

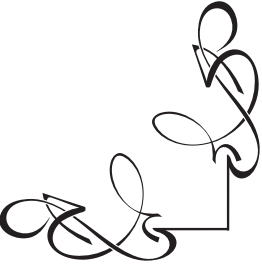

# HEROES OF THE FAITH



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Heroes of the Faith is a combination of “Men of Character”,  
“Men’s Character Study”, “Women of Character” and  
“Women’s Character Study” all available at [www.navresources.com](http://www.navresources.com)  
New material has been added as well.





## **live in the age of the anti-hero.**

A defender of justice who struggles against an evil nemesis to protect the downtrodden and the weak.

This anti-hero often has a misguided internal compass even resorting to evil themselves to accomplish a “higher purpose”. We are thrilled by their exploits but somehow they fail to elicit in us a desire to live above the circumstances of our daily experiences. Where can we go to find a hero?

Much of Old Testament literature is filled with biographical sketches of men and women who stood tall in their generation. They weren’t perfect but God had called them out for heroic action and they responded. These men and women were real people far from the stuff of comic fiction. Often we are comforted by the common human weakness we share with them thinking that their mistakes somehow allow us to ignore their greatness. They were very different than most of us. In extreme circumstances they followed God regardless of the cost. They had a heroic spirit that we would do well to emulate.

For our generation too needs men and women of heroism. The overwhelming needs both globally and personally that each of us must face would “threaten to undo us” but the God of the “Heroes of the Faith” is our God as well. He will “triumph through us” just as He did with them. We are in dire need of some new “Heroes of the Faith” in every walk of life. The question before you is, can you be one of them?

Determine as you study these “Heroes” to not just view them like you would a wild animal at the zoo, standing back and observing with little danger to your sense of personal peace. Instead lay their lives down next to yours and use them as a yardstick to measure your own life. This may not be pleasant but it will be powerful. For the right image of a “hero” has incredible power to change us. For you see the decisive element in each of them was not ultimately who they were but rather their willingness to trust and follow our Awesome God.



## How a LIFE MESSAGE Study Works

In a Life Message Study your goal is to explore the life of a key character in the Bible in order to discover how this man or woman's life message affects your own life. A Life Message Study has eight key parts that help you discern from the Word why God has preserved the testimony of this person for our instruction. "For everything that was written in the past was written to teach us, so that through endurance and the encouragement of the Scriptures we might have hope." Romans 15:4, NIV

*In a Life Message Study you look for the MESSAGE in each person's LIFE:*

- M** Meaning of His/Her Name
- E** Experience of the Man or Woman
- S** Spiritual Life
- S** Shortcomings
- A** Accomplishments
- G** Gospel and Kingdom
- E** Essential Truth

*After discovering the MESSAGE you make application to your LIFE:*

- L** Leading Lesson
- I** Impact on Your Life
- F** Future Plans
- E** Express Obedience



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This study has 25 Old Testament heroes and blanks you can use to study a hero of your choice. It also has a study where you can study and look at your own life. Figure out how many weeks you plan to spend on this study and then select as a group the men and women you plan to study looking at one person each time you meet. It is highly suggested that you study the first 8 people in the study (Abraham through David) because they are key individuals in Old Testament history but that is not required. You may want to do all of these studies or you may be limited in the number you can study because of time available or personal desire. Use the list below to select which studies you want to do and write in the dates when you will discuss them in your small group. If there is a person you want to study but they are not listed just use the men's character study (pages 106-109) or the women's character study (pages 110-113). You may also do a character study on yourself using the study entitled "You". *The passages you will study are listed on the top of the first page of each study.*

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_____	_____	Job	pages 10-13
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_____	_____	You	pages 114-117

*If you are constrained by time an idea would be to do most of the studies together but once or twice have individuals do a study of their choice (ones you have not decided to do together) and when you meet have each person teach the group what they learned from that person's life. In this way you may be able to learn from all of these studies.*



# ABRAHAM

## Meaning of His Name

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In the Scriptures, the meaning of a person's name was significant and was often linked to their character. People's names were even changed because of a change in their character.

Abraham's name means "father of many". His name was originally Abram and it meant "exalted father". God changed his name to Abraham because He promised to do through Abraham's life. (See Genesis 17:1-7) What is the significance of Abraham's name? In what ways does Abraham live up to the meaning of his name?

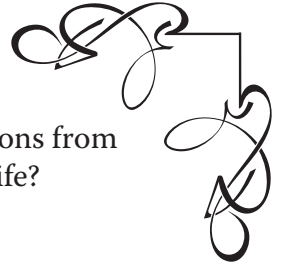
## Experience of the Man

What was Abraham's life experience? Who were his father, mother, wife, children, tribe, nation? What times did he live in? What are the significant periods of his life? What about his occupation, contemporaries or associates?



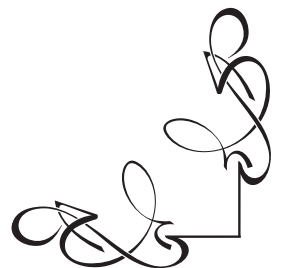
## **Spiritual Life**

What do you observe about Abraham's prayer life, obedience, suffering, personal lessons from God, attitudes, responses and reactions? What growth or maturity do you see in his life?



## **Shortcomings**

Do you observe any weaknesses in Abraham's life? What reason would you give for the presence of these weaknesses?





## **Accomplishments**

What strengths do you see in Abraham's life and character? Are there any unique phrases used in describing him? How did his life bring glory to God?

## **Gospel and Kingdom**

What aspect(s) of the gospel message are revealed through Abraham's life? What struggles did Abraham experience as he lived under the rule and reign of God? How did Abraham expand God's kingdom rule?



## Essential Truth

After studying Abraham's life, why would you consider him a hero of the faith? In a few words state the essential truth that summarizes his life.

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*Ralph Waldo Emerson*

## LIFE Application

### Leading Lesson

As you look at Abraham's life, what character quality is the leading lesson to you from his life?

### Impact on You

How does the leading lesson impact your life? What specific changes do you need to make to become a person of like character?

### Future Plans

What specific action(s) do you plan to take to grow in this character trait?

### Express Obedience

Write out a prayer below expressing to God your desire to be obedient in this area of your life.



# JOB

## Meaning of His Name

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In the Scriptures, the meaning of a person's name was significant and was often linked to their character. People's names were even changed because of a change in their character. Job's name has two possible meanings, in Hebrew it means "Persecuted One" and in Arabic it means "Repentant One". In what ways does Job live up to both meanings of his name?

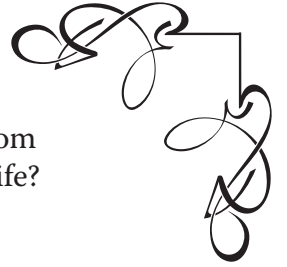
## Experience of the Man

What was Job's life experience? Who were his father, mother, wife, children, tribe, nation? What times did he live in? What are the significant periods of his life? What about his occupation, contemporaries or associates?



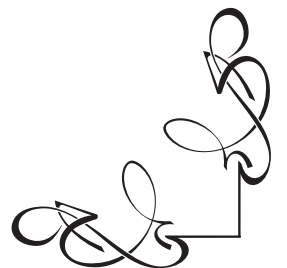
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What do you observe about Job's prayer life, obedience, suffering, personal lessons from God, attitudes, responses and reactions? What growth or maturity do you see in his life?

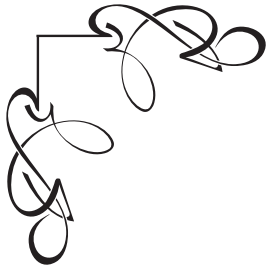


## **Shortcomings**

Do you observe any weaknesses in Job's life? What reason would you give for the presence of these weaknesses?







## **Accomplishments**

What strengths do you see in Job's life and character? Are there any unique phrases used in describing him? How did his life bring glory to God?

## **Gospel and Kingdom**

What aspect(s) of the gospel message are revealed through Job's life? What struggles did Job experience as he lived under the rule and reign of God? How did Job expand God's kingdom rule?



## Essential Truth

After studying Job's life, why would you consider him a hero of the faith? In a few words state the essential truth that summarizes his life.

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## LIFE Application

### Leading Lesson

As you look at Job's life, what character quality is the leading lesson to you from his life?

### Impact on You

How does the leading lesson impact your life? What specific changes do you need to make to become a person of like character?

### Future Plans

What specific action(s) do you plan to take to grow in this character trait?

### Express Obedience

Write out a prayer below expressing to God your desire to be obedient in this area of your life.

# SARAH

## Meaning of Her Name



In the Scriptures, the meaning of a person's name was significant and was often linked to their character. People's names were even changed because of a change in their character. Sarah's original name was Sarai which means 'princess.' Sarah is a variant of Sarai. Both Abram (Abraham) and Sarai's names were changed by adding the same sound. What was the

significance of Sarah's name and how did she live up to the meaning of her name?

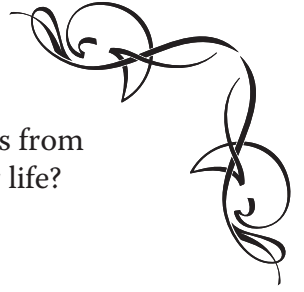
## Experience of the Woman

What was Sarah's life experience? Who were her father, mother, husband, tribe, nation? What times did she live in? What are the significant periods of her life? What about her occupation, contemporaries or associates?



