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There were only 5 of them, but who were they? Why did God include them? Why did He choose them to bring forth His son? I hope you enjoy learning about these women and their stories, and how you can relate to them.

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Tamar

The first woman we find is Tamar. Tamar's story is found in Genesis chapter 38. And boy, oh boy, is it a bizarre one! Let me tell you! The Bible is full of some very interesting, weird, and intriguing stuff.

But Genesis chapter 38 is where we find Tamar's story. The very interesting thing about her story, is that it comes right in the middle of the story of Joseph. If you remember the story of Joseph, he was the youngest son of Jacob who had some pretty prophetic dreams. Basically, his brothers hated him because of his dreams. He dreamt that they were gonna bow down to him one day, serve him. He was also their father's favorite child. So, his brothers despised him and sold him into slavery.

After we hear about that, the Bible jumps to the life of one of his brother's, Judah, in chapter 38. And after we read about Judah, it picks back up to the life of Joseph in chapter 39. It's just interesting how the story of Judah and Tamar interrupts everything we're learning about Joseph. Okay. So, back to Tamar. The Bible tells us how Judah left his brothers and father and married a Canaanite woman. They had 3 sons, and the firstborn was named Er. They found a wife for him, which was Tamar. But scripture tells us that Er was evil and God killed him. Straight up. No joke. That's what it says. We don't know what this man did or the exact details, but all we know is that he was wicked. So, Tamar is left as a widow. Now, culturally



back in that time, if a man died, then his brother would marry his widow and have a child with her to carry on the brother's name. So, the younger brother was named Onan, and Onan took Tamar as his wife, but he refused to have a child with her. Listen to this, when he would have sex with her, he would pull out and release on the ground instead. Now, that was a *huge* offense! You have to understand this because the way scripture describes it, it's basically saying that he wasted his seed on the ground in order *not* to give an offspring to his brother. That is something that was considered a vial act. That was something that was so displeasing in God's sight. Onan ended up dying after that... Now, Judah did have a third son but he was really young at this time.

So, here we have this woman who is now childless, a widow and alone. Back in this time marriage was protection for women. And if a woman was barren, it was looked down upon. It was a shame to her. So, Judah told her to remain a widow and go back to her father's house and wait until his son grows up, and when he is grown, he will give her to his son to marry. But honestly, he had no intention of giving his son to her.

Our story takes a very interesting turn. Some years later, Judah's wife dies, and after he mourns, he goes to a certain place for business. Now his daughter-in-law, Tamar, was aware that Judah's third son had grown up. But no arrangements were made for her to marry him. So, she finds out where Judah is and disguises herself as a prostitute. She stood in the place where men would pass by who were looking for prostitutes, and low and behold Judah comes by. Unbeknownst to him, there was Tamar. He did not recognize her and slept with her. Three months later, he learns that she's pregnant and he has a fit! He says that she should be burned! But then she proved that he was the father. Because when he slept with her, he had given her a few things: a staff, a seal, and a cord. So, she brought those items back out and showed everyone. Judah was filled with guilt because Tamar had to literally trick the man in order to try to get a child in this lineage. In verse 26 he says, "She is more righteous than I, and as much as I did not give her to Shelah my son." She ended up getting pregnant with twins, which was Perez and Zerah, and Perez is in the lineage where king David came out of. And which later on, Jesus comes out of that line.

So, Tamar is the first woman in the lineage of Jesus. It's a very intriguing story, but I wanted to highlight it because it's like she was justified in a sense. God gave her two sons and she ended up being one of the women whom He used to bring forth His Son. She was wronged,



she experienced heartache, shame and despair, and had no say in her situation. Perhaps you can relate to that. She took matters into her own hands, and although maybe that wasn't right, God still turned things around and used it. Despite whatever mistakes, despite whatever things we do, God can definitely use your story and weave it into something beautiful and bring about something miraculous, and even something that will forever change history.

So, that is our first woman in the lineage of Jesus. Go check out the story for yourself in Genesis chapter 38. The story of Tamar and Judah.





Rahab

The second woman we are going to look at is the story of Rahab. Rahab the harlot. It's what she is called and known by in scripture. We find her story in Joshua chapter two.

