

GOOD WOMEN IN GOD'S WORD
Introduction

WHY STUDY P_____ IN THE BIBLE?

The Television show *Biography* promotes itself with the tagline, _____

Stories about people have much to t_____ us.
We are more e_____ by a story.

WHY STUDY THE L_____ OF THE BIBLE?

They Are E_____

The rule is that the m_____ are featured in ancient stories.

They Are N_____ E_____

They were f_____ just as all others are.

They Come from All W_____ of Life.

They Are U_____ by God

Can you guess who did _____ make my list of *Good Women in God's Word*:

RESOURCES

Women of the Bible Kathy Collard Miller
Women of the Bible Jean E. Syswerda
Ten Women of the Bible Max Lucado with Jenna Lucado Bishop

CONCLUSION

Some people may think the Bible was written by _____, about _____, and for _____.
But some people are w_____.

The lives of these women are very different from our own. And yet, in many ways, we often find ourselves facing the same issues they faced.

The promises of God that don't seem to come to pass.

The barbaric behavior of others in our world that forces us to play peacemaker.

The overwhelming nature of the tasks the Lord has set before us.

The injustice of a world that judges us for our past, finds us guilty, and says we will always be considered a failure. -Max Lucado p. v.

These strong women in the Bible held the line of f_____ when many men in Israel were satisfied to capitulate to the paganism of Canaan, Persia, and Greece.

- *My research leads me to note that overwhelmingly when a woman (or girl) appears in the biblical text, this rarity heralds an upcoming event as important. Narrators may intentionally use a woman's or girl's entrance into the text to raise, as it were, a red flag that announces the significance of this part of the story.*

Robin Gallaher Branch, *Jereboam's Wife: The Enduring Contributions of the Old Testament's Least-Known Women* (2009)

4But when the fullness of the time came, God sent out his Son, born to a woman, born under the law, 5that he might redeem those who were under the law, that we might receive the adoption of children. Galatians 4:4-5 World English Bible

The stories of *Good Women in God's Word* have much to offer, but only if we see them o_____ and h_____.

There is neither Jew nor Gentile, neither slave nor free, nor is there male and female, for you are all one in Christ Jesus. Galatians 3:28 NIV

Each week we will try to identify someone we know or someone we know of who reminds us of the woman in that week's study.