



Notorious Women of the Bible

TIMELESS STORIES OF LOVE, LUST & LONGING



SERIES 1:

WOMEN OF THE OLD TESTAMENT

THE WOMEN portrayed in this documentary series all played decisive roles during the thousands of years covered by the biblical narrative. Most of the women circumvent male authority in a patriarchal society, usually when that authority is unjust or fails to act, threatening their homes, families or communities. These women not only go unpunished for their conduct, but on the contrary are treated by biblical scribes with deep sympathy and sensitivity to their plight. All of them, with the exception of the malevolent Jezebel, are rewarded for their boldness.

Featured in these stories are judges and warriors, like Deborah, the biblical Joan of Arc, who leads the Israelites in battle, and prostitutes, like Rahab, who risks her life to help Joshua's spies escape from Jericho. These feisty femmes are unlikely heroes who show God's power and propensity to work in mysterious ways, using even the most powerless and seemingly irredeemable amongst us to save nations and influence kings.

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Famine, assimilation, adultery, rivalry, surrogate motherhood, politics, murder, mayhem, the seduction of kings and the worst biblical bad boys; none of it is whitewashed as these intelligent, brave women dare to take the initiative and assume responsibility for the destiny of their people. Assertive risk takers, they are unwilling to be victims in the face of overwhelming circumstances. They are not looking for ways to raise their self-esteem, nor are their lives governed by a need to feel comfortable. What keeps them going despite adverse circumstances is the power of a purpose-driven life and an all-embracing faith – values that demand both a long term view of history and a decisive, resourceful approach to the immediate present.

Like the timeless heroines of the Bible, we too struggle to love, to parent, to succeed in relationships and to make our way through the labyrinth of a dangerous world. In each of these stories, the women are the protagonists around whom the action revolves. They are a prism through which we can consider our own lives as we face the tremendous challenges of our time.

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