and encourage you to walk more closely with Jesus each day.

Continue Your Journey Through *Faithful Women of Scripture*

1. **Sarah** — *Trusting God's Promises*
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3. **Ruth** — *Trusting God One Step at a Time*
4. **Hannah** — *Surrendering Your Heart to God*
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6. **Abigail** — *Wisdom, Humility, and Peacemaking*
7. **Mary, the Mother of Jesus** — *Humble Surrender to God's Will*
8. **Mary Magdalene** — *Grace, Forgiveness, and Devoted Discipleship*
9. **Martha and Mary of Bethany** — *Choosing What Matters Most*
10. **The Samaritan Woman** — *Living Water for a Thirsty Soul*
11. **Lydia** — *An Open Heart and a Willing Spirit*
12. **Priscilla** — *Growing Together in Ministry*
13. **Faithful Women of Scripture** — *Walking Forward in Faith: Following Their Example and Living for Christ*

As you complete this journey through the lives of these faithful women, my prayer is that you will not simply admire their stories but allow God to shape your own. The same Lord who guided Sarah, redeemed Rahab, led Ruth, and worked through each of these women is faithfully at work in your life today. Trust Him with each step, follow

Him with your whole heart, and allow Him to transform you into the person He has created you to be—for His glory and for the advancement of His Kingdom.