

| Date All studies are at 7:30pm | Woman Featured | Her Character | Her Sorrow | Her Joy | Scripture Passage |
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| May 16 | Eve | She came into the world perfectly at peace with her God and with her husband, the only other person on the planet. She lived in Paradise, possessing every pleasure imaginable. She never knew the meaning of embarrassment, misunderstanding, hurt, estrangement, envy, bitterness, grief, or guilt until she listened to her enemy and began to doubt God. | That she and her husband were banished from Paradise and the presence of God, and that her first son was a murderer and her second son his victim. | That she had once tasted Paradise, and that God had promised that her offspring would eventually destroy her enemy. | Genesis 1:26-31, 2-4 |
| June 20 | Sarah | Beautiful enough to attract rulers in the ancient world, she could be strong-wild and jealous. Yet Sarah was considered a loyal wife who did what was right and who didn't give in to fear. | That she remained childless for most of her life. | That at the age of ninety, she gave birth to Isaac, child of the promise. | Genesis 12:1-20; 16:1-8; 17:1-22, 18:1-15; 21:1-13; Galatians 4:22-31 |
| July 18 | Ruth (and Naomi) | Generous, loyal and loving, she is strong and serene, able to take unusual risks, dealing actively with life circumstances. | To have lost her husband, homeland, and family. | To discover firsthand the generous, loyal, and loving nature of God, as he provided her with a husband, a son, and a home to call her own. | Ruth 2-4; Matthew 1:5 |

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| August 22 | Esther | An orphan in a foreign land, she was willing to conceal her Jewish identity in a bid for a pagan king's affection. Esther seemed willing to make moral compromises by sleeping with the king and then taking part in a wedding that would necessarily have required her to pay homage to foreign gods. Even so, she displayed great courage in the midst of a crisis. Prior to risking her life for her people, she humbled herself by fasting and then put her considerable beauty, social grace, and wisdom in the service of God's plan. | To learn that her husband, the king, had unwittingly placed her life and the life of her people in jeopardy. | To watch mourning turn to celebration once the Jews enjoyed relief from their enemies. | Esther 1-10 |
| September 19 | Anna | Married for only seven years, she spent the long years of her widowhood fasting and praying in the temple, abandoning herself entirely to God. A prophetess, she was one of the first to bear witness to Jesus. | As a widow, she would probably have been among the most vulnerable members of society, with no one to provide for her financially or to take care of her if her health failed. | That her own eyes beheld the Messiah she had longed to see. | Luke 2:22-38 |
| October 17 | Deborah | Her vision of the world was shaped not by the political situation of her day but by her relationship with God. Though women in the ancient world did not usually become political | That her people had sunk into despair because of their idolatry, forgetting God's promises and the faith of their ancestors. | That God turned the enemy's strength on its head, bestowing power to the weak and blessing the land with peace for forty years. | Judges 4-5 |

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| | | leaders, Deborah was just the leader Israel needed – a prophetess who heard God and believed him and whose courage aroused the people, enabling them to throw off foreign oppression. | | | |
| November 21 | Miriam | Even as a young girl, she showed fortitude and wisdom. A leader of God's people at a crucial moment in history, she led the celebration after crossing the Red Sea and spoke God's word to his people, sharing their forty-year journey through the wilderness. | That she was struck with leprosy for her pride and insubordination and was denied entry into the Promised Land. | To have played an instrumental role in the deliverance of God's people, a nation she loved. | Exodus 2:1-10; 15:20-21; Numbers 12:1-15 |
| December 19 | Elizabeth | A descendant of Aaron, Elizabeth was a woman the Bible calls "upright in the sight of God." Like few others, male or female, she is praised for observing all the Lord's commandments and regulations without blame. She is the first to acknowledge Jesus as Lord. | To be barren for most of her life. | To give birth to John, later known as John the Baptist, the Messiah's forerunner. His name, divinely assigned, means, "The Lord is Gracious." | Luke 1:5-80 |