



# FEBRUARY



## IMPORTANT DATES:

2/9-11 - winter camp  
2/13 - friendship panel  
3/8 - light mtng



FEBRUARY 1ST

# Women

MIRIAM PART ONE

“Yet this I call to mind and therefore I have hope: Because of the Lord’s great love we are not consumed, for all His compassions never fail. They are new every morning; great is your faithfulness.”

Lamentations 3:21-23

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*Miriam is one of the very few people in Scripture whose story we get to see from beginning to end. We find her parents’ names in [Numbers 26:59](#), and we find her brothers’ names in [Exodus 6:20](#) and [1 Chronicles 6:3](#).*

Go ahead and look those verses up. What did you find?

*If you have a sibling whose shadow you always seem to be stuck in, you can likely relate to Miriam. She is the sister of the most famous Old Testament prophet of all time, Moses.*

*If I could sum up Moses' story in just one word, I'd choose the word deliverance.*

- *He was delivered from the river as a baby.*
- *He was delivered from the desert by a burning bush.*
- *He was delivered from the Egyptians through a series of miracles.*
- *He delivered God's people to the Promised Land.*

*Miriam's story is forever tethered to her brother's. Hers is a story about deliverance, too. Some of the details are the same. Some are different. One cord that binds these siblings together also connects them to us. We all need a deliverer.*

*Look up the word "deliverance" in the dictionary, and write it down:*

How would you describe a "deliverer" in your own words?

Look up [Psalm 18:2](#). This verse describes God as our deliverer. What does that mean?

*Another word for a deliverer is a rescuer or savior. Miriam's story helps us see that we serve a God who rescues and saves. If we could sum up our own stories in one word, deliverance works for us, too.*

FEBRUARY 3RD

# Women

MIRIAM PART TWO

“Yet this I call to mind and therefore I have hope: Because of the Lord’s great love we are not consumed, for all His compassions never fail. They are new every morning; great is your faithfulness.”

Lamentations 3:21-23

*Miriam was there when her brother Moses was pulled from the river in a basket made from bullrushes. We find her on the bank of another river in Exodus 15.*

Read Exodus 15:1-21. Highlight/underline anything that stands out.

How does God show himself as a “deliverer” in this passage?

*Nearly eighty years had passed between Moses' birth and adoption and this moment. So much had happened! Moses, Miriam, and Aaron grew up. Sure, Moses' rescue from the river as a baby was dramatic, but this was a showstopper! Miriam's people were being chased by an army of chariots led by an enraged ruler. They had nowhere to turn and no way to save themselves, but God intervened.*

Look up Exodus 15:20-21. Highlight/underline anything that stands out.

How did Miriam respond to God's deliverance?

*Miriam watched her enemies drown, and her people were miraculously saved. How did she respond? She busted out her tambourine and worshiped!*

What is worship?

Read Romans 12:1 According to this verse, is worship more than just singing? If yes, write down what else is included in a life of worship:

*Miriam shows us that worship is the right response to God's deliverance. You don't have to have rhythm or a superstar voice to praise God for all He has saved you from. Simply declare what God has done!*

FEBRUARY 5TH

# Women

MIRIAM PART THREE

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Lamentations 3:21-23

*Jesus is never mentioned in Exodus 15, yet this story points to the higher story, the Gospel story. Just like Moses, Jesus was born under an edict of death.*

Grab your Bible, and read Matthew 2:1-18. Highlight/underline anything that stands out to you.

*More than a thousand years had passed since Moses’ birth. Jesus, our Savior, had just been born in Bethlehem when Herod did something unthinkable.*

Revisit Matthew 2:16. Does this verse sound similar to another story?

*If you know all of Moses' story, this will sound familiar. Pharaoh tried to stop God's people by killing their baby boys. Herod tried to stop God Himself by doing the same. But Moses and Miriam teach us that nothing can stop the plans of God. Moses was born in Egypt under an edict of death, yet he fled to the Promised Land. God used him to deliver numerous people from slavery in Egypt. That's the lower story.*

Read John 3:16-21

Who did God send Jesus to save?