Rahab's story is one of the ultimate redemption stories in the Bible. Especially, when it comes to people who did not know God. She was a Canaanite from Jericho. She was outside of the people of God, as far as having a covenant with Him. When you pick it up in verse one of chapter two it says this, "Now Joshua the son of Nun sent out two men from Acacia Grove to spy secretly saying, 'Go view the land, especially Jericho.' So, they went and came to the house of a harlot named Rahab and lodged there." Hold up! Wait a minute! Like, what are two, good Hebrew boys doing at the house of a prostitute??? How did they find her? How did they know where to look? Hmmm... all kinds of questions, right? But let's continue. We'll bring it back and give some more context here later.

"And it was told the king of Jericho, saying, 'Behold, men have come here tonight from the children of Israel to search out the country.' So the king of Jericho sent to Rahab saying, 'Bring out the men who have come to you, who have entered your house, for they have come

to search out all the country.'" Now, to give you a little bit more context and background, Jericho was on high alert! We will find out later on from Rahab that the city knew and heard stories of the children of Israel and what their God had done.

So, they're probably thinking, "These people are coming for us next!" Now most likely, *most likely*, the reason why these spies made their way to Rahab's house was because she was probably out on the street working. She probably noticed these two strangers weren't from around there. It would be the same thing with us. You notice when someone's new in town. So, Rahab was probably out, maybe for business. Remember, this is her occupation; this is her way of life. She's a woman of the streets, which means that she's also street smart. So, most likely she noticed them and probably had them come to her house, which is what a lot of commentaries think as well. Because ultimately God did it. It was a divine appointment. It was for their protection and her blessing.

People saw them enter her house and went and told the king, like right away. Verse four is where we learn more of her faith and her character. "Then the woman took the two men and hid them. So she said, 'Yes, the men came to me, but I did not know where they were from. And it happened as the gate was being shut, when it was dark, that the men went out. Where the men went I do not know; pursue them quickly, for you may overtake them.' But she had brought them up to the roof and hidden them with the stalks of flax, which she had laid in order on the roof. Then the men pursued them by the road to the Jordan, to the fords. And as soon as those who pursued them had gone out, they shut the gate."

So as far as the city gate goes, whenever the city gates closed, that was it. Business was done. Nobody went in or out of the city for the night. That is why she was saying to hurry up and go look for them. They didn't shut the gate until those guards had gone out to search for them. So, she lied. Now she lied, but you'll find out she really did it because of her own faith. Because lying to the king was punishable by death. And she knows that. Remember, she is a prostitute. So the king knows who she is. No doubt she has serviced his men. Maybe even the king himself. You gotta remember, it's just like how it is today. Back in the day, women in this field were privy to certain information, and knew things because of the powerful, prestigious men that they slept with. So you gotta think about that. She knows the punishment that would await her if she would be found out lying to the king.



But she did it anyways and the king didn't even bother searching her house. He obviously trusted her loyalty to him...or so he thought. But the servants just took her word for it and went with it as well. So, now this is where we find out more. Verse eight: "Now, before they lay down, she came up to them on the roof and said to the men, 'I know that the Lord has given you the land, that the terror of you has fallen on us, and all the inhabitants of the land are fainthearted because of you. For we have heard how the Lord dried up the water of the Red Sea for you when you came out of Egypt, and what you did to the two Kings of the Amorites, who were on the other side of the Jordan, Sihon and Og, whom you utterly destroyed. And as soon as we heard these things our hearts melted; neither did there remain any more courage in anyone because of you, for the Lord your God, He is God in heaven above and on earth beneath.'" This is where you see Rahab's faith. Even though she's a woman living this lifestyle, even though she doesn't know the law of Moses, she didn't know anything else about this God, but she heard the stories and recognized this God is Supreme. He's the God of all God's. And so, for her own self, she wanted to know more. That's why she hid them. We can see her faith starting here. And like I said, utter, utter redemption because Rahab is listed in the faith hall of fame chapter in Hebrews 11, because of her faith.

