Women of the Bible: Their Stories, Their Voices

Facilitated by Toby Koritsky, Tuesdays 10:00 am

Course Description: You may know the stories of women in the Bible but we will look at them in a fresh new way! By exploring their roles, gender, relationships and family life through biblical text, commentaries by women, and our own discussion we will see how these remarkable women are major contributors to biblical history. What qualities and attributes did they have that are relevant to us today?

Week 1: Sarah – Mother of Laughter
How is she the mother of the Jewish people? How is she part of a team in a partnership? Why did she laugh? What made her life difficult even with God's blessing?

Week 2: Rebecca – Breaking Free of Feminine Stereotypes
How did a woman act with decisiveness? How did she control her life and family?

Week 3: Rachel – Blessed and Cursed Leah – The Unloved Sister
How do women deal with rivalry vs. support? What happens when they don't get what they desperately want? Can you find gratitude in what you have?

Week 4: Miriam – Having a Role in God's Plan
Miriam led a life of extremes. How does it feel to have leadership and still be pushed away? What is it like to be excluded?

Week 5: Deborah – A Leader of Many Talents
Deborah was a leader and Judge. Deborah had great influence. What made her different? How would she be described today?

Week 6: Ruth – Love, Loss and Legacy
What is the bond between women? What is their culture and values? How is commitment, connection and love a spiritual path?