*The world!*

*Jesus was born in the Promised Land under an edict of death, yet fled to Egypt. God used Him to deliver all of His people from bondage to sin, death, and darkness. Herod was only the first in a long line of rulers who tried to stop Jesus, but nothing can stop the plans of God. Moses and Miriam's story of deliverance is a beautiful foreshadowing of the Gospel.*

Read Romans 6:6-8

Spend some time reading and considering Romans 6:6-8. Write down your thoughts below:

*Thank Jesus for freeing you from slavery to sin so that you can live with Him in the promised land of heaven.*

FEBRUARY 8TH

# Women



MIRIAM WRAP UP

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Lamentations 3:21-23

What is something you have learned from Miriam’s story?

Miriam thanked God for delivering her by singing with a tambourine. How do you worship Him?



FEBRUARY 12TH

# Women

ABIGAIL PART ONE

“Yet this I call to mind and therefore I have hope: Because of the Lord’s great love we are not consumed, for all His compassions never fail. They are new every morning; great is your faithfulness.”

Lamentations 3:21-23

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*After traveling for weeks, I was finally on my way home. All I could think about was seeing my family and sleeping in my own bed again. Then a storm hit, causing my flight to be canceled. I fought hot tears as I stood in line waiting for new flight information. I kept my cool until I stepped up to the counter and met the rude woman working the desk. Her attitude stunk! After a few minutes of her cranky behavior, my calm disguise cracked. I pointed my finger and said (loudly), “You don’t have the right to be rude to me!” Then I turned and marched myself in the opposite direction. As soon as I rounded the corner, I collapsed in a heap of tears. What is it about uncalled for rudeness that rattles us so much?*

*As I look back on that airport encounter, I’m not proud of my response. If I had that moment to do over again, I would choose to respond with humility and kindness instead of anger and frustration. I wish I’d been more like Abigail.*

*Before we look at the details of Abigail’s life, let’s examine the backstory...*

Read 1 Samuel 16:1-13.

*David was anointed by the prophet Samuel as the next king of Israel.*

Read 1 Samuel 23:15.

*That was good news for David, but it was not such good news for Saul, the reigning king of Israel. Knowing David would someday take his throne sent Saul into a jealous rage, and he set out to kill David.*

Read 1 Samuel 24:1-15

*David had an opportunity to kill Saul instead, but he didn't take it. He chose to honor Saul and his authority.*

*David and his men were on the run and living in the wilderness when they met Abigail and her husband, Nabal.*

FEBRUARY 15TH

# Women

ABIGAIL PART TWO

“Yet this I call to mind and therefore I have hope: Because of the Lord’s great love we are not consumed, for all His compassions never fail. They are new every morning; great is your faithfulness.”

Lamentations 3:21-23

Read 1 Samuel 25:2–11. Highlight/underline anything that stands out to you.  
How is Abigail described?

How is her husband described?

*Abigail is described as “discerning and beautiful.” Her husband, on the other hand was “harsh and badly behaved.” What a difference!*

Fast forward to 1 Samuel 25:23–24. Highlight/underline anything that stands out to you.

How would you describe Abigail's reaction?

*I'd describe Abigail's reaction as humble and kind. God's Word encourages us to have the same attitude as Abigail. Humility can be a slightly tricky concept to grasp (and to live).*

How would you describe humility?

It means to trade in our wants and needs for the wants and needs of others.

Read Colossians 3:12 This verse lists five virtues we should "put on" as God's chosen ones. Write down the 5 virtues:

- 1.
- 2.
- 3.
- 4.
- 5.

FEBRUARY 17TH

# Women

ABIGAIL PART THREE

“Yet this I call to mind and therefore I have hope: Because of the Lord’s great love we are not consumed, for all His compassions never fail. They are new every morning; great is your faithfulness.”

