

Women of the Bible (Old Testament)

Stories of Faith

Note: Original manuscripts were done by the performers who were going to be the characters below. The theme was how God was faithful to each of these women. What follows is a guide that can be used, but I encourage you to have the performers tailor the script to their style and interpretation within reason. Scripts should be about 5 minutes each.

Eve (Based on Genesis 2,3)

God created us perfect in the garden. It was a beautiful and wonderful place to live. The best part was that God himself came to talk with us every day. My husband and I were in charge of the garden and took care of it . God gave us guidance on how to care for the garden including asking us to stay away from one of the trees in the middle of the garden. One day I was in the middle of the garden and a serpent asked me about the tree, I told him that God told us not to eat from it. Next thing I knew the serpent had talked me into eating the fruit. I took some and gave it my husband. That night when we heard God calling for us we were afraid, but he came to us anyways. We placed a lot of blame and God told us for our own good that we'd have to leave the garden, but he told us that he would come back for us some day. Now, we live with heartache and backbreaking labor, day in and a day out. We struggle just to get food from the ground. I know that we messed up but I know that God is a faithful God and that he will fulfill his promise to come get us one day.

Song: Anchor of Hope: Ellie Holcomb

Rebekah (Based on Genesis 24)

I was at the well one day getting water for my sheep, when a man approached me about some water. Well, I immediately gave him water and could see that his camels could use some water too. So I offered to water his camels for him. After I did so that man was so excited that gave me bracelets and gold and asked about my family. I took him to see my father and brother. The man explained that his master Abraham had sent him on a mission to find a wife for his son Isaac. The man explained he'd prayed to God for a sign which was that some young woman would offer to water his camels when he asked for a cup of water. I had done that and now he was asking if I would be Isaac's wife. My family left it up to me, and I thought about it overnight. The next morning, I agreed to go. God has been so faithful to me to provide me with a kind and loving husband, Isaac.

Song- Faithful God: Shannone Wexelberg

Rahab (Based on Joshua 2)

I saw the two men in the city and I knew who they were. I know a lot about what happens in this city because of my line of work. I knew that everyone was afraid that the Israelites would come upon us. I motioned for the two men to follow me. "I know you are spies, but let me hide you. I believe in your God too." So I took the two spies and hide them upstairs. When the guards came they searched but never found them. I talked with the two spies and told them that the whole city is afraid of their God and what he will do. I also told them that I too believe in their God. I extracted a promise from the spies before sneaking them out of the city that they would come back to get me and my family. They told me that if I would hang this scarlet cord outside my window with my family inside we'd be saved. And I know that they will come back to get me and my family as they promised, because our God is faithful.

Song: Beautiful, Beautiful (acoustic version)- Francesa Battistelli

Naomi (Based on the book of Ruth)

I lost my husband about 10 years ago and now my two sons. This is my last time coming here to their graves. There is nothing in Moab for me anymore. The famine is over in Bethlehem. It is time to go back home. My two daughters-in-law, Orpah and Ruth, came with me. As we started our long journey back to Bethlehem, along the way I decided to send Orpah and Ruth back to their families. We talked, cried and cried some more. Then we said goodbyes. Orpah turned back to her people. It was so hard for me to see her go. But Ruth would not leave me. It was a long way back to Bethlehem. When I got home my friends were so glad to see me. I was glad to be home. Ruth and I talked about our need for food. Ruth said she would go out and glean in the barley fields. She worked in the fields belonging to Boaz. Ruth worked very hard until the end of the harvest. I told Ruth that she needed a husband to take care of her. I told her of a custom we have. I said this is what you must do and Ruth did as I said. When Boaz saw Ruth at his feet he knew what he had to do. Boaz went and redeemed the land that belonged to Mahlon, Ruth's husband. Then they were married. The Lord blessed Ruth and Boaz with a son. They named him Obed. I was so happy, as I took care of little Obed. The joy came back into my heart. Yes! I know my God is a faithful and loving God who is always with us no matter what happens in our life.

Song- Hallelujah- Bethany Dillon

Esther (Based on the book of Esther)

Of all the women, the king chose me. I had been through a long process with all the beautiful women of the land when the king was searching for a queen. Mordecai, my guardian, gave me advice that I would not be able to hide so I was taken to the palace. And now I am the queen with servants and all the food I could ever eat. One day Mordecai came to me very upset. He told me that Haman, the king's second in command, was going to have all the Jews killed. I

didn't understand and wondered why Mordecai would tell me this. He asked me to go before the king and plead for the lives of our people. I reminded him that anyone who goes before the king without a summons could be killed. Mordecai told me that I wouldn't escape this time even in the palace. Finally, I agreed to pray and fast about it. So pray and fast we did until I knew what I must do. I went to the king in fear and trembling, but he held out the scepter to me. I didn't want to tell him right away what I wanted so I invited him to a banquet and also Haman. I did this twice before I told him that Haman was going to kill me and my people. The king was enraged and had Haman killed. The king couldn't change his decree, but with Mordecai now second in command we came up with a new decree that allows us to defend ourselves against our enemies. Our God is a faithful God and we will be saved.

Ending song- You Move Me- Susan Ashton