



**Bible Study (5 Weeks, Fall–Winter 2025)**

*Faithful, Flawed, and Chosen – Women of the Bible*

**Tuesdays, October 14 – November 11**

**Weekly Themes:** God's Call and Human Choice

**Afternoon Session 1:** (Women) 2-3:30, Room 109;

**Evening Session 2:** (Men and Women) 7-8:30 pm, Room 101

- Women Who Lead and Sing
- Women who Ask Boldly
- Women in Times of Suffering
- Women Who speak with Wisdom

**Format:** 90 – minute sessions include opening prayer. Scripture reading, historical context, group discussion, journaling and creative activities, and closing prayers.

This is a time for study, fellowship, and encouragement as we learn from faithful, flawed, and chosen women of the Bible.

Please bring your Bible and a writing journal (or paper). Other materials will be provided when you arrive.

## Week 1 – God’s Call and Human Choice

- **OT Woman:** Rebekah (Genesis 24; 27)
- **NT Woman:** Herodias (Mark 6:14–29)
- **Focus:** Women’s choices carry great weight — for blessing or for harm.
- **Background:**
  - *Rebekah* showed decisive action in securing God’s promises but later used manipulation in Jacob/Esau’s story.
  - *Herodias* used influence to seek vengeance, leading to John the Baptist’s death.
- **Something to Think About:**
  - How do these women use their influence differently?
  - When have you felt tempted to take matters into your own hands?
- **Activities:** Provided at Study
- **Closing Prayers**



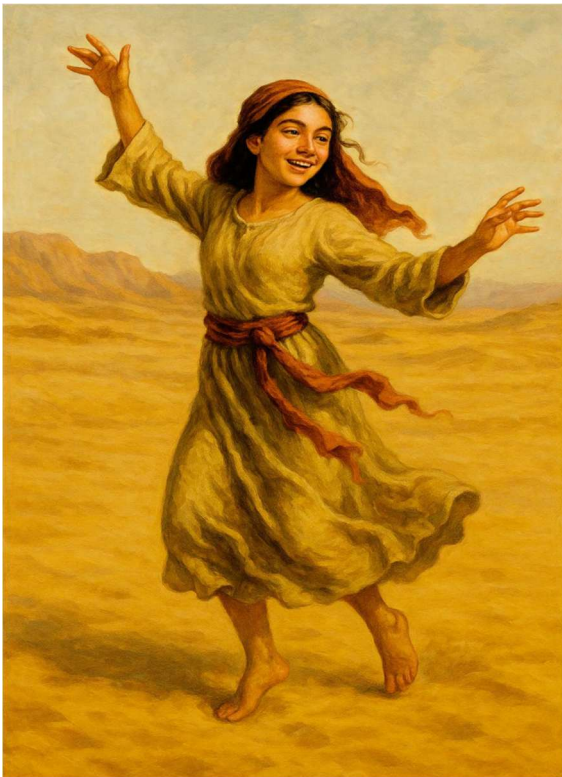
Rebekah



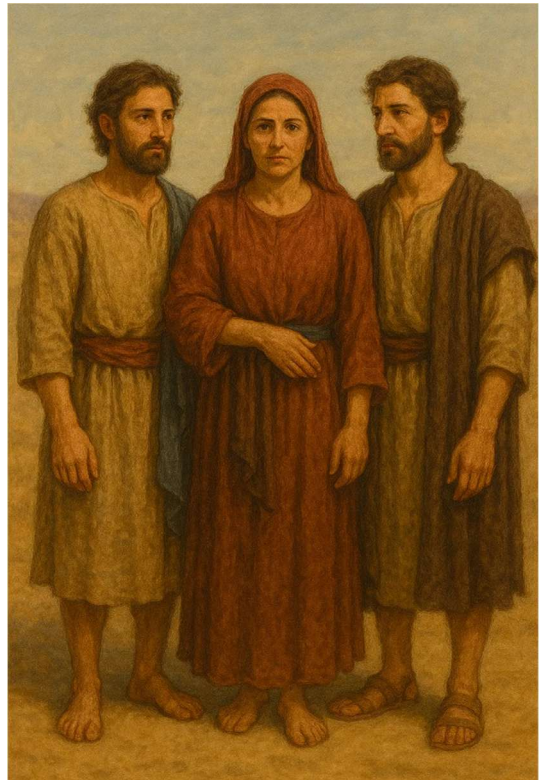
Herodias

## Week 2 – Women Who Lead and Sing

- **OT Woman:** Miriam (Exodus 15; Numbers 12)
- **NT Woman:** The Mother of James and John (Matthew 20:20–28)
- **Focus:** Women who desire leadership must balance ambition with humility.
- **Background:**
  - *Miriam* was both prophetess and critic; she led worship but also challenged Moses.
  - *Salome* (Mother of James and John) asked Jesus for her sons' greatness, but Jesus redefined leadership.
- **Something to Think About:**
  - How do ambition and leadership look different in God's kingdom?
  - Can you name a time ambition clouded your faith, or a time it fueled good?
- **Activities:** Provided at Study
- **Closing Prayers**



