#### **Eve and Sarah**

# Genesis 1-4

- 1. Why was Eve created? What does Genesis 2:24 mean to God and to you?
- 2. What was Adam and Eve's "job" in the Garden o Eden?
- 3. How do you know that Eve understood God's command about certain trees in the Garden?
- 4. Why is it so easy to listen to the "enemy"? How does he try to get you?
- 5. What all changed when Eve disobeyed?
- 6. How come God asks, "Where are you", when He knows everything?
- 7. How important is your influence in your home? Why?
- 8. What kind of life do you think Eve had after the fall? How is your life with temptation the very same as Eve's?

### Genesis 12-23

- **9.** What did Sarah's husband tell her to do in Genesis 12:4-5? Do you think that was easy?
- 10. What do you think it was like for Sarah in Genesis 12:12-15
- 11. How hard was it for Sarah facing each month childless?

- 12. What do you think was going on in Abram's household in Genesis 16?
- 13. How did Sarah take the news in Genesis 18:10? Who got the last word in verse 15? Who will always get the last word?
- 14. In Genesis 21:6 Now did Sarah laugh?
- 15. What went on between Hagar and Sarah in Genesis 21?
- 16. If Sarah knew about the God's test with Abraham either before or after, what do you think it took to handle it?
- 17. How did Abraham take Sarah's death?

# Rebekah, Leah and Rachel

1. In Genesis 24, how did Isaac find Rebekah?

to it?

9. Name all Leah's children.

2.	Why do you know that Genesis 25:28 was going to mean trouble?
3.	What happened in Genesis 26 that proves that children are taught by their parents?
4.	Where did Rebekah really go wrong as a mother in Genesis 27?
	From Genesis 29, describe Leah—inside and out. How was it that she married Jacob?
7.	What were Jacob's feelings for Leah? How did she endure it? When did she surrender to God's Will?
8.	Explain the difference when you fight God's will and when you surrender

- 10.Describe Rachel inside and out. How did each sister have what the other wanted?
- 11. Who were Rachel's sons? Genesis 30 and 35?
- 12.In chapter 31, how can you "see" Rachel's real heart?
- 13. How did Rachel die and when was she buried?
- 14. Personally, what did you learn from these three women?

# Lesson 3 Miriam, Rahab, Deborah & Jael

- 1. What do you know about Miriam in Exodus 2?
- 2. How important was she to Moses in Exodus 15?
- 3. What phrase in Exodus 15:20 reminds you of who you're "teaching"?
- 4. How does praise to the Lord affect your mood and attitude?
- 5. What went terribly wrong with Miriam in Numbers 12? Is this a common problem with women even today?
- 6. What did the Lord think of her attitude? Why is attitude so important in life?
- 7. What were her consequences? How do you think that lesson changed her? Who does God discipline? Why?
- 8. What do you know about Rahab from Joshua 2?
- 9. Describe he dealings with the two spies sent by Joshua.
- 10. What instructions did Rahab obey to the detail?
- 11. Sometime Rahab's lie throws people off..How can you relate Rahab to Paul's words in Philippians 3:12-14? Why should that comfort you?
- 12. What happened to Rahab and her family after the walls of Jericho came down? Joshua 6:20-25
- 13. Where did Rahab make a new home? What do think she taught her son Boaz?

- 14. What does Rahab teach you about God's love?
- 15. Read Judges 4. How did Deborah and Jael display courage in a difficult time in a man's world?
- 16. How can their example and Deuteronomy 31:6 Be strong and courageous. Do not be afraid or terrified because of them, for the Lord your God goes with you; he will never leave you nor forsake you. Help you when you face adversity?

# **Naomi and Ruth**

- 1. What were Naomi's circumstances in Ruth 1?
- 2. What would you expect Naomi to feel when both of her Jewish sons married pan, Moabite women?
- 3. Why can you take comfort in Romans 8:28 in all circumstances? Does it mean it will be an easy life? Do you think that this was the life Naomi planned for herself and her family?
- 4. Describe Naomi's pain because of her loss in Ruth 1:3-5.
- 5. Why was Naomi willing to release her two daughter-in-laws?
- 6. From this chapter, how do you know that Naomi had been a wonderful mother-in-law despite the fact that they were pagan women?
- 7. How can you tell Naomi's pain took her down the wrong path? Why does that happen so easily at a time like this?
- 8. What did she want people to call her? Why?
- 9. What happens when your feelings get bigger than your faith?
- 10. How much did Ruth love Naomi? How did she prove it?
- 11. How can you know that God's timing is perfect in this story?
- 12. What was Ruth willing to do for both of them in Ruth 2:2?

