

LIFE LESSONS FROM BIBLICAL FEMALE CHARACTERS

- POTIPHAR'S WIFE
- JOCHEBED
- MIRIAM
- RAHAB

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Potiphar's Wife

Genesis 39:1-21.

- Potiphar's wife.
- Tempted Joseph.
- Married.
- Dysfunctional Home.
- Crisis.
- Anger.
- Impatience.
- Self-centered and selfish.
- Unwise decisions.
- Influence others.
- Leadership Role.

Potiphar's Wife

- **Desperate Housewife of Egypt characterized by**
 - i) Lust vs. 7.**
 - ii) Desperate longing vs. 9.**
 - iii) Cheat vs. 12.**
 - iv) Liar vs. 14 and 15.**
 - v) Unfaithful and untrustworthy vs. 16 and 17.**

Potiphar's Wife

- **Lessons from her life.**

Her life is characterized by what “should not” be done.

- i) Do not allow desperation to get a hold of you.**
- ii) Do not allow lust to get a hold of you.**
- iii) Do not allow lies telling to get a hold on you.**
- iv) Do not allow selfishness to get a hold of you.**
- v) Do not influence others negatively.**
- vi) Do not allow your desire to cheat, get a hold of you.**
- vii) Do not allow a desire to be unfaithful, get a hold of you.**

Jochebed (Moses' Mother)

- Exodus 1; 2:1-10; Numbers 26:59.
- Amram's wife.
- Grandmother.
- Crisis.
- Victim.
- Daughter of Levi.
- Slave in Egypt.
- Sons: Moses and Aaron.
- Daughter: Miriam.
- Protected her baby.
- Impoverished.
- Immigrant.
- Loss.
- Wise.
- Influenced others.
- Divine Presence.
- Godly Witness.

Jochebed (Moses' Mother)

- The name **Jochebed** means God's Glory and is of Hebrew origin.
- The glory of God is the beauty of His spirit. It is not an aesthetic beauty or a material beauty, but it is the beauty that emanates from His character, from all that He is.
- Through Jochebed's life, the beauty of God kept evolving and becoming visible to human eyes.
- **The Glory of God was seen**
 - from the time she birthed Moses to raising Him because God strategically planned it to be so. As a result, the destiny of Moses and the Israelites in Egypt was not wasted.

Jochebed (Moses' Mother)

- **Jochebed could be characterized as**
 - a nurturer of both human and destiny. Ex 2:2-3,8-10.
 - a risk bearer. Ex 2:2-3,8-10.
 - doubly blessed and privileged. Ex 2:9-10. Paid for spending time with her son. She cared for her son during the defining stages of his life. An opportunity to impart in him Godly virtues and define his destiny and priorities.
 - one who fulfilled purpose. By raising a prophet who was destined to rescue an entire nation from bondage.

Miriam

- Exodus 2:1-10; 15:20-21; Numbers 12:1-15.
- Daughter to Jochebed and Amram.
- Moses and Aaron's sister.
- Protected her baby brother Moses
- Prophetess.
- Opposed Moses; God punished her with leprosy.
- Given another chance to serve God.
- Single.
- Crisis.
- Victim.
- Impoverished.
- Immigrant.
- Wise and unwise decisions.
- Influence others.
- Leadership role.
- Divine presence.
- Forgiveness.
- Godly witness.

Miriam

- **Character**
 - **Vigilant. Exodus 2:4.**
 - **Strategic. Exodus 2:7.**
 - **Praiser and praise leader. Exodus 15:20-21.**

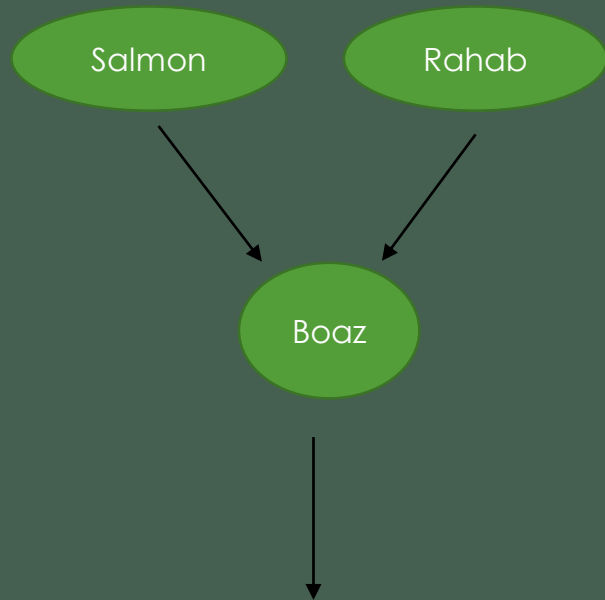
Rahab

- Joshua 2:1-21; 6:16-17, 22-23;
Ruth 4:20-21; Matthew 1:5.
- Prostitute in Jericho.
- Believed in God.
- Hid two of Joshua's spies.
- Salmon's wife.
- Son: Boaz.
- Great-great-grandmother to King David.
- Married.
- Mother/Grandmother.
- Prostitute.
- Crisis.
- Natural disasters.
- Impoverished.
- Wise decisions.
- Influence others.
- Divine Presence.
- Forgiveness.
- Second Chance.

Rahab

- A woman who did not allow her status in society define her. The bible describes her as a prostitute (Josh 2:1).
- Played a great role in the fulfillment of God's plan for his chosen children (Josh 2:4-7).
- Acknowledged the power of God evidenced by His work through His children (Josh 2:8-11).
- Courageously inserted herself and families into God plan (Josh 2:12-13).
- Reliable (Josh 2:14-22).
- Became part of the genealogy of Jesus Christ (Matthew 1:5)

Rahab



Rahab

- Lessons from the life of Rahab.

- Salvation is indeed for “whosoever”. John 3:16 (NIV) “...whosoever believe in me will not perish...”

- Salvation is indeed a household package. Acts 16:31 (NIV) “...Believe in the Lord Jesus, and you will be saved--you and your household.”

- There is no life or situation that the Lord cannot change. Jer 32:27 (NIV) “I am the LORD, the God of all mankind. Is anything too hard for me?”

- We should be preservers of the plans of God even when it seems risky to do so.