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**LIFE LESSONS FROM BIBLICAL
FEMALE CHARACTERS**

Lot's Wife
Rebecca
Rachel
Leah
Dinah



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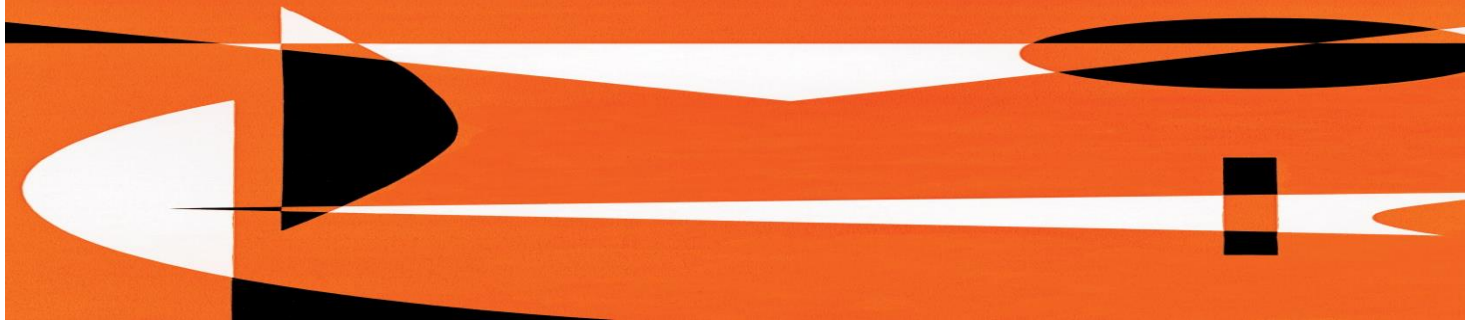
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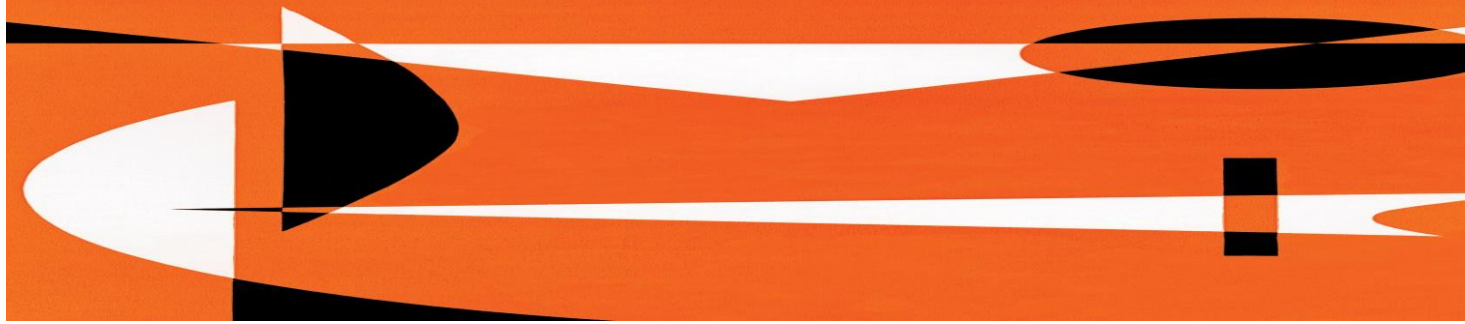
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Lot's Wife

- **Genesis 19:12-29**

- Married.
- Mother of two daughters.
- Grandmother.
- Dysfunctional home.
- Rebellious children.
- Crisis.
- Natural disasters.
- Immigrant.
- Grief/loss.
- Impatience.
- Unwise decisions.
- Divine presence.
- Punished for disobedience.
- Turned into pillar of salt.



Lot's Wife

Lot's Wife's life serves as a **reminder** of what we need to be cautious about.

