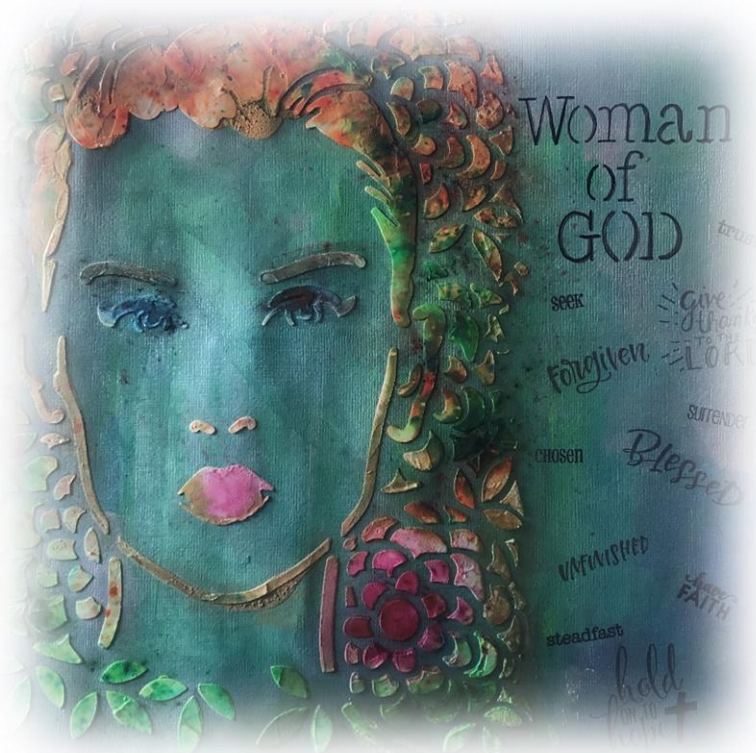


## A WOMAN OF GOD



When I think of a WOMAN OF GOD, I think of someone who has faith. In the Bible there are many examples of women like that. Women like Deborah, Rahab, Esther, Woman at the Well. Too many to name. When you look at these women it was not that they were perfect, not at all. These women had major issues in their lives but their resolve to be faithful was commendable.

The dictionary says this about faithfulness: strict or thorough in the performance of duty, true to one's word, promises, vows, loyal, constant, reliable, trusted or believed.

These are all things for us as WOMEN OF GOD to strive for. We are human and make mistakes. But God has patience with us and lets us find our way back to Him. So, what are some of the areas in our lives that need faithfulness.

## **BEING THERE WHEN IT MATTERS**

In Galatians 6:2 it says: "Carry each other's burdens, and in this way, you will fulfill the law of Christ." This is a call for each of us to be there when all is not well. This is the time when people really need us. In this time of pandemic what am I doing to be there for those who mean so much to me. Faithful in our relationships.

## **BEING A STEWARD**

Stewardship is an old word but has a lot of meaning behind it. We often think of money when we talk about stewardship, but it is so much more.

In Matthew 25:14-25 we read the parable of the talents. There is a lot of depth in this parable. It covers many areas of stewardship. Time, talents, and money. But stewardship also includes looking after the planet and looking after ourselves. Peter says in 1 Peter 4:10 "As each one has received a special gift, let him employ it in serving one another, as good stewards of manifold grace of God." Therefore, let us as WOMEN OF GOD be good stewards. Faithfully following what God has laid out for us.

## **FOCUSSING ON THE THINGS THAT MATTER**

Philippians 4:8 says: "Finally, brethren (*and sisters*), whatsoever things are true, whatsoever things are honest, whatsoever things are just, whatsoever things are pure, whatsoever things are lovely whatsoever things are of good report; if there be any virtue, and if there be any praise, think on these things."

What are you thinking about? Are you focusing on what is true, honest, just, pure, lovely? In our society this means being faithful to try to focus on these things. They do not just come naturally to many of us. We need to work on it.

Colossians 3:2: "Set your mind on the things above, not on the things that are on earth." Am I spending enough time with God to build up a relationship with Him? Is His Word important to me? Do I let it transform and change me? Make me into a WOMAN OF GOD. Faithful through thick and thin.

Isaiah 26:3: "You will keep in perfect peace those whose minds are steadfast, because they trust in you." This scripture seems simple enough. Perfect peace who does not want that?

Matthews 6:34: "Therefore do not worry about tomorrow, for tomorrow will worry about itself. Each day has enough trouble of its own." We serve a God who is FAITHFUL. We too need to cultivate faithfulness. Worrying about what may happen can sap the energy right out of you. You spend so much time with this that life passes you by.

My father was a worrier. He was always worried about what might happen. Because of this we as a family very often did not do anything, or go anywhere, because he was always worried that something might happen. When we let our lives be ruled by worry it stifles our lives and existence. If we can only trust and be faithful to God, he will provide.

Take your worries to God in prayer. I read this quote once: Prayer is God's free Wi-Fi service. How true. Wherever you are, whatever is happening in your life right now, God is there to listen, lead and comfort. Our faithfulness will be rewarded.

Make God a priority and your life will be transformed and changed for the better. Become a WOMAN OF GOD. Faithful in all things.

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