

## WOMEN'S DISCUSSION GROUP – MAY 11, 2022

### Theme: Mothers and Daughters of the Bible

Having recently read "The Mothers and Daughters of the Bible Speak" by Shannon Bream, it was a perfect source for my topic as it seems to fit with the Mother's Day theme which we've just celebrated.

In this book, the author digs deep into the lives of several Biblical women we are familiar with. She sheds new light on their story, expanding and illuminating what we already know of women from all categories, mother, widow, cousin, daughter, single women etc. Their stories are lessons for us in how to meet challenges with faith and courage, during life's changing circumstances -- and more.

Let's look at a few of these mothers and daughters of the Bible.

**Jochebed and Miriam:** Their story speaks of a mother's love, a future prophetess and rebellious sister.

**Exodus 2:5-9** - "Then his (Moses) sister (Miriam) asked Pharaoh's daughter, 'Shall I go and get one of the Hebrew women to nurse the baby for you?' Yes go, she answered. So, the girl went and got the baby's mother. Pharaoh's daughter said to her. 'Take this baby and nurse him for me, and I will pay you.' So the woman took the baby and nursed him."

**Exodus 15:20-21** - "Sing to the LORD, for He is highly exalted. Both the horse and the driver He has hurled into the sea."

**Numbers 12:1, 14-15** - "Then Miriam and Aaron spoke against Moses because of the Ethiopian woman he had married...."

**Ruth and Naomi** - Their story includes love, respect and blessings.

**Ruth 1:16** - "But Ruth replied, 'don't urge me to leave you or turn back from you. Where you go, I will go, and where you stay, I will stay. Your people will be my people and your God my God.'"

**Ruth 3:5-6** - "And she said to her, 'All that you say to me I will do.' So, she went down to the threshing floor and did all that her mother-in-law instructed her."

**Ruth 4:13-17** - "So Boaz took Ruth and she became his wife, and when he went in to her the LORD gave her conception, and she bore a son ... and they called his name Obed. He is the father of Jesse, the father of David."

**Matthew 1:5-6, 16** - Ruth is in the genealogy of Jesus Christ.

**Elizabeth and Mary:** Cousins whose sons were supernaturally chosen by God

**Luke 1:13 -17** - The angel Gabriel tells Zacharias his wife Elizabeth will give birth to John

**Luke 1:26 - 33** - The angel Gabriel tells Mary she will give birth to Jesus

**Luke 1:39** - Elizabeth mentors Mary

Here are some other women to consider: Rebekah, Michal, Bathsheba, Dinah,

Share your impressions of Biblical women in various roles. Do you have a greater understanding of their circumstances?

"Women of the Bible have made significant contributions to our spiritual lives. God sometimes used them to change the course for everyone. Let these brave, noble and sometimes vulnerable women of the Bible touch our lives, demonstrating that whatever we're going through, God is with us."