So be encouraged that your story, your testimony, what you tell people, it reaches, it plants seeds. That's why she said, "We *heard* about the Red Sea drying up. We *heard* what you did to the other Kings. And your God is God, he's the real God." And so, it just takes this one instance for her to have this encounter with these two spies. And because of her encounter with two spies, she thus enters into the family of God, because we see her listed in the lineage of Jesus. Most commentaries believe that she married one of those two spies, which was Salmon. A lot of people don't know or realize that Rahab is the mother of Boaz. Boaz was a very prestigious man in his time who ended up marrying Ruth. Ruth is who we will be looking at next. But Rahab is the mother of Boaz. So, you hear this story, and you hear her heart. She goes on to say in verse 12, "Now therefore, I beg you, swear to me by the Lord, since I have shown you kindness, that you also will show kindness to my father's house, and give me a true token, and spare my father, my mother, my brothers, my sisters, and all that they have, and deliver our lives from death." The men answered her, "Our lives for yours, if none of you tell this business of ours. And it shall be, when the Lord has given us the land, that we will deal kindly and truly with you." And that's what happened. She sent them out a different way, told them where to go, where



to hide, and they gave her a red cord to put in her window. So that way, when they arrived, they would leave her house alone. And in chapter six, when the children Israel come back and they march around Jericho and the walls fall, her house was the only house that was spared. Her family was the only family that was spared. And it was because of her faith.

Sometimes even though we can look at a situation or look at a person and think nothing's going on, nothing's happening, you have no idea what God is doing beneath the surface. You have no idea how God is setting things up and orchestrating things for them so that their lives can be turned around and be a story of redemption like none other.

So be encouraged with family members that you have. Continue to pray for them. Continue sharing stories with coworkers, classmates, people that you know, and letting your testimony be told. Because of her hearing these stories, it built faith on the inside of her. And she recognized that God, He's the true God, the God of Israel. So much so that her life was changed forever when she had this encounter. So that is a little insight to Rahab. I encourage you check out the whole story in Joshua chapter two.





Ruth

The third woman we're gonna look at is Ruth. Now Ruth has her own book in the Bible. Definitely encourage you to read it. It's only four chapters. It's a nice, little one. There's only two women in the Bible that have a whole book dedicated to them. That is Esther and Ruth. So, it's definitely worth noting and taking a look at. The story of Ruth, and what I like, is that it's similar to Rahab where it is a story of redemption. Ruth was a Moabite from the land of Moab. She did not know God, she was a pagan, and worshipped many gods, but she had an encounter with God through her mother-in-law Naomi, who was from the land of Judah, who was of the children of Israel.

So the story is that Naomi and her husband, Elimelech, leave Judah to go to Moab. And while they're there, they meet Ruth and another woman named Orpah. Ruth and Orpah marry the sons of Naomi. Ten years goes by and Elimelech dies, and then both of her sons die. So, Naomi is now a widow and has no sons. She basically tells her daughters-in-law; I'm going back to the land of Judah. I'm gonna return to my father's house. That in and of itself is another whole message on its own. But nonetheless, she's gonna return to her homeland and tells her daughters-in-law

look, go back to your father's house. You are young enough to still get married. Don't even bother coming with me. It'd be better for you if you just left me and went. So Orpah was like, cool, I'm out. So, she takes off. But Ruth says these famous words that we hear a lot of times, even in wedding vows, and perhaps you are familiar with this. Ruth chapter one, verse 16, "Urge me not to leave you, or to turn back from following after you. For wherever you go, I will go; and wherever you stay, I will stay; your people shall be my people, and your God, my God. Where you die, I will die; and there will I be buried. The Lord do so to me, and more also, if anything but death parts you and me." So *clearly*, she had a love for mother-in-law. They return, and everyone is happy to see Naomi. It's been decades since they've seen her, and she returns at the time of the barley harvest. Now, right away we see in chapter two that Ruth goes to work to try to gather and glean in a field, to basically take care of her and her mother-in-law. And she so happens, soooo happens to be in the field of Boaz. How many of you have had a "so happen" that God did? Like, this just so happened. Cause God's just wonderful like that, ya know? :) But anyways, she so happens to be in the field of Boaz. Boaz is a relative to Naomi's deceased husband. She's in the field and people notice her. Boaz noticed her and inquired about her, and no doubt because she's from another country, she most likely looked different. But Boaz asked his people and was like, uh, so who was that chick in my field? They told him that she was the young Moabite woman that returned with Naomi from Moab. Ruth basically asked if she could glean in the field. But what she did though, because no one knew who she was, she picked up whatever was left over after they reaped the harvest for that day.

