

# Lessons

## 2 Introduction *Women seeking justice*

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Teaching helps

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### Lesson 1 *Ruth & Naomi*

Ruth and Naomi demonstrate how two women who are seen as vulnerable and powerless can work together to ensure justice for themselves and for God's people.

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### Lesson 4 *Tamar (David's daughter)*

The violent story of Tamar provides a glimpse into the internal devastation experienced by victims of sexual violence and exploitation, and challenges us to call out for justice.

### 34 Lesson 5 *Esther & Vashti*

The self-respect, dignity, and courage exhibited by Esther and Vashti constitute a call to action for all of us to stand up for equality for women and all humanity.

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### Lesson 7 *Rachel & Leah*

The stories of Rachel and Leah demonstrate again and again that God deeply loves these women who manage to create power for themselves, their family, and their future even in a society that gives them little power.

### 52 Lesson 8 *Hannah & Elizabeth*

When the experience of barrenness places Hannah and Elizabeth on the margins of their societies, they remain faithful and use their experiences to shape God's ongoing story of justice.

### 18 Lesson 3 *Jephthah's daughter*

### 12 Lesson 2 *Bathsheba*

Bathsheba is a biblical woman who refuses to be silenced as she transforms from a victim to a powerful woman who rights some of the wrongs she has endured.

Although she is unnamed, the story of Jephthah's daughter reminds us that the most difficult stories of the Bible are best interpreted through a lens of life-giving justice.

### 40 Lesson 6 *Sarah & Hagar*

The story of Sarah and Hagar demonstrates that despite theological and interpersonal challenges, God's justice invites us to live from the transforming and liberating possibilities of respect, forgiveness, and hope.