## **Spiritual Life**

What do you observe about Sarah's prayer life, obedience, suffering, personal lessons from God, attitudes, responses and reactions? What growth or maturity do you see in her life?



## **Shortcomings**

Do you observe any weaknesses in Sarah's life? What reason would you give for the presence of these weaknesses?





## **Accomplishments**

What strengths do you see in Sarah's life and character? Are there any unique phrases used in describing her? How did her life bring glory to God?

## **Gospel and Kingdom**

What aspect(s) of the gospel message are revealed through Sarah's life? What struggles did Sarah experience as she lived under the rule and reign of God? How did Sarah expand God's kingdom rule?



## Essential Truth

After studying Sarah's life, why would you consider her a hero of the faith?  
In a few words state the essential truth that summarizes her life.

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## LIFE Application

### Leading Lesson

As you look at Sarah's life, what character quality is the leading lesson to you from her life?

### Impact on You

How does the leading lesson impact your life? What specific changes do you need to make to become a person of like character?

### Future Plans

What specific action(s) do you plan to take to grow in this character trait?

### Express Obedience

Write out a prayer below expressing to God your desire to be obedient in this area of your life.

# JACOB

## Meaning of His Name

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In the Scriptures, the meaning of a person's name was significant and was often linked to their character. People's names were even changed because of a change in their character. Jacob's name in Hebrew means "Supplanter" or "Deceiver". How does Jacob live out the meaning of this name? Later God changes Jacob's name to "Israel" which means "Prince of God". Why does God change his name and what is the significance of this change? (See Genesis 32:22-32)

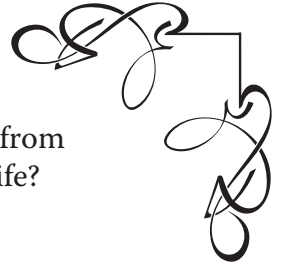
## Experience of the Man

What was Jacob's life experience? Who were his father, mother, wives, tribe, nation? What times did he live in? What are the significant periods of his life? What about his occupation, contemporaries or associates?



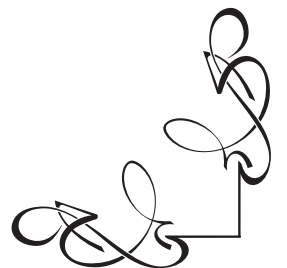
## **Spiritual Life**

What do you observe about Jacob's prayer life, obedience, suffering, personal lessons from God, attitudes, responses and reactions? What growth or maturity do you see in his life?



## **Shortcomings**

Do you observe any weaknesses in Jacob's life? What reason would you give for the presence of these weaknesses?







## **Accomplishments**

What strengths do you see in Jacob's life and character? Are there any unique phrases used in describing him? How did his life bring glory to God?

## **Gospel and Kingdom**

What aspect(s) of the gospel message are revealed through Jacob's life? What struggles did Jacob experience as he lived under the rule and reign of God? How did Jacob expand God's kingdom rule?

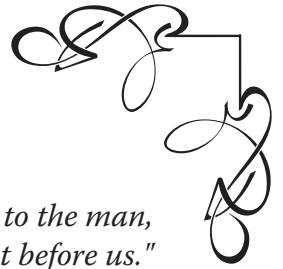


## Essential Truth

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## LIFE Application

### Leading Lesson

As you look at Jacob's life, what character quality is the leading lesson to you from his life?

### Impact on You

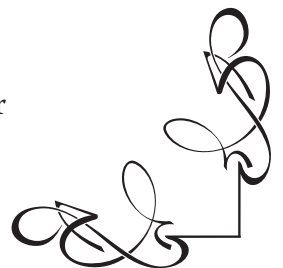
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### Future Plans

What specific action(s) do you plan to take to grow in this character trait?

### Express Obedience

Write out a prayer below expressing to God your desire to be obedient in this area of your life.





# Joseph

## Meaning of His Name

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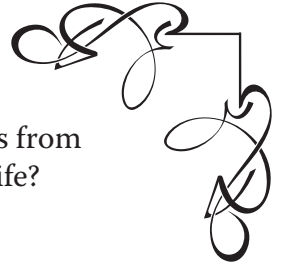
## Experience of the Man

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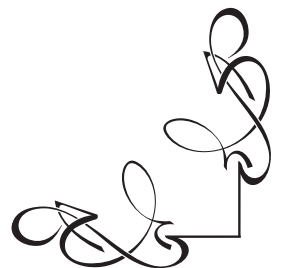
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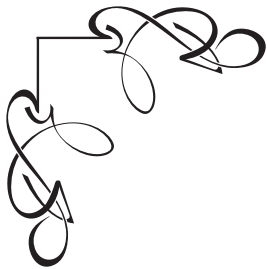
What do you observe about Joseph's prayer life, obedience, suffering, personal lessons from God, attitudes, responses and reactions? What growth or maturity do you see in his life?



## **Shortcomings**

Do you observe any weaknesses in Joseph's life? What reason would you give for the presence of these weaknesses?





## **Accomplishments**

What strengths do you see in Joseph's life and character? Are there any unique phrases used in describing him? How did his life bring glory to God?

## **Gospel and Kingdom**

What aspect(s) of the gospel message are revealed through Joseph's life? What struggles did Joseph experience as he lived under the rule and reign of God? How did Joseph expand God's kingdom rule?

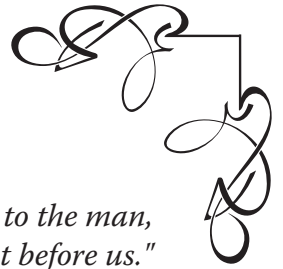


## Essential Truth

After studying Joseph's life, why would you consider him a hero of the faith?  
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## LIFE Application

### Leading Lesson

As you look at Joseph's life, what character quality is the leading lesson to you from his life?

### Impact on You

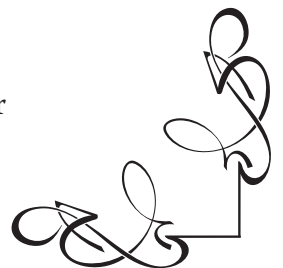
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What specific action(s) do you plan to take to grow in this character trait?

### Express Obedience

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*Exodus 1-20; 24; 32-34; 40; Numbers 11-16; 20-21:9;  
Deuteronomy 32-34; Hebrews 3:1-5; 11:23-28; Acts 7:20-43*

# MOSES

## Meaning of His Name

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In the Scriptures, the meaning of a person's name was significant and was often linked to their character. People's names were even changed because of a change in their character. Moses' name means "drawn out". (See Exodus 2:1-10) How does Moses live out the meaning of this name?

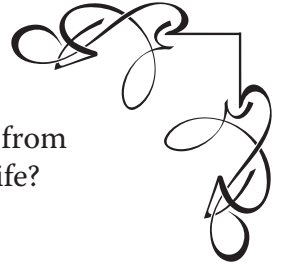
## Experience of the Man

What was Moses' life experience? Who were his father, mother, wives, tribe, nation? What times did he live in? What are the significant periods of his life? What about his occupation, contemporaries or associates?



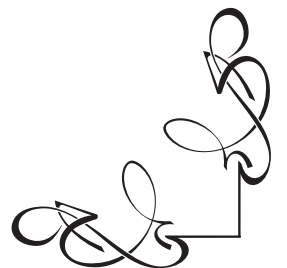
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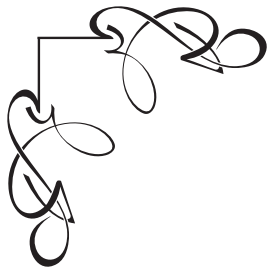


## **Shortcomings**

Do you observe any weaknesses in Moses' life? What reason would you give for the presence of these weaknesses?







## **Accomplishments**

What strengths do you see in Moses' life and character? Are there any unique phrases used in describing him? How did his life bring glory to God?

## **Gospel and Kingdom**

What aspect(s) of the gospel message are revealed through Moses' life? What struggles did Moses experience as he lived under the rule and reign of God? How did Moses expand God's kingdom rule?

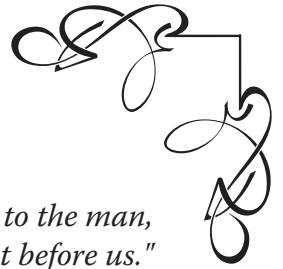


## Essential Truth

After studying Moses' life, why would you consider him a hero of the faith?  
In a few words state the essential truth that summarizes his life.

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## LIFE Application

### Leading Lesson

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### Impact on You

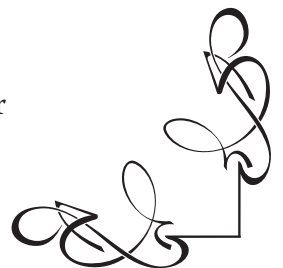
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### Future Plans

What specific action(s) do you plan to take to grow in this character trait?

### Express Obedience

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# Ruth

## Meaning of Her Name

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In the Scriptures, the meaning of a person's name was significant and was often linked to their character. People's names were even changed because of a change in their character. The meaning of Ruth's name is not known exactly but it may be derived from a word meaning 'fellow-woman' or 'companion'. If this is so, how does Ruth live out this meaning of her name?