So, it's kind of like if you went to the store and there was a sale, but you got there late, and everyone that was there early got first dibs. And when you arrived, whatever was left over, that's what you got. That's basically what was happening right here. Boaz inquired some more about her, and I can't help but think (and I haven't really heard anybody talk about this before), that there was an instant connection from Boaz to Ruth. Because as you recall, the mother of Boaz, was Rahab. Rahab was a pagan and a prostitute. He obviously knew that about his mom and her background. We also know his mother had faith. And that's why she entered into the family of God. And so, him knowing that Ruth is a Moabite, meant

that she worshiped different idols, practiced paganism, yet there was an element of faith there. That's why she stood with her mother-in-law and was trying to take care of her, and work and gather grain in the field. She has devoted herself to her mother-in-law. There was a faithfulness there. And I can't help but think that there was some kind of a connection reminding him of his own mother, knowing his own mother's background. She basically, if you can think of it like this, never went to church, never read the Bible, didn't grow up knowing God, didn't have a relationship with God, but because she heard the stories or in Ruth's case, learned about the God of Israel from her mother-in-law as to why she was there, she had faith. And so, I really think that there was a connection with her because she reminded him of his own mom.

So that's just something I wanted to throw out there. Now, she's in the field and Boaz tells his people to leave her alone, let her be, go ahead and even drop extra handfuls for her to take back to Naomi. So the time came where it was basically the end of harvesting and there was a big celebration of it. Naomi gives Ruth some advice, because they're gonna go down to the threshing floor and celebrate. There are other things happening as well, but basically, they're going to celebrate. Now ladies, listen up! Verse three of chapter three, Naomi says to Ruth, "Therefore wash yourself and anoint yourself, put on your best garment and go down to the threshing floor, but do not make yourself known to the man until he is finished eating and drinking." You know what she said? She said, girl, go take a shower, go put on some perfume, go put some makeup on, get dressed up and look good. That's what she said. And make yourself known to him. Now while I am a firm believer that the man is supposed to be the pursuer, there is absolutely nothing wrong, ladies, with you looking good and letting it be known that you are available and that you are even interested. I see nothing wrong with that. And that's exactly what Ruth did right here. She waited for him to fall asleep, and she laid down at his feet. Look at verse eight. "Now it happened at midnight that the man was startled, and turned himself; and there, a woman was lying at his feet. And he said, 'Who are you?' So she answered, 'I am Ruth your maidservant. Take your maidservant under your wing for you are a close relative.' Then he said, 'Blessed are you of the Lord, my daughter! For you have shown

more kindness at the end than at the beginning, in that you did not go after young men, whether poor or rich. And now, my daughter, do not fear. I will do for you all that you request, for all the people of my town know that you are a virtuous woman.'" Her character and her attributes had been on display. Her faithfulness had been on display, and he knew about it. So, what she's basically saying is like, look bro, you're the next relative in line, and um, I'm available. That's pretty much what she's saying. But as it goes on in chapter three and four, we discover there was a relative that was closer related than Boaz was. So, he meets with that man the next day. Boaz was a man who got things done.

The next day he goes and talks to this guy and says, look, Naomi has returned. The land is here. It's available for you. But just so you know, you're gonna have to marry Ruth in order to get it, to carry on the lineage of the family. So that relative was like, nah, I'm good. I'm cool. You go ahead. So thus, Boaz marries Ruth.

It's a story of redemption because here you have a woman who left everything she's known. Her family, her country, and her home to be with her mother-in-law, and to go to a place that she did not know. She didn't know the customs, the culture, anything. But because she saw something in Naomi, and recognized that the God of Israel was God, she did it. And she did it by faith. And that was recognized, and that was seen because Ruth is the great-grandmother of king David.

God blessed her in the end because Boaz was wealthy. He was prominent, influential and integrous. And she reaped all of that being married to him. So I just wanted to encourage you that God can turn whatever situation around, do things that you would never even know, never even think about, and make it greater than you anticipated as you step out in faith. So thus, we see Ruth in the lineage of Jesus.





Bathsheba

Number four is Bathsheba. I have been looking forward to sharing about her with you because Bathsheba's story is one that many of you will be able to relate to. It's a story that if you have ever gone through something in life that was beyond your control, that you had no say in, that you were wronged and couldn't do anything about it, you can relate to. Whether that was something that happened financially, where you lost your business because of a bad business deal your business partner made, if someone did something shady that you didn't know about which got you in trouble, or whether you endured abuse as a child, or abuse as an adult from a relationship you were in... you fill in the blank. But if something's ever been done to you, and you had no say in it, this is Bathsheba's story. And I wanna look at it from this angle because I feel like a lot of times preachers don't.

