C.F.F.M- SOP Women's Conference Q&A Discussions

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Agenda

- Names of women in the Bible
- Roles women play in the Bible
- Equality
- Jesus and women
- Our role in today's world
- Why did women not write a book in the bible?
- Did Job's wife divorce him?
- How can we give Jesus a drink today?

What are the names of some women in the bible that comes to mind?

Names: (ANSWERS)

- Abigail
- Bathsheba
- Bilhah
- Bernice
- Bithiah
- Chloe
- Claudia
- Damaris
- Deborah
- Delilah
- Dorcas
- Elisabeth
- Esther
- Eunice
- Eve

- Hadassar
- Hagar
- Hannah
- Iscah
- Jedidah
- Jemima
- Jezebel
- Joanna
- Judah
- Judith
- Julia
- Keturah
- Leah
- Lois
- Lydia
- Mara
- Martha

- Mary
- Mary Magdalene
- Mary of Bethany
- Mary, mother of James & Joses
- Mary, mother of John Mark
- Mary of Rome
- Milcah
- Miriam
- Naamah
- Naomi
- Orpah
- Peninnah
- Phoebe
- Priscilla
- Puah
- Rachel
- Rahab

- Rebekah
- Ruth
- Salome
- Sarah
- Serah
- Shiphrah
- Tabitha
- Tamar
- Vashti
- Zebudah
- Zeresh
- Virgin Mary
- Zilpah
- Zipporah

Reference: Bible Gateway

What roles did some of these women play in the bible?

Roles of women (Answers)

- Judges (Judges 4)
- Helpers (Gen.2:18)
 - Helper means companion, perfect fit, problem solver, loveable, an ideal partner, etc.
 - They are also helpers in the ministry (they helped Paul and Jesus spread the word of the gospel)
- Prayer warriors (women devoted themselves to prayers Acts.1:12-14)
- Disciples and followers of Christ (Acts 9:36)
- Queens of hospitality (Luke 10:38)

As spiritual beings before God, does he see men and women as equal?

As physical beings? Are we still equal to men?

Equality (Answers)

- Men and women were equally created in the image of God (Gen.1:27, Gal.3:28)
- Although equal, women have different functions assigned to them by God. (Gen. chapter 2)
- Majority of the women in the bible were not in leadership role, except the Judge called Deborah. (Judges 4)

Reference: Grace Church

How did Jesus treat/interacted with women?

Jesus' interaction with women

- Jesus showed love and respect to women in a culture that saw women as possessions.
 - This implies that women were not created as possessions of men, but rather an equal being in the sight of God.
- Jesus allowed a small group of women to follow him during the time he was preaching the kingdom of God from one city to another.
 - These women walked along with the 12 disciples.
 - This is a sign of strength even among women. Signs of independency. Signs of pride they had nothing to be ashamed of.

Reference: Grace Church

Jesus' interaction with women

- Jesus revealed himself to the Samaritan woman at the well as the messiah (John 4).
- Jesus knew that women could understand both spiritual and theological truth
 - He preached to women and spoke parables that was familiar to them. (Matt.24:41, Luke 15:8-10)
 - Jesus revealed himself to Mary Magdalene after he rose from the dead.

What is our role as women now?

Our role as a sister, daughter, wife or mother.

Our role as women of today's world

- To be submissive (Eph.5:22, Col.3:18)
- Titus 2:5
 - Be a sensitive woman
 - Be pure
 - Be a manager of their home (prioritize your home and children)
 - Be kind, etc.
- John 4: 39-41
 - Be an evangelist (from your family to friends to others in the world)
 - Be an advocate for Christ
- Have the fear of God and let be a reliable source to God.
 - Reliable can God trust you to continue in your faith during trials? etc.
- Be a representation of Christ
 - Be a teacher, a minister, an author with words that encourages and draws people to Christ.

Although, created equal, why is it that women did not receive the inspiration of God to write as men did... Or did they??

Women authors (Answers)

• None of the books in the bible was written by a woman but stories of women like Ruth, Esther and the Chosen Lady all took up many chapters in some of the books. Women played a significant role during those times; at creation, during the time when Judges and Kings ruled.

We heard of Job's wife in the book of Job 2:9-10 and she was silent for the rest of Job's story.

What do you think happened to her? Did she divorce him?

Answer

• Job 42:13 (This is the same woman. So, no divorce)

How can we give Jesus Christ a drink today?

Answer

• By accepting him as our Lord and Savior John 3:16; vs. 36; John 1:12