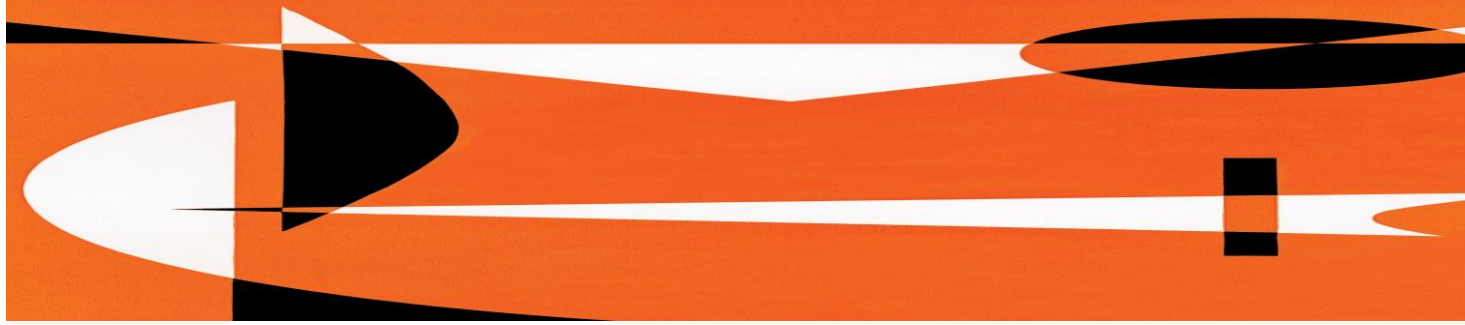
Luke 17:32 (NIV)

Vs 32 - Remember Lot's wife!

- **1 Corinthians 10:11(NIV)**

Vs 11 - These things happened to them **as examples** and were written down **as warnings** for us, on whom the culmination of the ages has come.

Lessons from the life of Lot's Wife



- **#1** The mercy of God is real. (Gen 19:16-17)

Lamentations 3:22-23 (ESV)

Vs 22 - The steadfast love of the LORD never ceases;
his mercies never come to an end;

Vs 23 - **they are new** every morning; great is your faithfulness.

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- The mercy of God is a combination of His compassion and judgement.



Lessons from the life of Lot's Wife

- **#2** Choose the future over the past. (Gen 19:17,26)

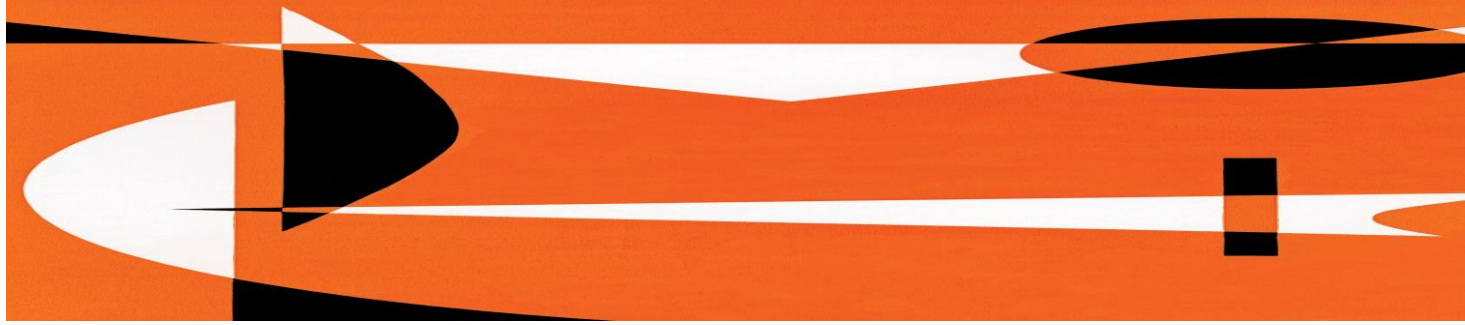
Philippians 3:13-14 (NKJV)

Vs 13 - Brethren, I do not count myself to have apprehended; but one thing *I do*, forgetting those things which are **behind** and reaching **forward** to those things which are ahead,

Vs 14 - I press toward the goal for the prize of the upward call of God in Christ Jesus.

- **Lot's wife looked back!**

Lessons from the life of Lot's Wife

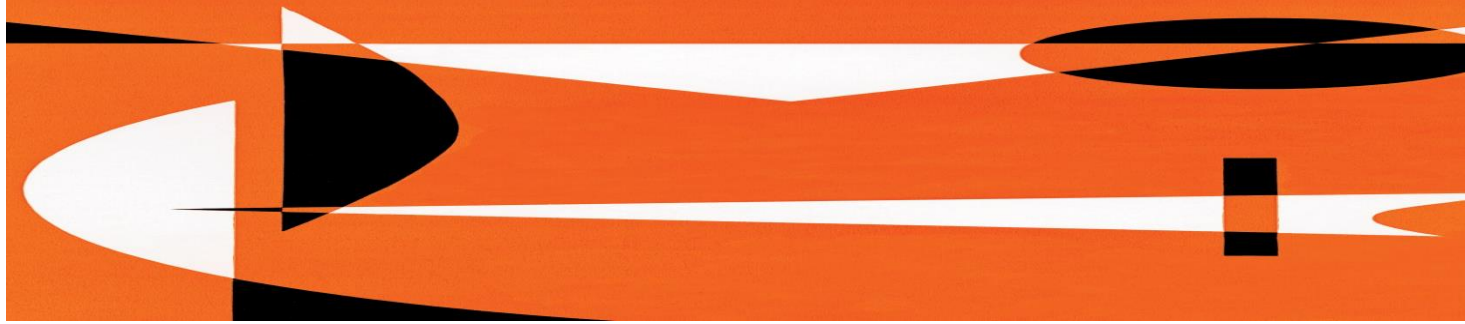


- **#3** Choose progress over stagnation/demotion. (Gen 19:17, 20-23)

Luke 9:62 (NIV)

Vs 62 - Jesus replied, "No one who puts a hand to the plow and **looks back** is fit for service in the kingdom of God."