## Experience of the Woman

What was Ruth's life experience? Who were her father, mother, husband, tribe, nation? What times did she live in? What are the significant periods of her life? What about her occupation, contemporaries or associates?



## **Spiritual Life**

What do you observe about Ruth's prayer life, obedience, suffering, personal lessons from God, attitudes, responses and reactions? What growth or maturity do you see in her life?



## **Shortcomings**

Do you observe any weaknesses in Ruth's life? What reason would you give for the presence of these weaknesses?





## **Accomplishments**

What strengths do you see in Ruth's life and character? Are there any unique phrases used in describing her? How did her life bring glory to God?

## **Gospel and Kingdom**

What aspect(s) of the gospel message are revealed through Ruth's life? What struggles did Ruth experience as she lived under the rule and reign of God? How did Ruth expand God's kingdom rule?



## Essential Truth

After studying Ruth's life, why would you consider her a hero of the faith?  
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## LIFE Application

### Leading Lesson

As you look at Ruth's life, what character quality is the leading lesson to you from her life?

### Impact on You

How does the leading lesson impact your life? What specific changes do you need to make to become a person of like character?

### Future Plans

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# DAVID

## Meaning of His Name

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In the Scriptures, the meaning of a person's name was significant and was often linked to their character. People's names were even changed because of a change in their character. David's name in Hebrew means "Beloved". Look at I Samuel 13:14 and Acts 13:22 to see why David was 'beloved'. What is the significance of David's name? How does David live up to the meaning of his name?

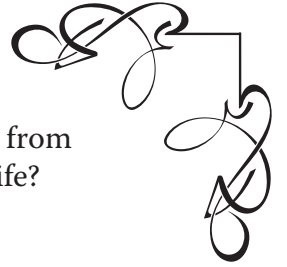
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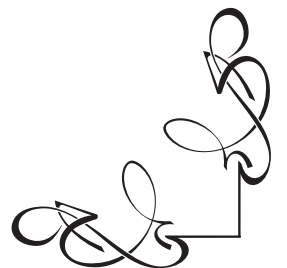
## **Spiritual Life**

What do you observe about David's prayer life, obedience, suffering, personal lessons from God, attitudes, responses and reactions? What growth or maturity do you see in his life?



## **Shortcomings**

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## **Accomplishments**

What strengths do you see in David's life and character? Are there any unique phrases used in describing him? How did his life bring glory to God?

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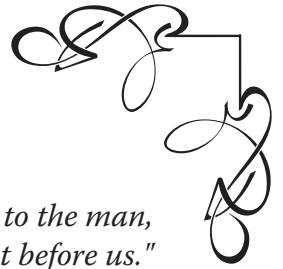


## Essential Truth

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## LIFE Application

### Leading Lesson

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### Impact on You

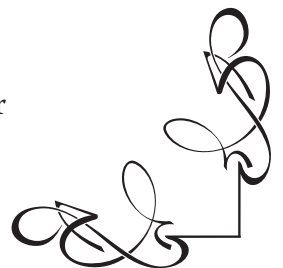
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What specific action(s) do you plan to take to grow in this character trait?

### Express Obedience

Write out a prayer below expressing to God your desire to be obedient in this area of your life.



# Daniel

## Meaning of His Name

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In the Scriptures, the meaning of a person's name was significant and was often linked to their character. People's names were even changed because of a change in their character. Daniel's name in Hebrew means "God is Judge". The Babylonian name given him "Belteshazzar" means "Bel's prince". Bel was the ruling god of the Babylonian pantheon, equivalent to Zeus or Jupiter. How did Daniel live up to his Hebrew name versus his Babylonian name?

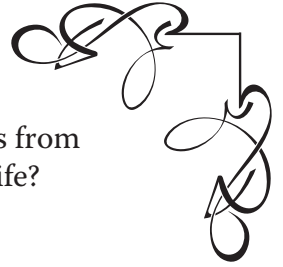
## Experience of the Man

What was Daniel's life experience? Who were his father, mother, tribe, nation? What times did he live in? What are the significant periods of his life? What about his occupation, contemporaries or associates?



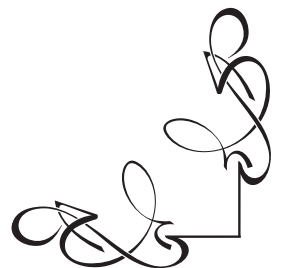
## **Spiritual Life**

What do you observe about Daniel's prayer life, obedience, suffering, personal lessons from God, attitudes, responses and reactions? What growth or maturity do you see in his life?



## **Shortcomings**

Do you observe any weaknesses in Daniel's life? What reason would you give for the presence of these weaknesses?





## **Accomplishments**

What strengths do you see in Daniel's life and character? Are there any unique phrases used in describing him? How did his life bring glory to God?

## **Gospel and Kingdom**

What aspect(s) of the gospel message are revealed through Daniel's life? What struggles did Daniel experience as he lived under the rule and reign of God? How did Daniel expand God's kingdom rule?

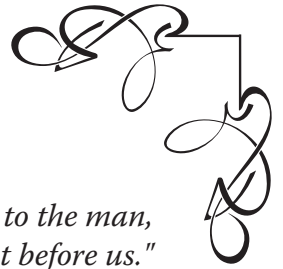


## Essential Truth

After studying Daniel's life, why would you consider him a hero of the faith?  
In a few words state the essential truth that summarizes his life.

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to the woman; straight way all their past words and actions lie in light before us."*

*Ralph Waldo Emerson*



## LIFE Application

### Leading Lesson

As you look at Daniel's life, what character quality is the leading lesson to you from his life?

### Impact on You

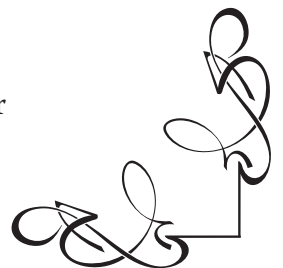
How does the leading lesson impact your life? What specific changes do you need to make to become a person of like character?

### Future Plans

What specific action(s) do you plan to take to grow in this character trait?

### Express Obedience

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# NEHEMIAH

## Meaning of His Name



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In the Scriptures, the meaning of a person's name was significant and was often linked to their character. People's names were even changed because of a change in their character. Nehemiah's name in Hebrew means "Comfort of Jehovah". How does Nehemiah bring comfort to God's people and in so doing live up to the meaning of his name?

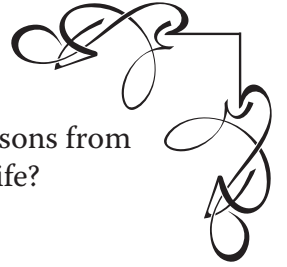
## Experience of the Man

What was Nehemiah's life experience? Who were his father, mother, tribe, nation? What times did he live in? What are the significant periods of his life? What about his occupation, contemporaries or associates?



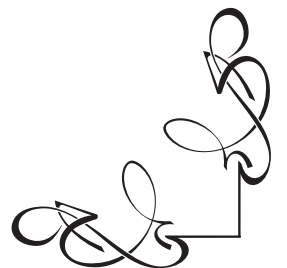
## **Spiritual Life**

What do you observe about Nehemiah's prayer life, obedience, suffering, personal lessons from God, attitudes, responses and reactions? What growth or maturity do you see in his life?

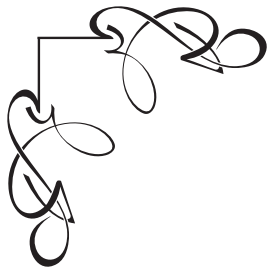


## **Shortcomings**

Do you observe any weaknesses in Nehemiah's life? What reason would you give for the presence of these weaknesses?







## **Accomplishments**

What strengths do you see in Daniel's life and character? Are there any unique phrases used in describing him? How did his life bring glory to God?

## **Gospel and Kingdom**

What aspect(s) of the gospel message are revealed through Nehemiah's life? What struggles did Nehemiah experience as he lived under the rule and reign of God? How did Nehemiah expand God's kingdom rule?

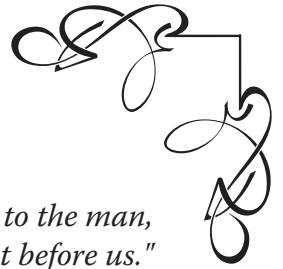


## Essential Truth

After studying Nehemiah's life, why would you consider him a hero of the faith?  
In a few words state the essential truth that summarizes his life.

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to the woman; straight way all their past words and actions lie in light before us."*

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## LIFE Application

### Leading Lesson

As you look at Nehemiah's life, what character quality is the leading lesson to you from his life?

### Impact on You

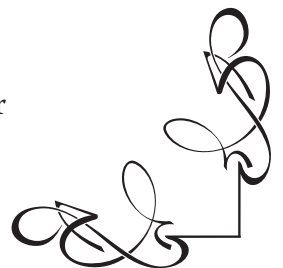
How does the leading lesson impact your life? What specific changes do you need to make to become a person of like character?

### Future Plans

What specific action(s) do you plan to take to grow in this character trait?

### Express Obedience

Write out a prayer below expressing to God your desire to be obedient in this area of your life.



