

WOMEN IN THE BIBLE

Small group Bible study



How many women in the Bible can you name? How well do you know their stories? What kind of leaders were they? What do they teach us by their examples?

Author and biblical scholar, Marina Hofman, PhD, showcases women in the Bible in this 8- or 16-part Bible study. Journey through each study independently or in a small group to discover how women in the Bible respond to challenges, take bold actions to bring about justice, and overcome significant social limitations. Explore what each character teaches us about **leadership, character, perseverance**, and the **important role of women** in God's plan of salvation.

Each chapter presents a **fresh perspective** and addresses **faithfulness, redemption, justice, friendship, and triumph through adversity**. The accompanying study guide to each women's story provides insights and key questions to encourage thoughtful reflection and lively conversation.

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Readers will be encouraged and inspired, and grow in their faith as they learn more about God's word!



Marina Hofman (PhD, theology) is an interdisciplinary scholar and award-winning writer known for fresh insights and engaging style. Her approach to the Bible inspires readers to personally connect with the stories of women in the Bible. She has a joyful spirit that inspires faith and hope in others and is a survivor of a life-threatening trauma. Marina is a faculty member at Palm Beach Atlantic University and published in the fields of biblical studies, theology, psychology, trauma, education, ministry, and ethics.

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“This in-depth study carries the timeless truth of the incredible value God places on women and their significance in the message of the gospel. Within these pages Marina captivates the reader by highlighting the eternal truth that the Word of God is inspiring and alive. The rich theology will equip you with vital ‘information,’ while the reflection and meditation questions will take you on a journey of ‘transformation.’”

JULIE MULLINS, SENIOR PASTOR, CHRIST FELLOWSHIP, FLORIDA

“The Bible testifies that women have played, and will continue to play, an essential role in God’s loving plan of salvation. Marina Hofman’s Bible study series makes accessible to Christians of all denominations, and, indeed, to all searchers after truth, a way of growing in appreciation of that important truth through an insightful small group Bible sharing format. As a Catholic priest and a Missionary of Mercy, I especially enjoy Marina’s engaging invitation to meditate on the role that Mary plays in God’s plan.”

FATHER BILL TRUSZ, PARISH PRIEST AND MISSIONARY OF MERCY

“Marina Hofman, PhD, is a lover of God, of truth, of knowledge and understanding, and of people. She cares deeply about equipping people in their full identity available through God in Christ, and especially on behalf of women. Hofman is a gift to the world and to all who hunger for deeper knowledge of the truth that sets us free.”

COLONEL JANET MUNN, DMIN, DIRECTOR OF THE SALVATION ARMY INTERNATIONAL SOCIAL JUSTICE COMMISSION

“Marina Hofman is the Bible teacher and spiritual mentor we all wish we had. Women in the Bible provides a fresh approach by this seasoned disciple-maker to unlock the scriptural truths of our spiritual mothers. I believe every woman who gathers a few friends and dives into this study will be encouraged, inspired, and transformed.”

KADI COLE, AUTHOR OF “DEVELOPING FEMALE LEADERS”

“This much needed Bible study series opens up the stories of women in the Bible in new and life-giving ways. Hofman’s skills as a careful reader of Scripture stand behind her analysis of each character. Her probing questions push us to think about the significance of the stories of our biblical foremothers for our lives today. This book will be a very helpful resource for small group studies within the church.”

MARION TAYLOR, PHD, PLD TESTAMENT PROFESSOR, WYCLIFFE COLLEGE, UNIVERSITY OF TORONTO





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“This beautifully written Bible study on women in the Bible is inspirational, insightful, and practical. Hofman begins each study by raising relevant and meaningful questions that aid the reader in making careful observations on the biblical text. These interpretive questions are followed by a well-crafted and thoughtful reflection section that is both insightful and practical. She concludes each study with meditative prayers as a heartfelt response to the story. Hofman does not shy away from raising challenging questions regarding ambiguities and ethical dilemmas seen in some of the narratives, regarding deception, oppression, and injustices, and how the women navigate such difficult challenges. Hofman’s perceptive conclusions about the women’s courage and faith in the face of incredible obstacles and suffering are profound and relevant. Her study demonstrates well how these biblical stories contain life-affirming and hope-filled messages for us today. Readers of this Bible study will discover many gems, inspiring hope, faith, and encouragement.”

REBECCA G. S. IDESTROM, PHD, ASSOCIATE PROFESSOR OF OLD TESTAMENT, TYNDALE SEMINARY OF TYNDALE UNIVERSITY

“Hofman offers a Bible study for women that creates meaningful encounters with women in the Bible whom she presents as dynamic leaders. Through insightful questions, she creates a living experience of stories that encourage us and provide life patterns. We are encouraged by women seeing God coming through in the midst of challenging situations, overcoming obstacles and challenges, and experiencing blessing. We find models for taking risky or bold action, showing self-sacrificial love, waiting patiently for God to answer prayer, influencing and leading people, and being Christ to others.”

CYNTHIA LONG WESTFALL, PHD, ASSOCIATE PROFESSOR OF NEW TESTAMENT, MCMASTER DIVINITY COLLEGE, AND AUTHOR OF “PAUL AND GENDER”

“I thank God for giving me the opportunity to meet a woman who has blessed and edified my life. Marina Hofman is a woman with firm convictions in God and has put forth her life, abilities, gifts, and talents for the edification of others. By her call to serve and share what has been entrusted to her, Marina was the first professor at A.B. Simpson Missionary Training Center, regardless of the language and conditions that were lacking at the early stages. She is dedicated to the service of others to plant seeds that have grown into the life of the call of missionaries. Marina was the first conference speaker at the first Impact of Women, leaving a mark on the lives of the women. God has called her and she has responded to the call to be an instrument in God's hands and has opened the way for others to be blessed. I truly believe this Bible study is an incredible resource for women all throughout the Americas and beyond! I can't wait to see what's to come as a result of this project!”

SONIA SANCHEZ, SENIOR PASTOR AND DIRECTOR FOR FEMALE PASTORS, CHRISTIAN AND MISSIONARY ALLIANCE, COLOMBIA, SOUTH AMERICA