- 13. What did Boaz "see" in Ruth?
- 14. When do you think Naomi's faith returned?
- 15. In chapter 3, Naomi told Ruth to a rather forward thing. What was Ruth's response? Ruth 3:5.
- 16. Compare this story with Hebrews 6:7
- 17. How did God work out through this family the line of the Savior?

# The Two Wives of Elkanah, Abigail and Bathsheba

- 1. Who were the two wives of Elkanah in I Samuel 1?
- 2. From this chapter, describe these two women, their situation, and how they each dealt with their own troubles?
- 3. What made these two women handle their problem so differently when both had broken hearts?
- 4. Can you think of one word that caused Hannah's countenance to change and brought her appetite back?
- 5. What does that word mean? Why is it so hard to do?
- 6. From 1 Samuel 2, how can you tell that Hannah had a strong influence on her son?
- 7. Read 1 Samuel 25. Who is Abigail?
- 8. What kind of life did she have?
- 9. How did Abigail deal with this difficult situation with Nabal?
- 10. How did Abigail deal with the difficult situation with David's temper?
- 11. What made Abigail so wise? Where does Godly wisdom come from? What does Proverbs 3:5-6 say about your choices of wisdom? What did Abigail's Godly wisdom prevent?

- 12. Read 2 Samuel 11. What were Bathsheba's uncontrollable circmumstances?
- 13. Did she have any controllable circumstances?
- 14. What were her painful consequences in chapter 12?
- 15. How was the Lord gracious to her? What does GRACE mean? Why is it such a beautiful word?
- 16. Can you think of a valuable lesson that you can learn from these four women?

Peninnah

Hannah

Abigail

Bathsheba

# Lesson 6 Delilah, Jezebel and Herodias

- 1. From Judges 16 describe Delilah.
- 2. What were Delilah's real motives?
- 3. How did she so wisely "play: Samson?
- 4. Why is manipulation evil and dangerous?
- 5. From 1 Kings 16, who was Jezebel?
- 6. What did she promote from this chapter?
- 7. In 1 Kings 18, to what depth did her evil go?
- 8. What did she think of the prophet Elijah? (1 Kings 19:1-2)
- 9. What happened to her in 2 Kings 9:30-37? Compare this story to Galatians 6:9
- 10. In Mark 6:17-29 who was Herdoias?
- 11. Why is guilt so terrible? How do you get rid of it?
- 12. How do you know that Herodias did not understand how to get rid of guilt?
- 13. How dangerous is verse 19? Where does it lead?

- 14. What kind of mother was Herodias?
- 15. Why is this such a sad story?
- 16. What was the root problem of all three of these woman?

# **Elizabeth and Mary**

- 1. From Luke 1, describe Elizabeth.
- 2. What is prayer?
- 3. How many prayers does the Lord hear? How many does He answer? How does He answer them?
- 4. To whom did Elizabeth give all credit to? (verse 25)
- 5. Why do you think Elizabeth was chosen to be the mother of John the Baptist?
- 6. This is such a familiar story, but try to sense and them write down Mary's feelings, questions, and her choice to obey.
- 7. Is there any way Mary could have totally understood what was ahead?
- 8. Why do you think Mary was chosen to be the mother of the Christ? Do you believe that the Lord chooses YOU for a special "job" for Him? What is he looking for in you?

- 9. Do you think it was coincidence that Elizabeth and Mary were cousins and both expecting a miracle? What is your opinion on coincidence and luck?
- 10. Why was the visit between the two women so important to both of them?
- 11. What did Elizabeth confirm to Mary?
- 12. What did Mary choose to do in the middle of her "unknown"?
- 13. What does praise to the Lord accomplish?
- 14. Scan Luke and find where being called to the Savior's mother proved to be a very "big favor" that God asked her.
- 15. What qualities of these two women would you love to have someone say of you?
- 16. There is a key power source that enabled them to do what they humanly would not have been able to do. What IS the phrase used in this story describing every character's behavior?

### Lesson 7B

### **Esther**

- 1. What did the Lord say through Jeremiah, the prophet, to the Kingdom of Judah in Jeremiah 29:10-14?
- 2. From what you have studied from different women in the Bible, can you give reasons why you think that so many Jews stayed back?
- 3. From the text, describe Xerxes. What kind of party did he throw?
- 4. Why did he call the Queen to make an appearance? Why did she say no?
- 5. What do you know about Mordecai and Esther from 2:5-7?
- 6. Do you believe that someone can be a good person, follow religious rituals, and still not really know God personally?
- 7. What were Esther's uncontrollable circumstances?
- 8. From chapter 2:21-23, who was Mordecai loyal to?
- 9. From 4:1-3, how did Mordecai and the Jews react to the news of the King's decree in chapter 3?