# ESTHER

## Meaning of Her Name

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In the Scriptures, the meaning of a person's name was significant and was often linked to their character. People's names were even changed because of a change in their character. The meaning of Esther's name is taken from the

Persian word 'stara' which means 'star'. In what way did Esther shine out like a star for God? How did she live up to the meaning of her name?

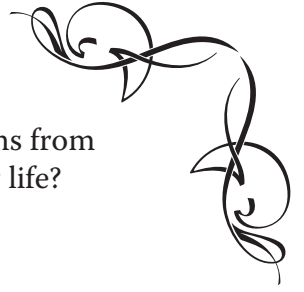
## Experience of the Woman

What was Esther's life experience? Who were her father, mother, husband, tribe, nation? What times did she live in? What are the significant periods of her life? What about her occupation, contemporaries or associates?



## **Spiritual Life**

What do you observe about Esther's prayer life, obedience, suffering, personal lessons from God, attitudes, responses and reactions? What growth or maturity do you see in her life?



## **Shortcomings**

Do you observe any weaknesses in Esther's life? What reason would you give for the presence of these weaknesses?





## **Accomplishments**

What strengths do you see in Esther's life and character? Are there any unique phrases used in describing her? How did her life bring glory to God?

## **Gospel and Kingdom**

What aspect(s) of the gospel message are revealed through Esther's life? What struggles did Esther experience as she lived under the rule and reign of God? How did Esther expand God's kingdom rule?



## Essential Truth

After studying Esther's life, why would you consider her a hero of the faith?  
In a few words state the essential truth that summarizes her life.

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to the woman; straight way all their past words and actions lie in light before us."*

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## LIFE Application

### Leading Lesson

As you look at Esther's life, what character quality is the leading lesson to you from her life?

### Impact on You

How does the leading lesson impact your life? What specific changes do you need to make to become a person of like character?

### Future Plans

What specific action(s) do you plan to take to grow in this character trait?

### Express Obedience

Write out a prayer below expressing to God your desire to be obedient in this area of your life.

# NOAH



## Meaning of His Name

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In the Scriptures, the meaning of a person's name was significant and was often linked to their character. People's names were even changed because of a change in their character. Noah's name means "rest". What is the significance of Noah's name and how does Noah live up to the meaning of his name?

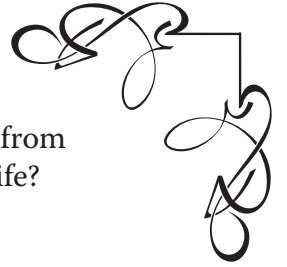
## Experience of the Man

What was Noah's life experience? Who were his father, mother, tribe, nation? What times did he live in? What are the significant periods of his life? What about his occupation, contemporaries or associates?



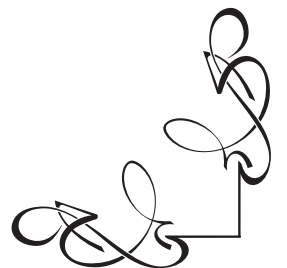
## **Spiritual Life**

What do you observe about Noah's prayer life, obedience, suffering, personal lessons from God, attitudes, responses and reactions? What growth or maturity do you see in his life?



## **Shortcomings**

Do you observe any weaknesses in Noah's life? What reason would you give for the presence of these weaknesses?







## **Accomplishments**

What strengths do you see in Noah's life and character? Are there any unique phrases used in describing him? How did his life bring glory to God?

## **Gospel and Kingdom**

What aspect(s) of the gospel message are revealed through Noah's life? What struggles did Noah experience as he lived under the rule and reign of God? How did Noah expand God's kingdom rule?

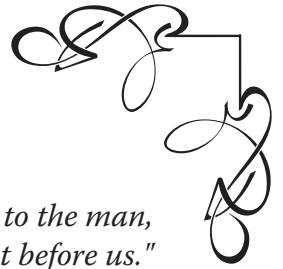


## Essential Truth

After studying Noah's life, why would you consider him a hero of the faith?  
In a few words state the essential truth that summarizes his life.

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## LIFE Application

### Leading Lesson

As you look at Noah's life, what character quality is the leading lesson to you from his life?

### Impact on You

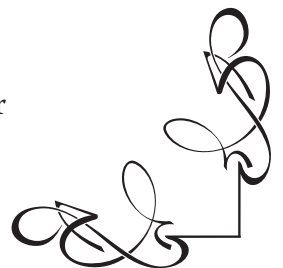
How does the leading lesson impact your life? What specific changes do you need to make to become a person of like character?

### Future Plans

What specific action(s) do you plan to take to grow in this character trait?

### Express Obedience

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# MIRIAM

## Meaning of Her Name

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In the Scriptures, the meaning of a person's name was significant and was often linked to their character. People's names were even changed because of a change in their character. The name "Miriam" has various meanings. It can mean "bitterness" or "beloved one". How does Miriam live out both of these meanings in her life?

## Experience of the Woman

What was Miriam's life experience? Who were her father, mother, husband, tribe, nation? What times did she live in? What are the significant periods of her life? What about her occupation, contemporaries or associates?



## **Spiritual Life**

What do you observe about Miriam's prayer life, obedience, suffering, personal lessons from God, attitudes, responses and reactions? What growth or maturity do you see in her life?



## **Shortcomings**

Do you observe any weaknesses in Miriam's life? What reason would you give for the presence of these weaknesses?





## **Accomplishments**

What strengths do you see in Miriam's life and character? Are there any unique phrases used in describing her? How did her life bring glory to God?

## **Gospel and Kingdom**

What aspect(s) of the gospel message are revealed through Miriam's life? What struggles did Miriam experience as she lived under the rule and reign of God? How did Miriam expand God's kingdom rule?



## Essential Truth

After studying Miriam's life, why would you consider her a hero of the faith?  
In a few words state the essential truth that summarizes her life.

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to the woman; straight way all their past words and actions lie in light before us."*

**Ralph Waldo Emerson**

## LIFE Application

### Leading Lesson

As you look at Miriam's life, what character quality is the leading lesson to you from her life?

### Impact on You

How does the leading lesson impact your life? What specific changes do you need to make to become a person of like character?

### Future Plans

What specific action(s) do you plan to take to grow in this character trait?

### Express Obedience

Write out a prayer below expressing to God your desire to be obedient in this area of your life.

# JOSHUA

## Meaning of His Name

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In the Scriptures, the meaning of a person's name was significant and was often linked to their character. People's names were even changed because of a change in their character. Joshua's name in Hebrew means "Jehovah is salvation". Joshua's name was originally Hoshea ("salvation") but it was changed to Joshua. (See Numbers 13:8,16) Do you see any significance to this? How does Joshua learn that God is salvation rather than he himself? (see Joshua 5:13-15)

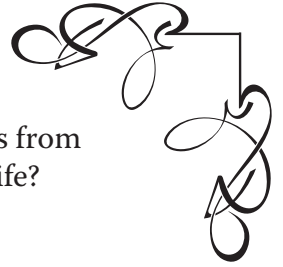
## Experience of the Man

What was Joshua's life experience? Who were his father, mother, tribe, nation? What times did he live in? What are the significant periods of his life? What about his occupation, contemporaries or associates?



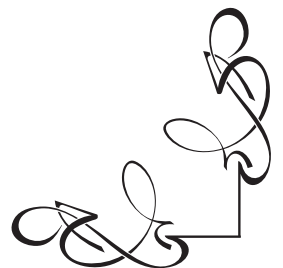
## **Spiritual Life**

What do you observe about Joshua's prayer life, obedience, suffering, personal lessons from God, attitudes, responses and reactions? What growth or maturity do you see in his life?

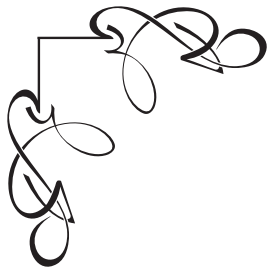


## **Shortcomings**

Do you observe any weaknesses in Joshua's life? What reason would you give for the presence of these weaknesses?







## Accomplishments

What strengths do you see in Joshua's life and character? Are there any unique phrases used in describing him? How did his life bring glory to God?

## Gospel and Kingdom

What aspect(s) of the gospel message are revealed through Joshua's life? What struggles did Joshua experience as he lived under the rule and reign of God? How did Joshua expand God's kingdom rule? The name "Jesus" is the Greek equivalent for the Hebrew "Joshua". What about Joshua reveals "Jesus" and His mission?

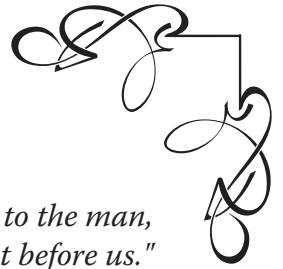


## Spiritual Life

After studying Joshua's life, why would you consider him a hero of the faith?  
In a few words state the essential truth that summarizes his life.

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## Shortcomings

### Leading Lesson

As you look at Joshua's life, what character quality is the leading lesson to you from his life?

### Impact on You

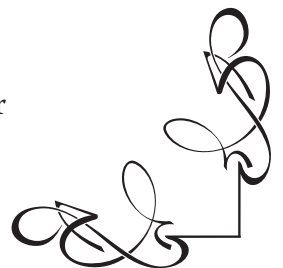
How does the leading lesson impact your life? What specific changes do you need to make to become a person of like character?