We find ourselves in 2nd Samuel chapter 11. We'll start in verse one. "It happened in the spring of the year, at the time when kings go out to battle, that David sent Joab and his servants with him, and all Israel; and they destroyed the people of Ammon and besieged Rabbah. But David remained at Jerusalem. Then it happened one evening



that David arose from his bed and walked on the roof of the king's house. And from the roof he saw a woman bathing, and the woman was very beautiful to behold. So David sent and inquired about the woman. And someone said, 'Is this not Bathsheba, the daughter of Eliam, the wife of Uriah the Hittite?' Then David sent messengers, and took her; and she came to him, and he lay with her, for she was cleansed from her impurity; and she returned to her house. And the woman conceived; so she sent and told David, and said, 'I am with child.'" There is so much we can unpack in those first five verses. Sheesh! But let me just focus on Bathsheba.

So David stayed home when he should have been out fighting with everyone else because it's what kings did at this time. But he didn't. So, because of that he had idle time. He's on the roof walking around and he sees a woman bathing, and he's "wowed" by her, because what does the Bible say? The woman was very beautiful to behold. Not just beautiful. But *very* beautiful. Look, when the Bible says you are gorgeous, when the Bible says you're fine, then you fine, okay? And what that phrase "beautiful to behold" literally means is that every appearance of her body and face was like, wow! That's what she was. So, he sees her naked because she's bathing. Now, David knows that she's married. But that did not stop his lustful desire. You'd think that it would have, but it didn't. Again, in verse four it says, "He sent messengers, and took her; and she came to him, and he lay with her, for she was cleansing her impurity; and she returned her house."

The thing I want to point out is that Bathsheba did not have a choice. When the king sends for you, you come. I'm pretty sure the messengers didn't tell her why she was being summoned. And it's not like she could've said, "Sorry, I'm busy today." No. When the king calls for you, you come. So, of course, she went. Now when she arrives, he wants to have sex with her. Could you imagine her shock and surprise?! What are her options? They were rape, death, or to willingly go ahead and have sex with this man. Because you have to understand in a culture and in a time like this refusal of a king could be death. This woman was put in such a horrible position. She didn't have a choice. So, she let it happen because what was the alternative? Here you have David, the greatest military leader of his time, fierce warrior, king, etc. Refusal was not an option



for her. And I think most people don't see her story like that. Some of you have been in a situation where it was like, you had no choice, and that was Bathsheba right here. So, then she gets pregnant. David then brings her husband home from the front lines of war in hopes that he will go have sex with his wife, and then send him back out to battle to cover up what he did and make this man think that it was his child. Well, her husband didn't do that because he was a very honorable man. Uriah was kinda like, "How could I do this? How could I go to my house, sleep with my wife when my men are on the front lines dying?"

Men, this would be the equivalent to you being on a work trip somewhere that your boss sent you on and goes and takes your wife and has sex with her then sends her back home. This is literally what David did. And to make it even worse, Uriah was not just a random soldier. When you look in 2nd Samuel 23, we see a list of David's mighty men. And the last name you're gonna see in that chapter is Uriah the Hittite. So, David *knew* Uriah personally. This was not just a random guy.

So first off, he knows she's married. And then secondly, she's married to one of his mighty warriors! Uriah worked for David, fought with him, bled with him, etc. David knew this man personally, and he still did this...smh. As the story goes on, Uriah refuses to go down to his house and sleep with his wife, so David sends him back to the battlefield. But he puts him at the hottest spot of battle, the very front to make sure he gets killed. Bathsheba finds out that her husband is dead and goes into mourning. Afterwards, David takes her and marries her. Do you see why I'm saying she didn't have a choice? I feel like a lot of times we forget that people in the Bible were just like us. Put yourself in her shoes. So much hurt, so much pain, so much emotion. So many things are happening at one time! And she has no say or control over it.

But in the end, God blesses her with a son from David who ends up being Solomon, the wisest man who ever lived and who became king, which means she became queen mother, which was a very high position. So, Bathsheba ends up being very well taken care of despite all that happened.

That's what I wanted to encourage you on. There's an old phrase saying that God will give you a double for your trouble.