Lamentations 3:21-23

What is the main difference between Nabal (the husband) and Abigail?

*The primary difference between Nabal and Abigail wasn’t in their words and attitudes, but in their hearts.*

Read Luke 6:45 What does this verse mean?

*Our words and actions reveal the true condition of our hearts.* Grab your Bible and a pen, and I will show you what I mean:

Go back through 1 Samuel 25, and underline every time you see the word lord in lowercase. Circle every time you see the word Lord in uppercase. (The fancy word for writing in our Bibles is “annotating,” short for “add notes to.” It’s my favorite way to understand Scripture.)

*Abigail referred to David as lord, showing him honor as the future king. But she referred to God as Lord, demonstrating her trust and surrender to Him.*

What does Abigail’s words reveal about her heart?

*If Abigail’s words revealed what was on her heart, she was a woman fully surrendered to God as her true King and David as her future king. Eventually, Abigail became royalty herself, marrying David and accompanying him to the palace where he reigned for forty years.*

Read 1 Samuel 25:39-42

*But first, Abigail was a daughter of the true King. She was able to respond to a rude husband and to an angry future king with kindness and humility because she trusted the Lord.*

FEBRUARY 19TH

# Women

ABIGAIL WRAP UP

“Yet this I call to mind and therefore I have hope: Because of the Lord’s great love we are not consumed, for all His compassions never fail. They are new every morning; great is your faithfulness.”

Lamentations 3:21-23

What is something you have learned from Abigail’s story?

*We cannot face difficult people gracefully on our own. Pride seems to come more naturally to us than humility. There are moments when each of us wants to respond with anger or bitterness rather than kindness. Abigail’s story reminds us that it is only because of our relationship with the Lord that we can respond rightly to others.*

Read [John 14:26](#). Consider how the Holy Spirit is described in this verse. How do you need the Holy Spirit to help you today?

FEBRUARY 22ND

# Women

NEW TESTAMENT WOMEN  
ENCOUNTER W/ GRACE - PT ONE

"Yet this I call to mind and therefore I have hope: Because of the Lord's great love we are not consumed, for all His compassions never fail. They are new every morning; great is your faithfulness."  
Lamentations 3:21-23

*The story of the adulterous woman could be ripped straight from a movie script. An illicit affair. An angry mob. A life hanging in the balance. But what makes this story different from anything you've ever seen on the big screen is Jesus' response.*

*Grab your Bible read her story in John 8:2-11. Highlight or underline what stands out to you.*

Write down your initial reaction to this story below:



*Let's not race past this.*

Read John 8:11 again. Why do you think this verse is important?

What do you think these verse means for our lives?

*What makes this woman's story so remarkable is that she deserved punishment and death, but instead she got forgiveness.*

Look up the definition of forgiveness and write it below in your own words:

*Jesus didn't ignore the woman's sin or act like she hadn't messed up. (She did!) Nor did He exaggerate her sin or proclaim it unforgivable. (It wasn't!) Jesus pointed her sin out and simply commanded her to stop. He was offering her a new life in every way possible. This was a collision with radical grace!*

FEBRUARY 24TH

# Women



NEW TESTAMENT WOMEN  
ENCOUNTER W/ GRACE - PT TWO

"Yet this I call to mind and therefore I have hope: Because of the Lord's great love we are not consumed, for all His compassions never fail. They are new every morning; great is your faithfulness."

Lamentations 3:21-23

## ***Before We Throw Stones***

*As we continue to peel back the layers of this story, we find two different responses to sin. See if you can catch them.*

Look back at John 8:2-11. What do you think are the two different responses to sin?

1.

2.