### Future Plans

What specific action(s) do you plan to take to grow in this character trait?

### Express Obedience

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# CALEB

## Meaning of His Name

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In the Scriptures, the meaning of a person's name was significant and was often linked to their character. People's names were even changed because of a change in their character. Caleb's name in Hebrew means "Dog", implying servitude to a master. How did Caleb show extreme loyalty to the Lord His God and in so doing live up to his name? (Deuteronomy 1:34-36)

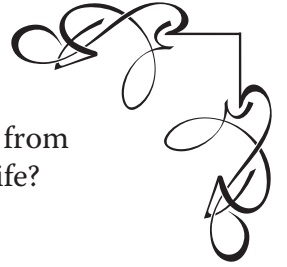
## Experience of the Man

What was Caleb's life experience? Who were his father, mother, tribe, nation? What times did he live in? What are the significant periods of his life? What about his occupation, contemporaries or associates?



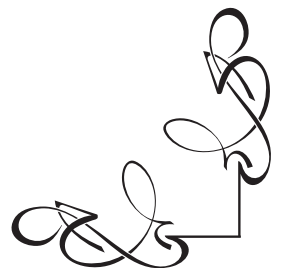
## **Spiritual Life**

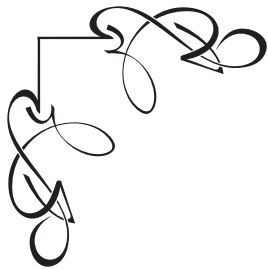
What do you observe about Caleb's prayer life, obedience, suffering, personal lessons from God, attitudes, responses and reactions? What growth or maturity do you see in his life?



## **Shortcomings**

Do you observe any weaknesses in Caleb's life? What reason would you give for the presence of these weaknesses?





## **Accomplishments**

What strengths do you see in Caleb's life and character? Are there any unique phrases used in describing him? How did his life bring glory to God?

## **Gospel and Kingdom**

What aspect(s) of the gospel message are revealed through Caleb's life? What struggles did Caleb experience as he lived under the rule and reign of God? How did Caleb expand God's kingdom rule?

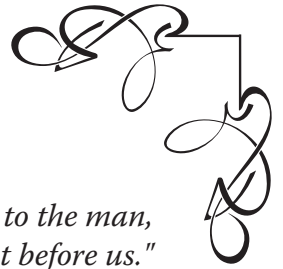


## Essential Truth

After studying Caleb's life, why would you consider him a hero of the faith?  
In a few words state the essential truth that summarizes his life.

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to the woman; straight way all their past words and actions lie in light before us."*

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## LIFE Application

### Leading Lesson

As you look at Caleb's life, what character quality is the leading lesson to you from his life?

### Impact on You

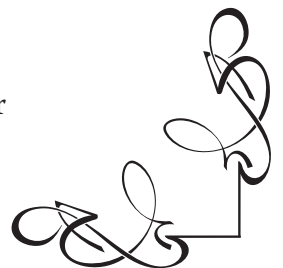
How does the leading lesson impact your life? What specific changes do you need to make to become a person of like character?

### Future Plans

What specific action(s) do you plan to take to grow in this character trait?

### Express Obedience

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# SAMSON

## Meaning of His Name

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In the Scriptures, the meaning of a person's name was significant and was often linked to their character. People's names were even changed because of a change in their character. Samson's name derives from the word 'shemesh' which means "sun". This is not unexpected, since Samson was born a few miles from Beth Shemesh, the city whose name means "house of the sun." The city was presumably once the site of the shrine of the sun god. Samson's name means "sun's child".

What is the significance of Samson's name? Why do you think his mother chose this name for him? What does her choice of this name reveal about her view of Jehovah God?

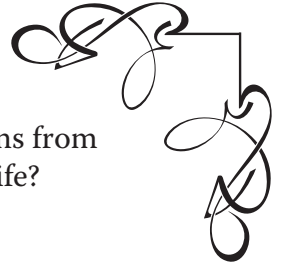
## Experience of the Man

What was Samson's life experience? Who were his father, mother, tribe, nation? What times did he live in? What are the significant periods of his life? What about his occupation, contemporaries or associates?



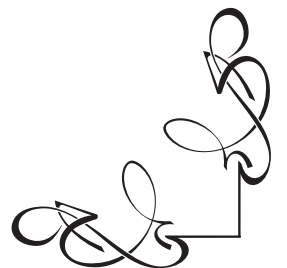
## **Spiritual Life**

What do you observe about Samson's prayer life, obedience, suffering, personal lessons from God, attitudes, responses and reactions? What growth or maturity do you see in his life?



## **Shortcomings**

Do you observe any weaknesses in Samson's life? What reason would you give for the presence of these weaknesses?







## **Accomplishments**

What strengths do you see in Samson's life and character? Are there any unique phrases used in describing him? How did his life bring glory to God?

## **Gospel and Kingdom**

What aspect(s) of the gospel message are revealed through Samson's life? What struggles did Samson experience as he lived under the rule and reign of God? How did Samson expand God's kingdom rule?

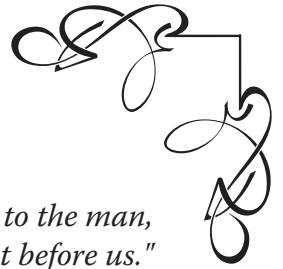


## Essential Truth

After studying Samson's life, why would you consider him a hero of the faith?  
In a few words state the essential truth that summarizes his life.

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to the woman; straight way all their past words and actions lie in light before us."*

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## LIFE Application

### Leading Lesson

As you look at Samson's life, what character quality is the leading lesson to you from his life?

### Impact on You

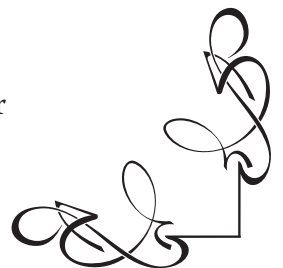
How does the leading lesson impact your life? What specific changes do you need to make to become a person of like character?

### Future Plans

What specific action(s) do you plan to take to grow in this character trait?

### Express Obedience

Write out a prayer below expressing to God your desire to be obedient in this area of your life.





# DEBORAH

## Meaning of Her Name

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In the Scriptures, the meaning of a person's name was significant and was often linked to their character. People's names were even changed because of a change in their character.

Deborah's name in Hebrew means "Honey Bee". In Wilson's Old Testament Word Studies, a bee is described as "a gregarious insect living under a kind of government of its own". The root word signifies "to order, lead and govern". How did Deborah live out the meaning of her name?

## Experience of the Woman

What was Deborah's life experience? Who were her father, mother, husband, tribe, nation? What times did she live in? What are the significant periods of her life? What about her occupation, contemporaries or associates?



## **Spiritual Life**

What do you observe about Deborah's prayer life, obedience, suffering, personal lessons from God, attitudes, responses and reactions? What growth or maturity do you see in her life?



## **Shortcomings**

Do you observe any weaknesses in Deborah's life? What reason would you give for the presence of these weaknesses?





## **Accomplishments**

What strengths do you see in Deborah's life and character? Are there any unique phrases used in describing her? How did her life bring glory to God?

## **Gospel and Kingdom**

What aspect(s) of the gospel message are revealed through Deborah's life? What struggles did Deborah experience as she lived under the rule and reign of God? How did Deborah expand God's kingdom rule?



## Essential Truth

After studying Deborah's life, why would you consider her a hero of the faith?  
In a few words state the essential truth that summarizes her life.

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to the woman; straight way all their past words and actions lie in light before us."*

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## LIFE Application

### Leading Lesson

As you look at Deborah's life, what character quality is the leading lesson to you from her life?

### Impact on You

How does the leading lesson impact your life? What specific changes do you need to make to become a person of like character?

### Future Plans

What specific action(s) do you plan to take to grow in this character trait?

### Express Obedience

Write out a prayer below expressing to God your desire to be obedient in this area of your life.



# JONATHAN

## Meaning of His Name

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In the Scriptures, the meaning of a person's name was significant and was often linked to their character. People's names were even changed because of a change in their character. Jonathan's name in Hebrew means "Jehovah has given" or "God's gracious gift". In what ways is Jonathan a gift from God to David, to Saul, to the people of Israel?

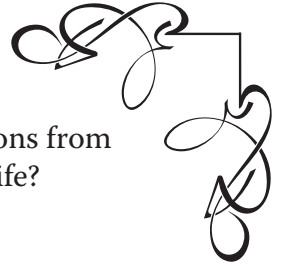
## Experience of the Man

What was Jonathan's life experience? Who were his father, mother, tribe, nation? What times did he live in? What are the significant periods of his life? What about his occupation, contemporaries or associates?



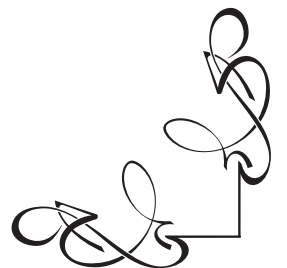
## **Spiritual Life**

What do you observe about Jonathan's prayer life, obedience, suffering, personal lessons from God, attitudes, responses and reactions? What growth or maturity do you see in his life?