- 10. What does fast mean? We automatically link fasting with prayer, but do you see the word "prayer" ANY where at all? What is prayer? Read 4:15-16 and 1 Thess. 5:17.
- 11. What do you think Mordecai SHOULD have said in 4:14?
- 12. Why should you have a problem with chapter 10?
- 13. Look up in your concordance how much the Lord loves and is worthy of praise and recognition for all He has done.
- 14. NOW do you have a problem with the fact that His name is not uttered by one Jew in this whole book?

# **Two Nameless Women**

# Luke 7:36-50

- 1. Why do you think this woman was so desperate to get to Jesus? Why is desperate a word that the Lord wants you to get to?
- 2. What was everyone in the town's opinion of this woman?
- 3. How hard was it for her to go to the home of the Pharisee?
- 4. How can you tell "today" was HER day of salvation? What would it have been so easy to do when she knew where Jesus was?
- 5. How did she show her repentance and gratefulness to Jesus?
- 6. What words did Jesus say to her that she was waiting to hear?
- 7. How do those words make you feel? How have they changed your life?
- 8. How does FAITH save?

9. What did Jesus mean when He told her to go in peace? Can you live in peace....even in the middle of your circumstances?

# John 4:1-42

- 10. From this text, what do you know about this woman?
- 11. Why did Jesus "have' to go through Samaria?
- 12. Do you believe that God has appointments with you? Can you name them or give an example? How important are they to you? Do you keep them?
- 13. What did He know about her? What did He want from her? What does he know about you? What does He want from you?
- 14. Can you think of why she didn't run when Jesus was getting close and personal?
- 15. How do you know that this woman's life was forever changed?
- 16. How effective and real was her testimony? How about yours?

# teLesson 9 Martha, Mary and Others

- 1. From Luke 10:38-42, why did Jesus and His disciples go to this home?
- 2. Describe the personality differences between Martha and Mary.
- 3. Why are those kinds of differences good for God's church?
- 4. How and why did Martha's God-given gifts take a wrong turn?
- 5. When does that kind of attitude pop up in your life?
- 6. How did Jesus correct her?
- 7. What does discipline do for you if you allow it? Hebrews 12:11
- 8. In John 11, how can you tell that Martha learned for her discipline?
- 9. What does Mary have in order in Luke 10?

- 10. How can you tell when your priorities are in order? List yours in order they should be....Now check to see if they really are ⊚
- 11. Describe Mary's behavior in the John 11 passage.
- 12. What happens when your feelings get bigger than your faith?
- 13. When did Mary come to her senses? (John 11:28-32)
- 14. Every time you are faced with the truth of God's Word, what question did the Lord ask Martha that He is asking you? (John 11:25-26) Why will the answer make a VERY big difference in your actions?
- 15. Does Jesus feel your pain? How do you know that?
- 16. How did Mary prove that Jesus was back in His proper place in her life?
- 17. In Luke 8:1-3, list the women who were changed by Jesus out of gratitude, gave back to Him out of their own means?
- 18. What have you given to the Lord to show how much He means to YOU? What does Romans 12:1 mean to you personally?

# "Church Women"

- 1. From Acts 5, who was Sapphira, and do you think she knew right from wrong?
- 2. What was the root of Ananias and Sapphira's lying? Also, read Acts 4:32-36
- 3. When could she have come clean?
- 4. What must you always remember? Psalm 139:1-4. What could that do for you if you pay attention to that warning?
- 5. From Acts 16:11-15, who was Lydia?
- 6. How come, even though she was a worshipper of God, the Lord opened her heart to respond to Paul's message? Do you think that could be a current problem in the church today?

- 7. Can you be religious and yet not be a Christian? Explain.
- 8. How valuable did she become to Paul's team, doing her part for God's church?
- 9. Read Philippians 4:2-3. Who were Euodia and Syntyche?
- 10. What was wrong with these two women? State the surface AND the root problem.
- 11. Who does Paul call out to help with this?
- 12. What lesson do you want to remember from Sapphira, Euodia and Syntyche?
- 13. From Acts 9:36-42, who was this special church woman? What acts did she silently do during her life? How does her work affect others? Why were her actions so different than the previous three?
- 14. From 2 Timothy 1:3-7, Paul mentioned two very special women....who were they?
- 15. What were these two women's titles? How important are these title?
- 16. Why did Paul call them out by name?
- 17. Why do you think that Paul chose Timothy of all people to take over for him in the ministry?
- 18. Why is you heart condition so vitally important? How can you achieve a pure heart?