Miriam



Salome Mother to James & John

### Week 3 – Women Who Ask Boldly

- **OT Woman:** Achsah (Joshua 15:16–19; Judges 1:12–15)
- **NT Woman:** The Canaanite Woman (Matthew 15:21–28)
- **Focus:** Bold requests, rooted in trust, move the heart of God.
- **Background:**
  - *Achsah* asked her father, Caleb, for land and springs — claiming provision boldly.
  - *The Canaanite Woman* boldly pleaded with Jesus, and her faith won healing for her daughter.
- **Something to Think About:**
  - What do these women teach us about persistence in asking?
  - How does bold prayer show faith rather than presumption?
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Achsah



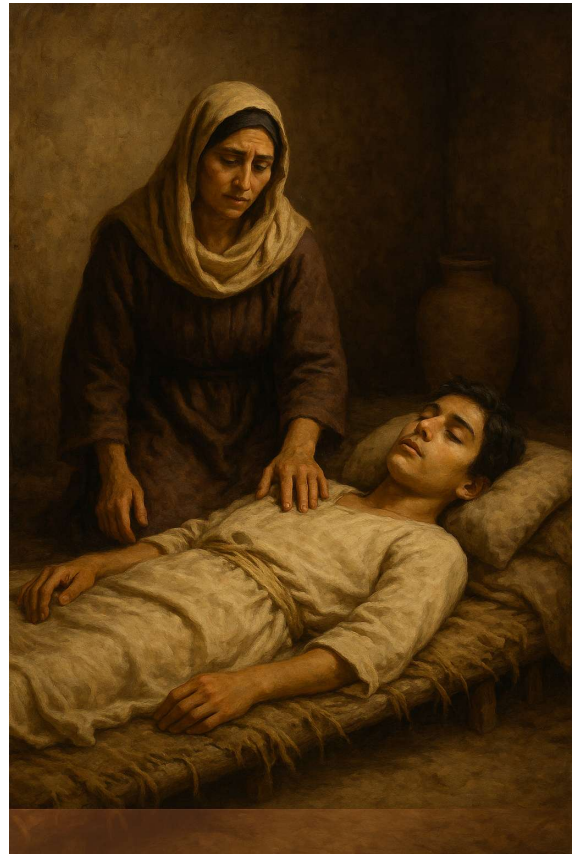
Cananaanite Woman

## Week 4 – Women in Times of Suffering

- **OT Woman:** Jephthah's Daughter (Judges 11:29–40)
- **NT Woman:** Widow of Nain (Luke 7:11–17)
- **Focus:** Women suffer deeply in systems they do not control, but God sees their pain.
- **Background:**
  - *Jephthah's Daughter* suffers from her father's rash vow, a victim of patriarchal culture.
  - *The Widow of Nain* suffers profound loss, but Jesus restores her son.
- **Something to Think About:**
  - Where do you see women today bearing suffering not of their own making?
  - How can the community of faith respond with compassion and action?
- **Activities:** Provided at Study
- **Closing Prayers**



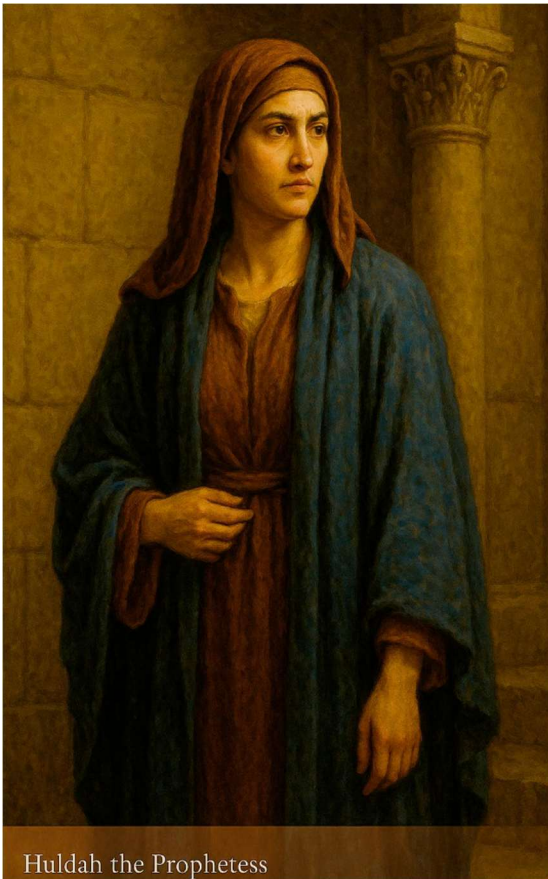
Jephthah's Daughter



Widow of Nain

## Week 5 – Women Who Speak with Wisdom

- **OT Woman:** Huldah the Prophetess (2 Kings 22:11–20)
- **NT Women:** Mary and Martha (Luke 10:38–42; John 11:17–27)
- **Focus:** Women's voices of wisdom guide communities back to God.
- **Background:**
  - *Huldah* boldly declared God's truth, confirming Josiah's reforms.
  - *Mary* sat at Jesus' feet learning; *Martha* confessed Jesus as Messiah. Both gave voice to wisdom.
- **Something to Think About:**
  - What do these stories reveal about women's spiritual authority?
  - How do you cultivate wisdom in your own discipleship?
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Huldah the Prophetess



Mary and Martha