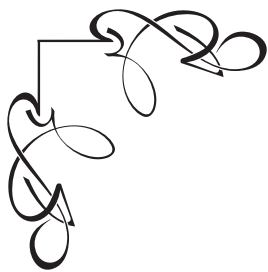


## **Shortcomings**

Do you observe any weaknesses in Jonathan's life? What reason would you give for the presence of these weaknesses?







## **Accomplishments**

What strengths do you see in Jonathan's life and character? Are there any unique phrases used in describing him? How did his life bring glory to God?

## **Gospel and Kingdom**

What aspect(s) of the gospel message are revealed through Jonathan's life? What struggles did Jonathan experience as he lived under the rule and reign of God? How did Jonathan expand God's kingdom rule?



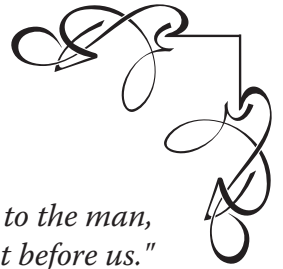
## Essential Truth

After studying Jonathan's life, why would you consider him a hero of the faith?

In a few words state the essential truth that summarizes his life.

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*Ralph Waldo Emerson*



## LIFE Application

### Leading Lesson

As you look at Jonathan's life, what character quality is the leading lesson to you from his life?

### Impact on You

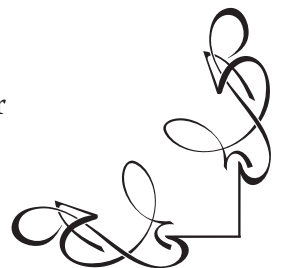
How does the leading lesson impact your life? What specific changes do you need to make to become a person of like character?

### Future Plans

What specific action(s) do you plan to take to grow in this character trait?

### Express Obedience

Write out a prayer below expressing to God your desire to be obedient in this area of your life.





# ABIGAIL

## Meaning of Her Name

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In the Scriptures, the meaning of a person's name was significant and was often linked to their character. People's names were even changed because of a change in their character.

Abigail's name in Hebrew means "My father is joy". How did God use Abigail to bring joy to David and to the Lord God?

## Experience of the Woman

What was Abigail's life experience? Who were her father, mother, husband, tribe, nation? What times did she live in? What are the significant periods of her life? What about her occupation, contemporaries or associates?



## **Spiritual Life**

What do you observe about Abigail's prayer life, obedience, suffering, personal lessons from God, attitudes, responses and reactions? What growth or maturity do you see in her life?



## **Shortcomings**

Do you observe any weaknesses in Abigail's life? What reason would you give for the presence of these weaknesses?





## **Accomplishments**

What strengths do you see in Abigail's life and character? Are there any unique phrases used in describing her? How did her life bring glory to God?

## **Gospel and Kingdom**

What aspect(s) of the gospel message are revealed through Abigail's life? What struggles did Abigail experience as she lived under the rule and reign of God? How did Abigail expand God's kingdom rule?



## Essential Truth

After studying Abigail's life, why would you consider her a hero of the faith?

In a few words state the essential truth that summarizes her life.

*"All persons are puzzles until at last we find in some word or act the key to the man, to the woman; straight way all their past words and actions lie in light before us."*

**Ralph Waldo Emerson**

## LIFE Application

### Leading Lesson

As you look at Abigail's life, what character quality is the leading lesson to you from her life?

### Impact on You

How does the leading lesson impact your life? What specific changes do you need to make to become a person of like character?

### Future Plans

What specific action(s) do you plan to take to grow in this character trait?

### Express Obedience

Write out a prayer below expressing to God your desire to be obedient in this area of your life.

# THE PROVERBS 31 WOMAN

## Meaning of Her Name

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In the Scriptures, the meaning of a person's name was significant and was often linked to their character. People's names were even changed because of a change in their character. What is the name of a woman who is a model of the Proverbs 31 woman to you? In what way(s) is/was she like the Proverbs 31 woman?

## Experience of the Woman

What was this woman's life experience? Who were her father, mother, husband, tribe, nation? What times did she live in? What are the significant periods of her life? What about her occupation, contemporaries or associates?



## **Spiritual Life**

What do you observe about this woman's prayer life, obedience, suffering, personal lessons from God, attitudes, responses and reactions? What growth or maturity do you see in her life?



## **Shortcomings**

Do you observe any weaknesses in this woman's life? What reason would you give for the presence of these weaknesses?







## **Accomplishments**

What strengths do you see in this woman's life and character? Are there any unique phrases used in describing her? How does her life bring glory to God?

## **Gospel and Kingdom**

What aspect(s) of the gospel message are revealed through this woman's life? What struggles does she experience as she lives under the rule and reign of God? How does this woman expand God's kingdom rule?



## Essential Truth

After studying the Proverbs 31 woman's life, why would you consider her a hero of the faith?  
In a few words state the essential truth that summarizes her life.

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to the woman; straight way all their past words and actions lie in light before us."*

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## LIFE Application

### Leading Lesson

As you look at the Proverbs 31 woman's life, what character quality is the leading lesson to you from her life?

### Impact on You

How does the leading lesson impact your life? What specific changes do you need to make to become a person of like character?

### Future Plans

What specific action(s) do you plan to take to grow in this character trait?

### Express Obedience

Write out a prayer below expressing to God your desire to be obedient in this area of your life.

# ELIJAH

## Meaning of His Name

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In the Scriptures, the meaning of a person's name was significant and was often linked to their character. People's names were even changed because of a change in their character. Elijah's name in Hebrew means "Jehovah is my God." How does Elijah challenge God's people to live with Jehovah as their God and live up to his name?

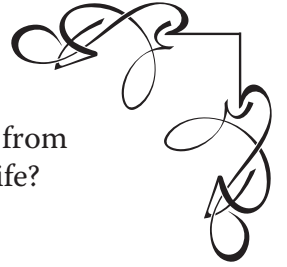
## Experience of the Man

What was Elijah's life experience? Who were his father, mother, tribe, nation? What times did he live in? What are the significant periods of his life? What about his occupation, contemporaries or associates?



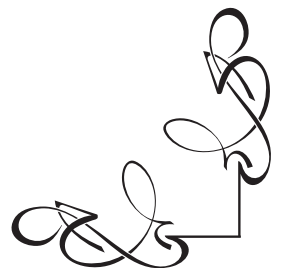
## **Spiritual Life**

What do you observe about Elijah's prayer life, obedience, suffering, personal lessons from God, attitudes, responses and reactions? What growth or maturity do you see in his life?



## **Shortcomings**

Do you observe any weaknesses in Elijah's life? What reason would you give for the presence of these weaknesses?





## **Accomplishments**

What strengths do you see in Elijah's life and character? Are there any unique phrases used in describing him? How did his life bring glory to God?

## **Gospel and Kingdom**

What aspect(s) of the gospel message are revealed through Elijah's life? What struggles did Elijah experience as he lived under the rule and reign of God? How did Elijah expand God's kingdom rule?

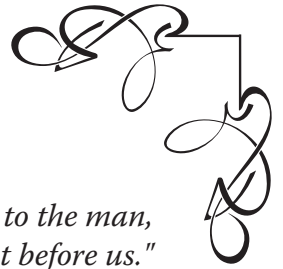


## Essential Truth

After studying Elijah's life, why would you consider him a hero of the faith?  
In a few words state the essential truth that summarizes his life.

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## LIFE Application

### Leading Lesson

As you look at Elijah's life, what character quality is the leading lesson to you from his life?

### Impact on You

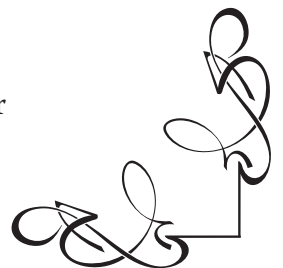
How does the leading lesson impact your life? What specific changes do you need to make to become a person of like character?

### Future Plans

What specific action(s) do you plan to take to grow in this character trait?

### Express Obedience

Write out a prayer below expressing to God your desire to be obedient in this area of your life.



# ELISHA

## Meaning of His Name

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In the Scriptures, the meaning of a person's name was significant and was often linked to their character. People's names were even changed because of a change in their character. Elisha's name in Hebrew means "My God is Salvation". In what ways did Elisha live up to meaning of his name?

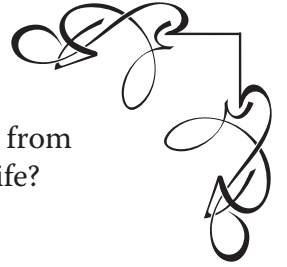
## Experience of the Man

What was Elisha's life experience? Who were his father, mother, tribe, nation? What times did he live in? What are the significant periods of his life? What about his occupation, contemporaries or associates?



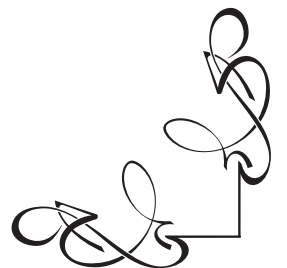
## Spiritual Life

What do you observe about Elisha's prayer life, obedience, suffering, personal lessons from God, attitudes, responses and reactions? What growth or maturity do you see in his life?