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- Lot was asked to escape to the **mountain** instead He preferred **Zoar** (small place). He preferred a small place over a high place.



Lessons from the life of Lot's Wife

- **#4 Choose obedience over disobedience**

Genesis 19:22 (NIV)

Vs 22 - As soon as they had brought them out, one of them said, "Flee for your lives! **Don't look back, and don't stop anywhere in the plain!** Flee to the mountains or you will be swept away!"

1 Samuel 15:22 (NKJV)

Vs 22 - ...Behold, to **obey** is better than **sacrifice...**

Disobedience is costly!

Lessons from the life of Rebekah

Genesis 24; 25:21-34; 26:1-17; 27

- Isaac's wife
- Famine;
- Isaac told king Rebekah was his sister
- Mother (Sons: Esau and Jacob)
- Grandmother
- Favored Jacob
- Deceived husband
- Dysfunctional home.
- Childless for many years.
- Crisis.
- Immigrant.
- Grief/loss.
- Impatient.
- Self- centered.
- Wise and unwise decisions.
- Influenced others.
- Impatience
- Divine Presence.
- Prayer.

Beyond the physical beauty... (Gen 24:16-20 NIV)

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- Servitude.
 - Humility.
 - Kindness.
 - Selflessness.
 - Kindness.
 - Sacrificial.
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Vs 16 - The woman was very beautiful, a virgin; no man had ever slept with her. She went down to the spring, filled her jar and came up again.

Vs 17 - The servant hurried to meet her and said, "Please give me a little water from your jar."

Vs 18 - "Drink, my lord," she said, and quickly lowered the jar to her hands and gave him a drink.

Vs 19 - After she had given him a drink, she said, "I'll draw water for your camels too, until they have had enough to drink."

Vs 20 - So she quickly emptied her jar into the trough, ran back to the well to draw more water, and drew enough for all his camels.



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Resolute!
(Genesis 24:57-59 NIV)

Vs 57 - Then they said, "Let's call the young woman and ask her about it."

Vs 58 - So they called Rebekah and asked her, "Will you go with this man?"
"I will go," she said.

Vs 59 - So they sent their sister Rebekah on her way, along with her nurse and Abraham's servant and his men.



A woman of promise.
(Genesis 24:60 NIV)

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Vs 60 - And they blessed Rebekah and said to her,
“Our sister, may you increase to thousands upon thousands; may your offspring possess the cities of their enemies.”



Beyond the veil... was one who
demonstrated respect and privacy.
(Genesis 24:65 NIV)

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Vs 65 - and asked the servant, “Who is that man in the field coming to meet us?” “He is my master,” the servant answered. So she took her **veil** and covered herself.



Inquired of the Lord. (Genesis 25:22-23 NIV)

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Vs 22 - The babies jostled each other within her, and she said, “Why is this happening to me?” So she went to inquire of the LORD.

Vs 23 - The LORD said to her, “Two nations are in your womb, and two peoples from within you will be separated; one people will be stronger than the other, and the older will serve the younger.”



Rachel

**Genesis 29:14-25;
30;
31:19,30-35;
35:16-26**

- Beloved wife of Jacob.
- Sons: Joseph and Benjamin; died giving birth to Benjamin
- Her servant Bilhal was surrogate mother - sons: Dan, Naphtali
- Blended family.
- Dysfunctional Home.
- Childless Many years.
- Crisis.
- Grief/loss.
- Self-centered /selfish.
- Wise/ Unwise.

Rachel

Servant Attitude.
Genesis 29:9 (NIV)

Vs 9 - While he was still talking with them, **Rachel came with her father's sheep**, for she was a shepherd.

Rachel tended to her father's sheep, thereby demonstrating a servant attitude.

"Rachel" in Hebrew means **"Ewe"**.

An ewe is a female sheep.

Rachel lived after her name.