*In John 8:4–5, the religious leaders said, “Teacher, this woman has been caught in the act of adultery. Now in the Law, Moses commanded us to stone such women. So what do you say?”*

Describe this response to sin in 1 word: \_\_\_\_\_

*Compare that again with Jesus’ words in John 8:11: “Neither do I condemn you; go, and from now on sin no more.”*

Describe this response to sin in 1 word: \_\_\_\_\_

What is the difference in these two responses to sin?

*The religious leaders interpreted God’s Law to mean they had the right to punish sin. Jesus turned that idea on its head!*

*Let’s revisit the passage one more time, this time zeroing in on verse 7: “Let him who is without sin among you be the first to throw a stone at her.”*

What does this verse mean? Why is it significant?

*Only Jesus is without sin. Because of this, He was the only one in the crowd that day with the authority to condemn the woman, and yet He did not.*

*That's very good news when we look past the adulterous woman's story and toward our own.*

Read Romans 6:23. What does this verse mean to us sinners?

*According to this verse, the punishment (or wages) for sin is always death. Since we're all sinners, we all deserve the death penalty. Yet instead of death, Jesus offered the adulterous woman forgiveness. What gives? Did her sin go unpunished? Did Jesus make an exception? Let her off the hook? For answers, we need to wrestle with a big word—propitiation.*

Look up the definition of the word propitiation and write it below:

FEBRUARY 26TH

# Women



NEW TESTAMENT WOMEN

ENCOUNTER W/ GRACE - PT THREE

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Lamentations 3:21-23

## ***Paid in Full***

Read Romans 3:23-25 in NIV translation. Look up the definition of these words and write it below. Add any other words from the passage that you do not understand with their definition below:

*Justified:*

*Grace:*

*Redemption:*

*Atonement:*

Now that you understand the words of the passage, explain the verse in your own words below:

*(In some Bible translations) We see that fancy word “propitiation” in verse 25.*

*(ESV) for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God, and are justified by his grace as a gift, through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus, whom God put forward as a propitiation by his blood, to be received by faith. This was to show God's righteousness, because in his divine forbearance he had passed over former sins.*

*“Propitiation” simply means full payment. Like making your final car payment or paying your full tuition for a college semester, only this kind of payment is a zillion times better.*

*The penalty for sin is always death. The adulterous woman deserved it. She was guilty after all. And we deserve death, too. We are guilty of breaking God's law over and over and over. Jesus willingly paid the price because we were powerless to pay it. That's not the same as ignoring sin. Instead, the debt for our sin is transferred from us to Jesus. He makes the payment; He is the payment.*

How did Jesus pay for our sins? Read 1 Peter 2:24

FEBRUARY 29TH

# Women

NEW TESTAMENT WOMEN

ENCOUNTER W/ GRACE - PT FOUR

"Yet this I call to mind and therefore I have hope: Because of the Lord's great love we are not consumed, for all His compassions never fail. They are new every morning; great is your faithfulness."

Lamentations 3:21-23

## **We Are She**

*The adulterous woman was a real woman who really lived. Though Jesus dramatically rescued her, this is not a fairy tale. We're taking the time to point you to this story in God's Word today because the grace Jesus gave to her is available to you.*

*Jesus doesn't ignore your sin and the Father cannot accept it, but the heavy price for it has already been paid by Jesus on the cross.*

*She was a woman who failed.*

*She was a woman who sinned.*

*She was a woman who was broken.*

*She is me. We are she.*

*To feel the weight of grace, imagine stepping back in history to the time of this story. Put yourself in the place of the adulterous woman. Replace her sin with an area where you know you fail to measure up to God's standards. Picture being caught in your sin and being humiliated because of it. Then imagine Jesus gently urging you to stop sinning while freely offering forgiveness.*

*That offer remains on the table. May you have your own encounter with radical grace!*

What is something you have learned from the adulterous woman's story?

What is your response to the grace Jesus offers? Gratitude? Disbelief? Shame?



MARCH 2ND

# Women



NEW TESTAMENT WOMEN

ENCOUNTER W/ POWER - PT ONE

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Lamentations 3:21-23

## ***An Encounter with Power***

Pop quiz! Which of the following medical mysteries actually occurred? (No Googling!)