## Shortcomings

Do you observe any weaknesses in Elisha's life? What reason would you give for the presence of these weaknesses?







## **Accomplishments**

What strengths do you see in Elisha's life and character? Are there any unique phrases used in describing him? How did his life bring glory to God?

## **Gospel and Kingdom**

What aspect(s) of the gospel message are revealed through Elisha's life? What struggles did Elisha experience as he lived under the rule and reign of God? How did Elisha expand God's kingdom rule?

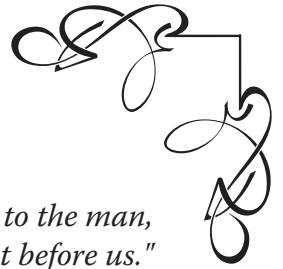


## Essential Truth

After studying Elisha's life, why would you consider him a hero of the faith?  
In a few words state the essential truth that summarizes his life.

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to the woman; straight way all their past words and actions lie in light before us."*

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## LIFE Application

### Leading Lesson

As you look at Elisha's life, what character quality is the leading lesson to you from his life?

### Impact on You

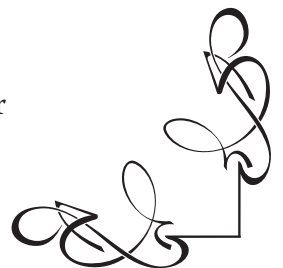
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### Future Plans

What specific action(s) do you plan to take to grow in this character trait?

### Express Obedience

Write out a prayer below expressing to God your desire to be obedient in this area of your life.





# JONAH

## Meaning of His Name

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In the Scriptures, the meaning of a person's name was significant and was often linked to their character. People's names were even changed because of a change in their character. Jonah's name in Hebrew means "dove". In what ways was Jonah like a dove in his willingness to encounter opposition? The dove is a symbol of peace how does Jonah struggle with being at peace with God and others?

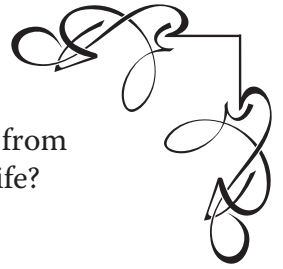
## Experience of the Man

What was Jonah's life experience? Who were his father, mother, tribe, nation? What times did he live in? What are the significant periods of his life? What about his occupation, contemporaries or associates?



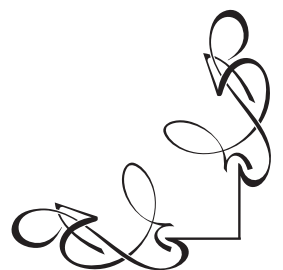
## **Spiritual Life**

What do you observe about Jonah's prayer life, obedience, suffering, personal lessons from God, attitudes, responses and reactions? What growth or maturity do you see in his life?



## **Shortcomings**

Do you observe any weaknesses in Jonah's life? What reason would you give for the presence of these weaknesses?





## **Accomplishments**

What strengths do you see in Jonah's life and character? Are there any unique phrases used in describing him? How did his life bring glory to God?

## **Gospel and Kingdom**

What aspect(s) of the gospel message are revealed through Jonah's life? What struggles did Jonah experience as he lived under the rule and reign of God? How did Jonah expand God's kingdom rule?

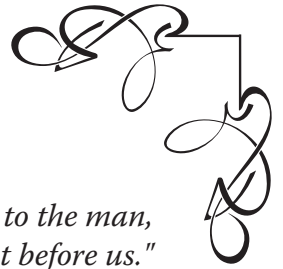


## Essential Truth

After studying Jonah's life, why would you consider him a hero of the faith?  
In a few words state the essential truth that summarizes his life.

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## LIFE Application

### Leading Lesson

As you look at Jonah's life, what character quality is the leading lesson to you from his life?

### Impact on You

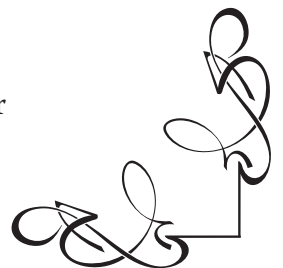
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### Future Plans

What specific action(s) do you plan to take to grow in this character trait?

### Express Obedience

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# HOSEA

## Meaning of His Name

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In the Scriptures, the meaning of a person's name was significant and was often linked to their character. People's names were even changed because of a change in their character. Hosea's name in Hebrew means "Salvation". How does Hosea live up to his name and live out the meaning of salvation?

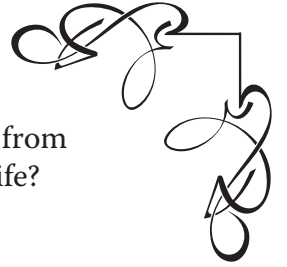
## Experience of the Man

What was Hosea's life experience? Who were his father, mother, tribe, nation? What times did he live in? What are the significant periods of his life? What about his occupation, contemporaries or associates?



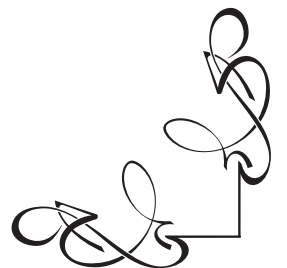
## **Spiritual Life**

What do you observe about Hosea's prayer life, obedience, suffering, personal lessons from God, attitudes, responses and reactions? What growth or maturity do you see in his life?

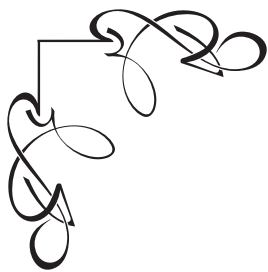


## **Shortcomings**

Do you observe any weaknesses in Hosea's life? What reason would you give for the presence of these weaknesses?







## Accomplishments

What strengths do you see in Hosea's life and character? Are there any unique phrases used in describing him? How did his life bring glory to God?

## Gospel and Kingdom

What aspect(s) of the gospel message are revealed through Hosea's life? What struggles did Hosea experience as he lived under the rule and reign of God? How did Hosea expand God's kingdom rule?

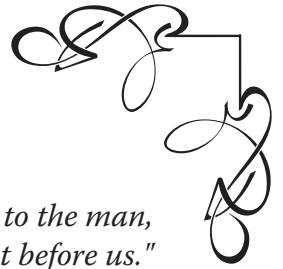


## Essential Truth

After studying Hosea's life, why would you consider him a hero of the faith?  
In a few words state the essential truth that summarizes his life.

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## LIFE Application

### Leading Lesson

As you look at Hosea's life, what character quality is the leading lesson to you from his life?

### Impact on You

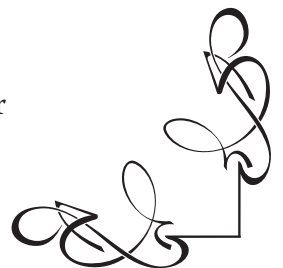
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### Future Plans

What specific action(s) do you plan to take to grow in this character trait?

### Express Obedience

Write out a prayer below expressing to God your desire to be obedient in this area of your life.



# EZRA

## Meaning of His Name

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In the Scriptures, the meaning of a person's name was significant and was often linked to their character. People's names were even changed because of a change in their character. Ezra's name in Hebrew means "Help". How does Ezra bring help to God's people and live up to meaning of his name?

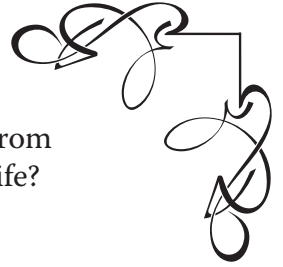
## Experience of the Man

What was Ezra's life experience? Who were his father, mother, tribe, nation? What times did he live in? What are the significant periods of his life? What about his occupation, contemporaries or associates?



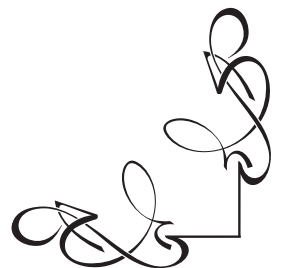
## **Spiritual Life**

What do you observe about Ezra's prayer life, obedience, suffering, personal lessons from God, attitudes, responses and reactions? What growth or maturity do you see in his life?



## **Shortcomings**

Do you observe any weaknesses in Ezra's life? What reason would you give for the presence of these weaknesses?





## **Accomplishments**

What strengths do you see in Ezra's life and character? Are there any unique phrases used in describing him? How did his life bring glory to God?

## **Gospel and Kingdom**

What aspect(s) of the gospel message are revealed through Ezra's life? What struggles did Ezra experience as he lived under the rule and reign of God? How did Ezra expand God's kingdom rule?

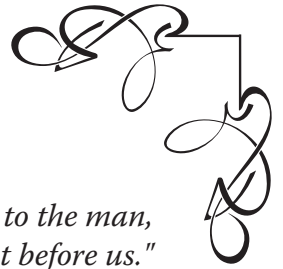


## Essential Truth

After studying Ezra's life, why would you consider him a hero of the faith?  
In a few words state the essential truth that summarizes his life.

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## LIFE Application

### Leading Lesson

As you look at Ezra's life, what character quality is the leading lesson to you from his life?