Vs 9 - ... **for she was a shepherd.**

Rachel

Hospitable.
Gen 29:12 (NIV)

Vs 12 – He had told Rachel that he was a relative of her father and a son of Rebekah. **So she ran and told her father.**

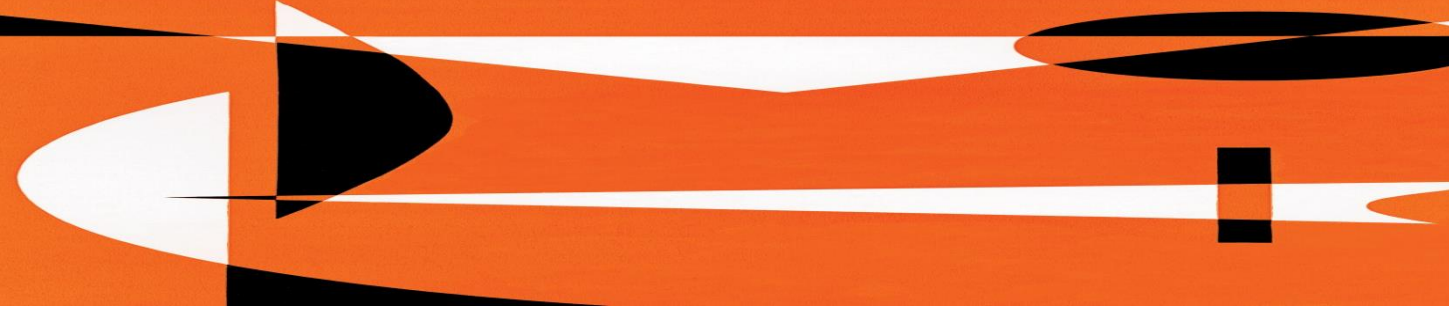
Rachel

Supportive to her husband.
Genesis 31:14-16 (NIV)

Vs 14 - Then **Rachel** and Leah replied, “Do we still have any share in the inheritance of our father’s estate?”

Vs 15 - Does he not regard us as foreigners? Not only has he sold us, but he has used up what was paid for us.

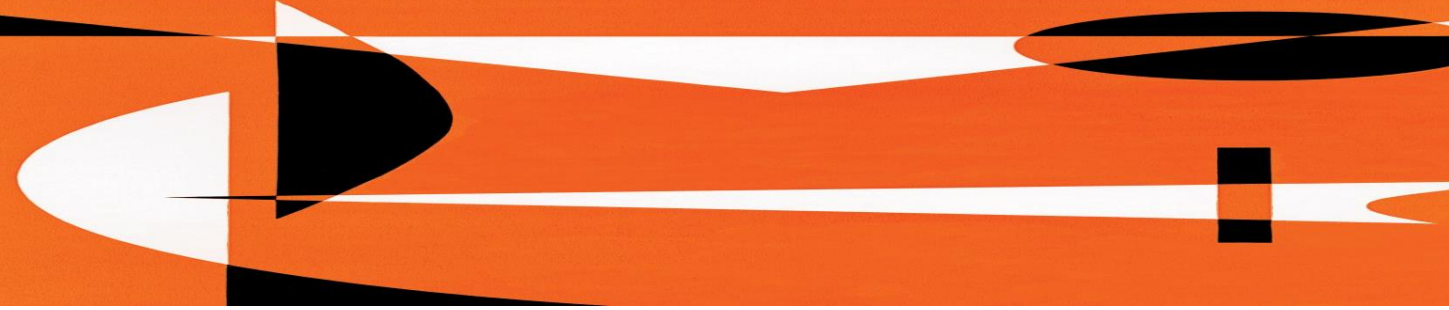
Vs 16 - Surely all the wealth that God took away from our father belongs to us and our children. **So do whatever God has told you.**”



Leah

**Genesis 29:14-25;
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31:19,30-35;
35:16-26**

- Jacob's other wife
- Sons: Reuben, Simeon, Levi, Judah, Issachar, Zebulun; daughter Dinah
- Her servant Zilpah was surrogate mother - sons: Gad, Asher.
- Blended family.
- Dysfunctional home.
- Rebellious children.
- Crisis.
- Rape/Abuse/Victim.
- Wise.



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Dinah

Genesis 30:21
34:1-31

- Jacob and Leah's daughter
- Raped by Shechem
- Revenged by brothers
- Single
- Blended family.
- Dysfunctional home
- Crisis.
- Rape/ Abuse/ Victim.
- Abandonment/ Rejection.
- Grief/ Loss.



Dinah

Genesis 30:21
34:1-31

- The name “Dinah” in Hebrew means “**Judged**”; “**Vindicated**”.
- Dinah is an example of an innocent victim of rape (sexual abuse).
- We are not told “if” and “how” she recovered.