

The Proverbs 31 Woman – NOT!

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Through this refreshing look at the Proverbs 31 woman, Joan helps all of us understand and live fully in the peace and grace of God, rooted in the truth that it is His ability, not our failures and faults, that help us navigate our way into becoming all that He desired for us to be!



Clearly spoken... slowly and deliberately unfolded, Joan presents this message of encouragement with understanding and authority! And, it's fleshed it out using some very familiar women of the Bible:

Eve – 1st woman/wife/mother/failure: Catalyst for sin, buried her own child... son, killed by her other son. Yet, not bitter.

Sarah – An impatient faith yet, 1 Peter 3:5-6 points to her as the example of a godly wife!

Rebekah – Playing favorites. Manipulates Isaac through Jacob. “Let the curse fall on me!” Takes on the role of deceiver and draws the curse to herself and her family. Family disintegrates! No clear happy ending on earth for her... flawed parents, yet God’s grace covers!

Rachel – Soap-opera... wives bartering over sleep rights! Jealousy grows to the point they kill their own brother. Yet, 3 remaining tribes still remain from the fruit of her womb!

(Unnamed wife of Manoah) Judges 13:2-5 – You are sterile and childless, but – an angelic visit! And, God blesses and she conceives. She follows ALL God’s instruction yet, things go wrong. Samson’s carnalness and disregard for God’s call & anointing... his carnalness, lust, pride, disregard for wisdom overcome him. Yet, God’s grace extended even here. Samson is listed among the Hebrews of faith in Hebrews 11.

Other women in Scripture – Some come close to Proverbs 31. Others, don’t come close.

One more NT woman... even Mary, went along with her sons wanting Jesus to “tone it down.” (Mk 3:20). Even she didn’t always get it right. It gives us all hope.

Speaking to my own life... I can attest to my many faults and flaws... to forgive bad things from my own childhood and to see my own mom & dad as flawed individuals battling their own childhood hurts. And this forgiveness allowed me to take care of my dad as he was dying and lead him to Christ! And that same forgiveness extends now to my mom as she’s aging and has dementia. As Samson’s mom, seeing a child go her own way for many years before returning and following the Lord as a wife and mom... a daughter kept far from us because of an abusive husband and learning to persist in prayer and keep my heart open for her eventual return and took 4 long years and almost cost her life... 40 years of marriage too!

Sometimes we do the right thing for the wrong reason or the wrong thing for the right reason... because we think everyone, including God, needs our help. These real women of the Bible help to “un-airbrush” and “un-photo shop” our Proverbs 31 woman and help us to navigate our way into becoming what God desire us to be!