



“Women That Make You Go Wow – Part 2”

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***Sermon Exploration:**

This week Pastor Jeff Geise (me) spoke on Mother’s Day about 3 women in the Bible that when you look at their lives and what God did in them it makes you go WOW!!

→Bare Bones Outline...

Introduction

Most women display a God-given instinct to mother whether they have biological children or not, and their “mothering role,” whether they have “children” or not, is important in our lives.

- Today we will look at the lives of three ladies with three important qualities in their lives we should all seek to follow.

I. Esther the queen - COURAGE (The book of Esther)

- The readers’ digest version of the story displays Gods sovereignty. Esther was in just the right place at just the right time. The only question was would she be willing to trust God with the little courage she had?
- Key verses Esther 4:12-15
- What about us? Has God placed you in a situation where you know He has done the “advance work” and it may be time for you to take a risk for Him – like Esther?

II. Mrs. Peter – PATIENCE

- From what we know about Peter – his wife must have been an extremely patient person.
- I believe her patient, faithful, prayerful presence in Peter’s life was a big reason God was able to do in Peter’s life what He did.
- Is there an “extra patience required” person in your life? Mrs. Peter would probably tell us, don’t give up – be patient, faithful, and prayerful and watch what God does in their lives.
- Do you benefit from a patient, faithful, prayerful person in your life? We should express our thanks to them!

III. The woman who touched the hem of Jesus’ garment – FAITH (Mark 5:21-34)

- This woman was at the end of her rope. Her 12 year battle with a bleeding condition had cost her everything. She was out of money, out of the synagogue and out of friends.
- She took her hopeless situation and her faith to Jesus and was healed.
- Is there a situation in your life you are tempted to give up on? Don’t give up – follow the example of this woman and take your struggle and your little bit of faith and reach out to Jesus.

LifeGroup Discussion

→ Introduction... Sunday was Mother’s Day and Pastor Steve was gone. As a church we took a break from Hebrews and the message focused on three women in the Bible that when you look at their lives and what God did in them it makes you go WOW!!

→ Open it...

1. What is one of your fondest memories of your mom?
2. If you are a mom, what do you enjoy most about being a mom?

→ *Explore it...*

On Sunday Pastor Jeff took a look at three women in the Bible that displayed qualities that are examples to us all. He looked at Esther, Peter's wife and the woman who touched the hem of Jesus garment and was healed. He called the message "Women who make you go WOW!"

1. **When you think about women talked about in the Bible, what are one or two that make you say WOW and why?**
 - If you could have witnessed any biblical event that involved a woman as a central character what would it be and why?
2. **Esther was the first woman we looked at on Sunday. The quality she displayed was Courage. Let's think about her life and what it means for us for a couple minutes...**
 - Let's recap her story. What do you know about her life and situation?
 - Read Esther 4:12-15
 - What led up to this situation in her life?
 - What made her choice difficult?
 - How did she display courage?
 - Pastor Jeff said that the name of God is not even motioned in the Book of Esther but that God's presence and fingerprints are all over the story of Esther. What do you think he meant by that?
 - Do you remember a situation in your life when you knew that you had been put there by God for a reason – like Esther?
 - Is there a situation in your life now where you feel you have a decision to make like Esther – a situation where you feel God calling you to take a risk for Him?
3. **Mrs. Peter was the second woman we looked at on Sunday. The quality she displayed was Patience.**
 - Admittedly we know next to nothing about "Mrs. Peter" but why did Pastor Jeff say that she probably was an example of patience?
 - Is there a person or situation in your life where you need to display extra patience? What makes it hard and what gives you hope?
 - Do you feel like you have benefited or are benefitting from a "Mrs. Peter" in your life? Who is it and how do you feel their support?
4. **The woman who touched the hem of Jesus garment was the last woman we looked at on Sunday and she demonstrated the quality of Faith.**
 - Read Mark 5:21-34
 - What do we know about this woman from this passage and from what Pastor Jeff told us on Sunday?
 - What does this story tell us about Jesus' character?
 - What are one or two of the biggest answers to prayer you have experienced in your life?
 - Is there a situation in your life you're tempted to just give up on? It may seem almost hopeless or unfixable. Maybe it's physical or a spiritual struggle or maybe it has to do with a family member or friend.
 - How can the story of this woman's faith and the answers to prayer we just talked about affect our view of those difficult situations?

→ *Apply it...*

I think that our application time this week should focus on praying for one another. The chances are that most of us have difficult situations going on in our life and we need to support and pray for each other. Take some time to share your most pressing needs and spend time praying for one another.

(Leaders, make sure you carve out enough time to pray for each other)

➔ *Suggested assignments for the week...*

- *Take some time this week to read ahead. Read Chapter 3 several times to get a feel for the major themes and issues that it addresses.*

Personal Ah Ha's!! What was one thing that really hit you from this week's message? What is one way you can apply the message from this week to your life?

