



God Helps Women In Crisis and Shows Them Their Purposes in Life

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1. God Loves Women - God loves women so much and has designed women for fulfilling His purposes. Let's look at a few of the things He says about loving and valuing women.

a) "So God created man (*mankind*) in His own image; **in the image of God He created him; male and female He created them**" (Genesis 1:27). Women are valuable and are created in God's image! **b)** "Who can find a virtuous wife? For **her worth is far above rubies**" (Proverbs 41:10). A virtuous wife, and women, are more valuable than wealth! **c)** "Husbands, love your wives, **as Christ loved the church and gave himself up for her** (Ephesians 5:25). God compares the love He has for us to the self-sacrificing love that Christ has for all of us in His church!

2. If God loves women, why can some of us be in such difficult and unhappy situations? - That's a reasonable question. Life can give us many problems not of our making. Even if we are at fault, God still wants to help us. Let's look at women in the Bible in painful situations, who prayed, waited, and trusted God, until He helped them.

3. A Wife Who Was Unloved by Her Husband - Leah's father coerced her and tricked Jacob into marriage. Jacob thought he was marrying her sister (Rachel, who he also married a week later). Because of the situation, Jacob did not love Leah (Genesis 29:31). **How did God help Leah?** God couldn't force Jacob to love her, but He gave Leah 6 sons and 1 daughter. Her children gave her the love, joy, and comfort that she needed (Genesis 29-31). Also, it was God's purpose that her lineage would bring forth priests, kings, and Jesus Christ, the Savior of the World. Ask God to bring people into your life with whom you can share love, joy and comfort. Also ask Him to help you find His purposes for you.

4. Two Single Mothers Struggling with Financial Issues - The first mother was raising her child during a famine, she feared they'd starve to death (1 Kings 17:8-16). The second mother had bill collectors coming to sell her sons as slaves, to pay off her debt (2 Kings 4:1-7). **How did God help them?** God gave them both plans, helping them through their current problems and supported them afterwards. **Ask God** for plans, then do as He directs.

5. A Woman Rejected and Divorced by 5 Husbands - A woman previously had 5 husbands who all divorced her. Suffering from rejection and desperate for love, she was living with a man who wouldn't marry her. The other women rejected her, so she daily went to the well alone. **How did Jesus help her?** Jesus accepted her and chose her to tell her whole town that He was the Christ. His unconditional love, acceptance, and giving her a mission, built up her self-esteem, promoted her status, and helped many come to Christ for salvation (John 4:1-42). **Ask God** to help you bring others to Christ, fulfilling one of your purposes.

6. A Mother Who Couldn't Raise Her Child - Jochebed knew she couldn't raise her baby, because Pharaoh had commanded all baby boys be killed. After hiding him, she put him into God's hands. **How did God help her?** He gave her a plan to save her son's life, then convinced Pharaoh's daughter to adopt him (Exodus 2:1-8). The mother's purpose was to preserve her child's life. Moses' purpose was to free God's people from slavery (Exodus 3:10). What are your child's purposes? Make sure your child lives so those purposes are fulfilled.

7. A Good Wife Whose Husband Was Evil and Indulged in Alcohol - Abigail's husband was "harsh" and "evil." **How did God help Abigail?** For years, God gave her the grace and strength to live righteously so that she did not allow him to draw her down to his level. God also used her to protect her family from some of the consequences of his bad choices (1 Samuel 25). **Ask God** for grace and strength to maintain good character. The Bible did not indicate that he abused her. **If you are suffering abuse, call our church. We will help you get the protection, legal advice, and counseling you need. In an emergency, call 911.**

8. A Wife Whose Husband Had Other Women - Esther was orphaned during war. Then she was captured and brought to the capital of their enemies. Her beauty pleased the infidel king, so he married her. He kept his harem and his love faded for her. **How did God help Esther?** God had given her a godly uncle, Mordecai, who raised her and stayed with her. His wise counsel helped her make difficult decisions. God also gave her a plan. Though her husband had not called her for 30 days and she feared for her life, she obeyed God's plan, saving her people. Looking past her loneliness to the needs of others, Esther found God's purpose for her life (Esther 2-8). Jesus did say that we can divorce in cases of sexual immorality (Matthew 5:32). **Ask God** to lead you to get wise advice and help about your husband's infidelity. In addition, ask God to show you His purposes for you so you can fulfill them and be fulfilled. **Our church has pastors who are skilled in counseling. Contact us for an appointment.**

9. Some Women Were Deprived - Hannah couldn't have children. She asked God for a child and promised to dedicate him to the Lord. **How did God help?** He answered her prayer, she kept her promise, and He gave her more children (1 Samuel 1- 2). Some never do bear children. **How does God help them?** He shows them how to mentor and love many children (Isaiah 54:1-3). Some lose their loved ones. Naomi lost her husband and both sons. **How did God help her?** He gave her Ruth, her daughter-in-law, who loved and cared for her (Ruth 1:1-17). **Some Never Marry, Are Widows, or Never Remarry - How does God help them?** God becomes so close that He is their husband (Isaiah 54:4-8). **Ask God** to heal your grief and give your life purpose, so you can have a sense of fulfillment.

10. A Woman Sick for Many Years - A woman was sick for 12 years, no doctor could help her, and she was getting worse. She heard about Jesus, that He could heal, so she went to Him having faith that He would heal her (Matthew 9:20-22). **How Did Jesus help her?** He healed her and complimented her on her faith. Ask God to lead you to a church where you can be healed. **Our church has prayers for the sick on the last Sunday of the month.** You can come then, or call for an appointment, or come on any Sunday for prayer.

11. A Woman with Mental Issues - Mary Magdalene had seven demons (Luke 8:2). The Bible does not specify her symptoms, but with seven inside, she probably was suffering with physical, mental, and emotional issues. She could not escape the voices, the depression, the mental anguish, and the physical sicknesses and pains. She asked Jesus to cast them out. **How did Jesus help Mary Magdalene?** Jesus cast them out and healed all of her symptoms. He also allowed her to work in His ministry and be one of the first to announce His resurrection from the dead (Mark 16:1-11). **Ask God** to lead you to people who can lovingly minister to you and cast them out. **We have a deliverance ministry in our church. Call us so we can set up an appointment.** Once you are free, ask God to show you His purposes for your life.

12. You may have some of these very painful situations that these women had or you may have others. Our church has a ministry called, "Women Encouraging Women," that is helping many women. Contact our church for more information.

Jesus can help you through your situations. Do you know Jesus as your Lord and Savior? If not, here is a suggested prayer: "Jesus, please forgive me for all my sins and cleanse me from my sinful ways. I repent from trying to live my life, my way. Make me the kind of person You want me to be. I want to know Your purposes for me. Now, I receive You as my Lord and Savior. AMEN!" **Name** _____

Date _____ **Come to church, get baptized, and filled with the Holy Spirit!**

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