



10 WOMEN

INSPIRATIONAL WOMEN FROM THE BIBLE

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As Total Woman celebrates 10 years of encouraging, motivating, and propelling women into their destinies; here's 10 Total Women from the Bible, with tips to aid us in our quest to remain as 'Total Women'.

How many would meekly accept an angel's word, as a virgin, telling us we were going to get pregnant – at the expense of our fiancé and the whole world questioning our morals and fidelity?

MARY

Mary not only accepted the Word; she saw her son – our Saviour – through persecution, temptation from the devil, and eventual crucifixion, right through to resurrection! Total Women obey God unconditionally.

RUTH

Ruth refused to walk away from her destiny, sticking to a walk of faith with Naomi which led her to a great inheritance. It's easier to walk away; Total Women endure during tough times.

ESTHER

At the risk of being killed by the King, Esther never lost her trust in God, nor forgot where she was coming from. How many of us begrudge relatives or friends who need our help? Total Women, when placed in positions of power, remember their roots.

SARAH

Sarah, the Mother of Nations, waited for decades for Isaac – yet hoped and trusted God until fruition. Total Women never give up despite overwhelming evidence to the contrary.

ABIGAIL

Abigail was a wise woman. Nabal had done the 'man thing' and provoked David into his common pastime, i.e. seeking vengeance. Yet Abigail, despite her wisdom, recognised that without her husband she was nothing, and quickly and

discreetly set out to stop David from killing him. Behind every man, there's a wise Total Woman!

RAHAB

Rahab, a prostitute and outcast took a step of faith which not only saved her life, but catapulted her from shame into the lineage of Jesus Christ. Total Women, despite our backgrounds, focus on making the future good rather than trying to redeem an irreparable past.

MARY MAGDALENE

Mary Magdalene was delivered from 7 whole demons, yet still allowed herself to be used of God; following him from crucifixion to burial; and being a witness of His resurrection. Total Women are 'Comeback Kids', we fall and yet rise over and over again.

ELIZABETH

Despite having walked 'blamelessly' before God, Elizabeth was childless for a season; yet still chose to serve God with all her heart. She never wavered in her love for Christ, and kept praying for God to meet her need for a seed until he answered. What a reward for her faith – who wouldn't want John the Baptist as a Son? Total Women love God, whatever the circumstance.

HANNAH

Hannah, repeatedly mocked by Peninnah, refused to be side-tracked, instead, throwing her soul at the altar, crying to God until He heard her. She not only prayed, but promised God to give back to Him what she was so desperately seeking, i.e. the child. She didn't go back on her word either! Total Women are never overwhelmed by circumstances; we live by faith and faith alone.

DEBORAH

Deborah, unusually, was a leader amongst men. She led with honour, whilst maintaining a marriage and home. Total Women are multi-talented. We have the God-given ability to excel in everything God has laid our hands to do.