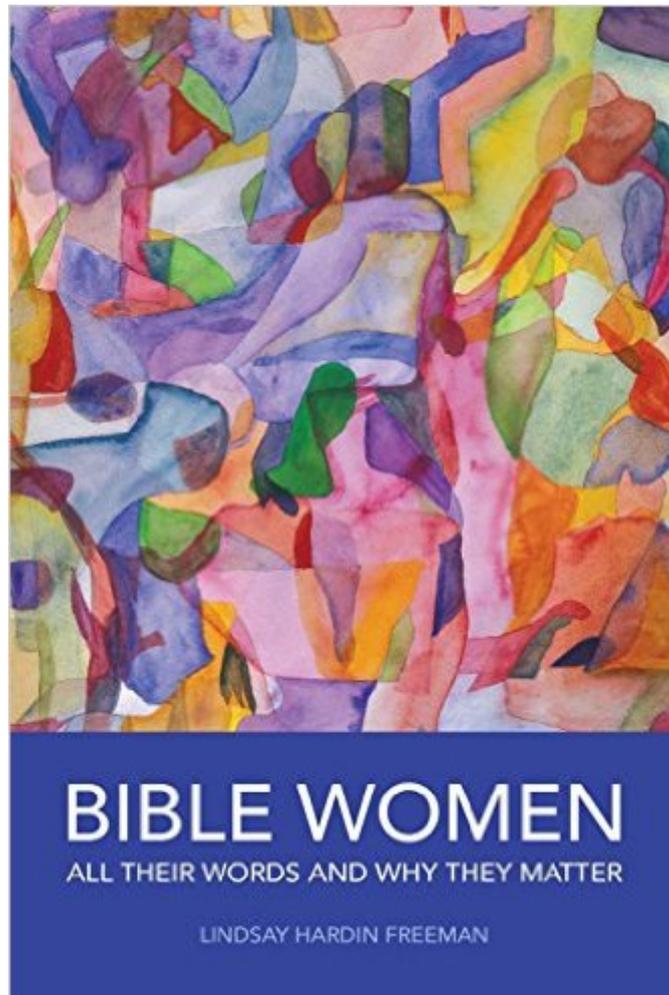


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# Bible Women: All Their Words And Why They Matter



## Synopsis

Women of the Bible have been trapped in dry and dusty literary caskets for centuries. While a few women, such as Mary, Sarah, Elizabeth, Mary Magdalene, are familiar, many of the women who speak in the Bible have long been ignored. Yet their words are part of God's Word, the Bible, for a reason. Through these women, God spoke, intervened, changed, illustrated, and proclaimed the story of redemption. In this groundbreaking book, Episcopal priest Lindsay Hardin Freeman identifies every woman who speaks in the Bible, providing their words, context, and historical background. We learn which women speak the most (hint: it's not Mary!) and which books of the Bible have the fewest words from women. We hear the only conversation in the Bible between a mother and daughter (and it's not pretty), the words of a woman who eats her own child, and the triumphant exclamation of a woman telling the world about the risen Christ. Questions at the end of each chapter encourage individual or small-group reflection about what we might learn from each of these women and how God is speaking through them to us. Step into God's sacred circle of mothers, grandmothers, warriors, prophets, prostitutes, and murderers. You won't come out the same.

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Lovely book and great information! We had the author do a retreat for a multi-state group of Episcopal women in Denver, Colorado, in mid-September right after the book came out. Each participant was given a copy of the book as part of their registration, and I have heard nothing but positives about the book and the experience of hearing the author since then. Some women are

using it as a daily meditation book; some are using it as a Bible study. The author covers all 93 women who speak in the Bible, and structures the information about each woman: the woman's name (if named), where to find her story, the classic moment, what her likely personal characteristics were, how many words she gets in the Bible, and how high or low her profile is in the Bible. The author has narrative sections on each woman: who is she, what did she say, what is her story, things to consider about her, what we might learn from her, and finally some questions for reflection. The author, who is an Episcopal priest who writes clearly and beautifully, had a small team of people help her do this incredible research, and that story is almost as remarkable as the women we hear from the Bible.

I have a BA and MDiv and I was a hospital chaplain for more than 11 years and I am a published author with books on . I recommend Bible Women. I expected a 50 page book, since there are only 1.1% of the words in the Bible spoken by women. I was quite happy to find a book nearly 500 pages long. I have personally given away the United Methodist commentary on the Bible because of the superficial treatment of the women in the Bible, so imagine my delight when I read the depth this treatment these women received. The font is readable, the style is great. The Bible study content in the back is wonderful, and perhaps would have been better in the front of the book so that people can dig in without being overwhelmed by reading close to 500 pages. I am offering the words spoken so people can hear them online for free. God will lead you to these words. Hopefully Bible Women will become a sound book and the women who speak will be heard. Not every woman or man can join a Bible study and hear women speak these words from the Bible. For every man who orders women to not speak in the Bible, the 1.1% voices of women in the Bible refutes the idea women should be silent! Jesus never told women to shut up. He surprised everyone by speaking to women and then listening, healing, empowering women.

Bible Women, All Their Words and Why They Matter. This is an awesome book. I bought it for the church library and it continues to be in circulation. Women reading it straight threw or picking and choosing the women they want to learn more about. I bought the book for my personal devotion and read one story each day. There are 49 named women and 88 women in all that spoke and have appeared in the Bible with something to say. The Shulamite Woman in the Song of Solomon spoke 1,425 words throughout that chapter. The Woman caught in adultery in John 8:10-11 said three words. This book would work beautifully as a Bible study since there are parts to each story. 1. Who is she? 2. What did she say? 3. Her story. 4. Consider this. 5. What might we learn from her? 6.

For reflection. I can hardly wait until my next adventure with a woman from the Bible.

I'm not through reading this book but so far it has been very informative and interesting. It gives you a lot to think about concerning the lives of the women that live so many years ago. Fascinating.

We are studying the women in a Bible study class based on this book. I love how it talks about each woman and how they dealt with their circumstances. These women were truly survivors. Love the book.

I was surprised to learn that there was so little written about what the women of the bible had said. Interesting book. It is very good about giving the historical perspective of the customs and traditions of the time they lived. That always helps to understand the context of what they are saying.

This has become my nightly read. I have never read the whole bible, but grew up on the stories, and love this research dedicated to the depth of Women's voices. The facts for each woman are well documented, then the story with back-story told for understanding. This is followed by observations to learn from and questions to reflect on; the author's inspiring way and sense of humor keeps it light and approachable! I have read the "and all shall be well" Epilogue many times. This book left me feeling very connected to these women of our past, and their struggles with the same timeless questions and needs of women, wives, mothers of today. I just shared a copy with my mom!

Wonderful insights into the women of the Bible and how we can relate to them and what they said! Well organized for use and discussion by women of many ages. Great for church book groups! Lindsay Hardin Freeman spoke at a recent meeting I attended and captured her audience with her verbal story telling as well! Talented woman!

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