It does not go unnoticed. God sees. And a lot of times things are in the works and things have to get played out, but God will make sure that you will be taken care of. I heard a minister say one time that one way God blesses you back, one way that God restores back to you is through success. And success could be in many different areas, but that it will bring the peace, bring the comfort from what you have gone through, from what was done to you, what happened without your knowledge, without your permission, that God will see to it. So you be encouraged.

Bathsheba is listed in the lineage of Jesus and she's someone that we can all relate to. I encourage you to read the full story in 2 Samuel 11-12.





Mary

The last woman in the lineage of Jesus is of course Mary, His mother. We find the story of Mary in the book of Luke chapter one. We're gonna to start at verse 26. "Now in the six month the angel Gabriel was sent by God to a city of Galilee named Nazareth, to a virgin betrothed to a man whose name was Joseph, of the house of David. The virgin's name was Mary. And having come in, the angel said to her, 'Rejoice, highly favored one, the Lord is with you; blessed are you among women!' But when she saw him, she was troubled at his saying, and considered what manner of greeting this was. Then the angel said to her, 'Do not be afraid, Mary, for you have found favor with God. And behold, you will conceive in your womb and bring forth a Son, and shall call his name Jesus. He will be great, and will be called the Son of the Highest; and the Lord God will give Him the throne of His father David. And He will reign over the house of Jacob forever, and of His kingdom there will be no end.' Then Mary said to the angel, 'How can this be, since I do not know a man?' And the angel answered and said to her, 'The Holy Spirit will come upon you, and the power of the Highest will overshadow you; therefore, also, that Holy One who is to be born will be called the Son of God. Now indeed, Elizabeth, your relative has also conceived a son in her old age; and this is now

the sixth month for her who was called barren. For with God nothing will be impossible.' Then Mary said, 'Behold, the maidservant of the Lord! Let it be to me according to your word.' And the angel departed from her." So we just read 12 verses, which is probably more than some of y'all read all week! So, I caught you up right there. You're welcome. ;) But I just wanna highlight how awesome this teenage girl must have been. Because of all the women in the world, in whatever time period that was created, God chose this particular girl. And it really is no wonder as to why Catholics esteem her so much. Now, she is not to be worshiped, but she is to be esteemed. I mean, the character, the integrity, the humility of this teenage girl, that God saw and why He chose her to carry his Son. Like, can you just be in awe for a moment of what kind of girl this was? And one of faith! She didn't have an understanding, because she was a virgin. She was like, um, how is this gonna happen? And the angel told her how the Holy Spirit was gonna overshadow her. And what does she say? Verse 38, "Behold, the maidservant of the Lord! Let it be to me, according to your word." Just like that. By faith she received, and by faith she conceived.

Let that be encouragement to you. Because nobody knew who this girl was. No one knew anything about Mary. She wasn't famous or anything. And it's the same with us. Remember, God looks at the heart. There are those of you who are doing right; you're being obedient. Maybe no one is taking notice. No one sees anything. There's no recognition given to you. But just know that God sees. Even if people don't know your name, heaven knows your name. So, you keep a humble heart, you keep a right heart. You keep going and doing what you know you're supposed to be doing, staying in your integrity, allowing God's word to live out within you, and He's gonna honor you as well. That's what He did for Mary, a girl that nobody knew. He used her to bring forth His Son! And God wants to use you to bring forth the gifts and the talents that He's placed on the inside of you. While we can look at Mary and be in awe of this amazing girl that God chose, just know that God sees you the same. You're amazing. You are one of a kind, and only you can do the things that He has called you to do, because there's people that you're supposed to reach that nobody else can. God wants to orchestrate these things for you. The Bible says in the book of Ephesians how He has prepared good works for us to walk in beforehand and for us to follow that path. That is where you will be the



most fulfilled. That's where you're gonna be the most blessed, the most satisfied in life, is when you do that. And that's what we can see in Mary. She literally raised the Son of God! Do you understand the weight of that? And she did so by faith. Trusting Him and relying on Him.

There are things in you that God wants to cultivate. He wants to develop and grow and bring forth to be the fruit of your life. So I encourage you to keep going, stay humble, stay integrous, keep the faith, stay in the word, stay in the presence of God, and keep your heart open like Mary and say, okay, God, let it be unto me according to Your word. And He's gonna do great things in you, through you, and for you.



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