### Impact on You

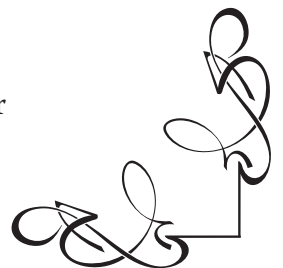
How does the leading lesson impact your life? What specific changes do you need to make to become a person of like character?

### Future Plans

What specific action(s) do you plan to take to grow in this character trait?

### Express Obedience

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*Key Passages:*

# THE Man:

## Meaning of His Name

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In the Scriptures, the meaning of a person's name was significant and was often linked to their character. People's names were even changed because of a change in their character. What is the significance of this man's name? (Use a Bible dictionary or encyclopedia to find out the meaning of his name. Or go to the website: [www.behindthename.com](http://www.behindthename.com)) In what ways does he live up to the meaning of his name?

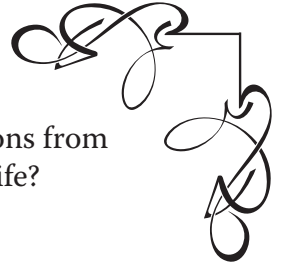
## Experience of the Man

What was this man's life experience? Who were his father, mother, tribe, nation? What times did he live in? What are the significant periods of his life? What about his occupation, contemporaries or associates?



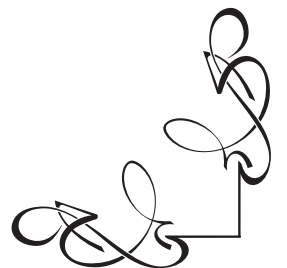
## **Spiritual Life**

What do you observe about this man's prayer life, obedience, suffering, personal lessons from God, attitudes, responses and reactions? What growth or maturity do you see in his life?

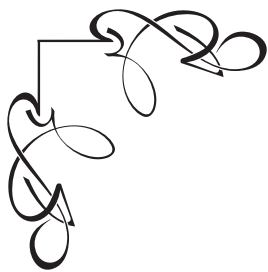


## **Shortcomings**

Do you observe any weaknesses in this man's life? What reason would you give for the presence of these weaknesses?







## **Accomplishments**

What strengths do you see in this man's life and character? Are there any unique phrases used in describing him? How did his life bring glory to God?

## **Gospel and Kingdom**

What aspect(s) of the gospel message are revealed through this man's life? What struggles did this man experience as he lived under the rule and reign of God? How did this man expand God's kingdom rule?

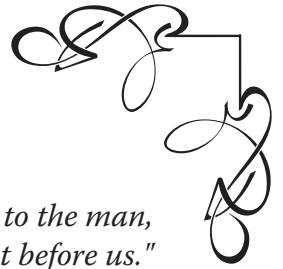


## Essential Truth

After studying this man's life, why would you consider him a hero of the faith?  
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## LIFE Application

### Leading Lesson

As you look at this man's life, what character quality is the leading lesson to you from his life?

### Impact on You

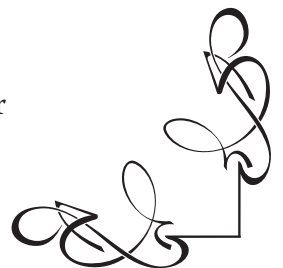
How does the leading lesson impact your life? What specific changes do you need to make to become a person of like character?

### Future Plans

What specific action(s) do you plan to take to grow in this character trait?

### Express Obedience

Write out a prayer below expressing to God your desire to be obedient in this area of your life.



# THE Woman:

## Meaning of Her Name

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In the Scriptures, the meaning of a person's name was significant and was often linked to their character. People's names were even changed because of a change in their character. What is the significance of this woman's name? (Use a Bible dictionary or encyclopedia to find out the meaning of her name. Or go to the website: [www.behindthename.com](http://www.behindthename.com)) In what ways does she live up to the meaning of her name?

## Experience of the Woman

What was this woman's life experience? Who were her father, mother, husband, tribe, nation? What times did she live in? What are the significant periods of her life? What about her occupation, contemporaries or associates?



## **Spiritual Life**

What do you observe about this woman's prayer life, obedience, suffering, personal lessons from God, attitudes, responses and reactions? What growth or maturity do you see in her life?



## **Shortcomings**

Do you observe any weaknesses in this woman's life? What reason would you give for the presence of these weaknesses?





## **Accomplishments**

What strengths do you see in this woman's life and character? Are there any unique phrases used in describing her? How did her life bring glory to God?

## **Gospel and Kingdom**

What aspect(s) of the gospel message are revealed through this woman's life? What struggles did this woman experience as she lived under the rule and reign of God? How did this woman expand God's kingdom rule?



## Essential Truth

After studying this woman's life, why would you consider her a hero of the faith?  
In a few words state the essential truth that summarizes her life.

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## LIFE Application

### Leading Lesson

As you look at this woman's life, what character quality is the leading lesson to you from her life?

### Impact on You

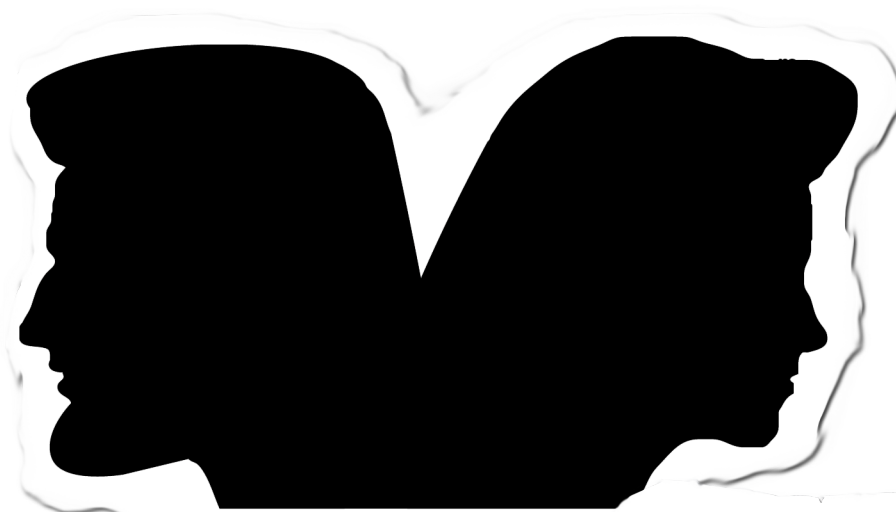
How does the leading lesson impact your life? What specific changes do you need to make to become a person of like character?

### Future Plans

What specific action(s) do you plan to take to grow in this character trait?

### Express Obedience

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YOU

## Meaning of Your Name

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Using a name book or a dictionary see if you can discover the meaning of your name or go online to: [www.behindthename.com](http://www.behindthename.com) What is the meaning of your name? What is the spiritual significance of your name? Select five passages in Scripture that communicate the meaning of your name. What will it mean for you to live up to your name?

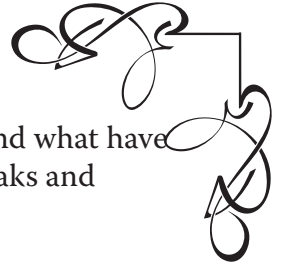
## Experiences in Your Life

What has been your life experience? How has your family influenced your life? What are the significant periods of your life? What people and events have most influenced you? Make a timeline or outline below that maps out your life experience.



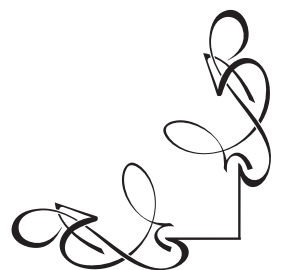
## Spiritual Life

What have been the key events in your spiritual life? Who has most influenced you and what have they taught you? Chart your spiritual life over the years out as a graph showing its peaks and valleys.

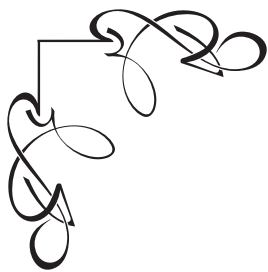


## Shortcomings

What weaknesses are you aware of in your life? What weaknesses have others pointed out to you? What area(s) are your key points of vulnerability?







## **Accomplishments**

What strengths do you see in your own life? What strengths have others communicated to you? In what ways have you seen God use your life? In what ways do you desire God to use you?

How has God been honored through your life? Are there any particular attributes of God that are especially revealed through your life? What is your concept of God and what is the quality of your relationship with Him?

## **Gospel and Kingdom**

What aspect(s) of the gospel message are revealed through your life? What struggles have you experienced as you have lived under the rule and reign of God? How has God expanded His kingdom through your life?



## Essential Truth

After considering your own life, how can you aspire to become a hero of the faith? What do you think is the essential character truth that you model with your life? List any verses below that are motivating to you to be an example of this particular characteristic.

*"All persons are puzzles until at last we find in some word or act the key to the man, to the woman; straight way all their past words and actions lie in light before us."*

*Ralph Waldo Emerson*

## LIFE Application

### Leading Lesson

What do you think is the leading lesson for you from this focus on the message of your life?

### Impact on You

How can this leading lesson impact your life? How should you live so that this message impacts the lives of others?

### Future Plans

What specific action(s) do you plan to take to grow in this character trait?

### Express Obedience

Write out a prayer below expressing to God your desire to be obedient and asking God to use you in the lives of others.