Write Yes or No if you think the medical mystery occurred:

\_\_\_\_\_ *A case of hiccups lasting more than two years.*

\_\_\_\_\_ *A disorder that makes people's skin turn blue.*

\_\_\_\_\_ *A syndrome that gives people the appearance of a werewolf due to excessive hair growth. (Growl!)*

\_\_\_\_\_ *A condition that keeps people from feeling physical pain of any kind.*

*Answer? All of the above.*

*Imagine what life would be like if you had any of those issues. Or all of them! “Excuse me, doctor, I seem to be a blue werewolf with a bad case of the hiccups and a knife in my foot!”*

*Strange medical conditions can make for a good laugh, but when our bodies don’t function properly, even for one day, we can quickly feel discouraged, desperate, weak, and needy. That’s exactly how the two women we meet in Luke 8 likely felt. One was a medical mystery. Her condition stumped doctors for more than a decade. The second girl may have been just a little bit younger than you, and she was on death’s door. But then hope stepped in.*

Look up the definition of hope and write it below:

How would you describe “hope” to a 5 year old in 1 sentence below:

Write about a time in your life when you felt hopeless:

MARCH 4TH

# Women

NEW TESTAMENT WOMEN

ENCOUNTER W/ POWER - PT TWO

"Yet this I call to mind and therefore I have hope: Because of the Lord's great love we are not consumed, for all His compassions never fail. They are new every morning; great is your faithfulness."

Lamentations 3:21-23

## ***Desperate***

Grab your Bible and read Luke 8:40-42. Highlight or underline anything that stands out to you.

*For he had an only daughter, about twelve years of age, and she was dying (v. 42). We don't need to know much more than this, do we? Jarius was a man of power and influence; he was likely wealthy, too. None of that amounted to a hill of beans because he couldn't stop death from taking his girl. But Jesus could! And He would. But first . . .*

*Reflect on the following quote:*

*"Everyone in Capernaum knew Jarius; but no one knew that he believe in Christ until his little daughter was at the point of death. THEN he confessed it."  
(Morrison)*

Do you think is it important to verbally confess our belief in Christ rather than just show it through our actions? WHY?

Read Mark 16:15, Psalm 96:2-3, and Romans 10:14,17  
What do you learn from these verses?

*Some state that actions speak louder than words. They tell us “we can preach the gospel by our life, and do not need to preach it by our words.” BUT THEY ARE WRONG! We cannot be instruments of God in saving others if we preach to them only ourselves. Instead, we must preach to them Jesus Christ, for it is only through the gospel that they can be saved.*

MARCH 7TH

# Women

NEW TESTAMENT WOMEN

ENCOUNTER W/ POWER - PT THREE

"Yet this I call to mind and therefore I have hope: Because of the Lord's great love we are not consumed, for all His compassions never fail. They are new every morning; great is your faithfulness."

Lamentations 3:21-23

## ***Interrupted***

Read Luke 8:42-48. Highlight or underline anything that stands out to you.

*This woman had suffered for more than a decade. I imagine she felt pretty hopeless. It makes me wonder . . .*

Is there an issue or problem in your life that you've been dealing with for a long time?

How does it make you feel when you can't find relief?

Finish the story of Jarius by reading Luke 8:49-56. Highlight or underline anything that stands out to you.

What is similar about these two women's stories?

What do these two women need from God?

*The thread that binds these two girls together extends to you: Their neediness blazed a path for Christ's power.*

*The lives of Jarius' daughter and the woman with the issue of blood collided when their desperation led them to Jesus. One was too weak to ask for help herself. She died from her sickness while Jesus was still on His way. And yet even death was not beyond Jesus' healing touch. The other had been sick as long as Jarius' daughter had been alive. She had sought healing and found disappointment over and over until she had an encounter with Jesus.*