

## **Lesson 1: Women In The Middle II Chronicles 20**

1. When this woman heard the news about the vast army coming to attack, how do you think she felt?
2. Can you think of a “vast army” you are facing or have faced?
3. What kind of leader and example was Jehoshaphat for this woman to watch? Why?
4. At the time of trouble, what did the King do?
5. As she stood in the middle of that prayer meeting, what did she hear from that prayer?
6. What did she hear when the Lord spoke through the Levite?
7. Are these words the same for today? Psalm 119:89 and Hebrews 13:8.
8. From verse 1, what did they do when they heard from the Lord?
9. Jehoshaphat consulted with his people. What did she hear and see next? Verses 20-21
10. From this lesson, how are you to handle your “vast army”?
11. How did God come through (vs 22-26)? Will He always? How do you know that?
12. Is any “vast army” too hard for the Lord? Do you act or show that you really believe that? Why is that important?
13. What does Ephesians 3:20 mean to you personally?

## **Lesson 2: Leah and Rachael Sisters**

1. From Genesis 28:1-5, what were Isaac's strict instructions to Jacob? Read II Corinthians 6:14-16, why do you think this is still so important today?
2. How did Jacob meet Rachel and what was his response? What is your opinion of luck and coincidence versus providence? (Psalm 139)
3. Read Genesis 29. Describe Leah, Rachel and Jacob's feelings for them.
4. What were Laban's terms? What did Jacob get?
5. How is verse 31 similar to I Samuel?
6. "Beauty is only skin deep and man looks at the outward appearance, but God looks at the heart." Our behavior is a reflection of our heart condition. How are all these statements true from Genesis 29:35 and Genesis 31:19, 33-35? What lessons do you learn from this situation? Where is your main source of beauty?

### **Mary And Martha**

7. Read Luke 10:38-42. God made us unique individuals. What were the differences between Mary and Martha?
8. Why did Jesus correct Martha? Can you relate to Martha's character?
9. Now read John 11:1-36. When Jesus arrived in Bethany, who went out to meet Him? How can you tell that Martha learned from the correcting Jesus gave her?
10. Where was Mary? What did it take for her to move?
11. What happens when your emotions overtake you?
12. What place does Jesus expect to be in your life? How can you make that happen?

### **Lesson 3 Naomi and Ruth, Herodias and Salome, Lois and Eunice Mothers and Daughters**

1. Read the story of Ruth. What kind of mother-in-law, considering all the circumstances, was Naomi?
2. Describe the character, personality, and heart of Ruth.
3. Ruth was following God's will. She did not understand it all, yet she was simply obedient. How do you find God's will for your life?
4. Who was Boaz? Describe his character. What does Naomi think of him?
5. What does this union mean to Naomi, Ruth, Boaz and to you?
6. Read Matthew 14:1-12. Who is Herodias and what is her life like? Why does she hate John the Baptist so much?
7. What kind of dancer do you think Salome was?
8. Because of the great gift offered her, Salome needed motherly council. What kind of motherly council did she receive? Who was Herodias thinking of?
9. What kind of testimony and influence was this mother to her daughter? How critical is this to a child's well being?
10. Read II Timothy 1:1-7. Who are Lois and Eunice? Why does Paul refer to these women at this time?
11. What kind of testimony and influence were they to Timothy?
12. Motherhood is a high calling from God. Why? What is a mother's greatest responsibility? How can she fulfill that?
13. What lesson can you learn from this study that will affect all your relationships?

## **Lesson 4 Adam & Eve, Abraham & Sarah, Nabal & Abigail, Joseph & Mary Couples**

1. What does create mean? How did God create men? Genesis 1:27. Why was Eve created? Genesis 2:20. What was the world like at this time?
2. What bait did the serpent use to lure Eve his way? Can the devil make you sin? How can you resist temptation? I Corinthians 10:13.
3. What is the difference between temptation and trial? James 1:2-8, 13-15?
4. How could they have helped each other?
5. What was Abram's "call"? Genesis 12:1-7. What did God promise him? What was his reaction?
6. Abram had great faith. But, what happened when his eyes of trust came off the Lord and his human nature "kicked back in"? Genesis 12:10-13 and Genesis 20:1-2. What kind of testimony was he to Pharaoh, Abimelech a Sari?
7. What happened when Sari took matters into her own hands and didn't wait for God's promise? Are there consequences when you step out of God's will?
8. What was Abraham's ultimate test of faith? What grade would you give him? If Sarah knew about it, what did it show of her faith? Genesis 22. Is this the way God intended a marriage to be like?
9. Read I Samuel 25. From his story, what kind of marriage did Abigail and Nabal have? How did Abigail deal with it? How did her Godly character reflect to others?
10. When your circumstances get tough and don't seem to be changing, who is the Lord working on? Romans 5:3-5. When you follow God's way, who wins in the end?

11. From Matthew 1:18-25, describe the heart of Joseph. From Luke 1:26-38 describe the heart of Mary. Are these the kind of hearts God looks for in people He wants to use for His service? Why?
  
12. All during the unusual difficult and challenging calling (to be the earthly parents of the Son of God) what do you think kept this couple together? Is that true for challenging marriages today? Psalm 119:89. Do God's principles ever change? Why is the fruit of God's Spirit so vital in your life?

## Lesson 5: Jesus' Relationships

1. What was His relationship like with His heavenly Father?

Philippians 2:6

Matthew 3:17

Matthew 26:36

How is your relationship with your heavenly Father? How close is it?

2. What was His relationship like with His mother?

Luke 2:41

John 2:1-5

John 19:26

Why are family relationships difficult sometimes?

Why is it hard to let children go?

How can you make the former two questions difficult?

3. Who were and are Jesus friends?

What was His relationship with His friends?

John 11:1-44

John 13:4-17

John 14, 15

John 17:6-19

What did He teach them?

What was He preparing them for?

Are you a friend and a disciple of Jesus?

4. What was Jesus relationship with His enemies?

Matthew 5:43-48

Matthew 22:15-22

Matthew 23

Luke 23:34

Did Jesus avoid His enemies?

Did He "love" them? How?

Did He condone their behavior?

What does forgive mean? (Honest answer, please)

