

Relevant Scriptures

FROM SHAME TO HONOR

Passage	Topic
Genesis 1:26-31	“So God created humankind in God’s image, in the image of God they were created, male and female God created them.”
Genesis 2:15-25	“And the man and his wife were both naked, and were not ashamed.”
1 Sam 2:8	“He raises up the poor from the dust; he lifts the needy from the ash heap, to make them sit with princes and inherit a seat of honor.”
Psalms 71:20-21	²⁰ You who have made me see many troubles and calamities will revive me again; from the depths of the earth you will bring me up again. ²¹ You will increase my honor, and comfort me once again.
Matthew 5:1-12	Beatitudes, Blessed are the poor in spirit, the meek, the persecuted, etc.
Mark 5:21-34	Jesus heals shame; the woman and the girl
Mark 5:1-20	Jesus heals shame; the demoniac, Legion, and the pigs
Luke 1:52-53	⁵² He has brought down the powerful from their thrones, and lifted up the lowly; ⁵³ he has filled the hungry with good things, and sent the rich away empty.
Luke 15:11-32	Parable of the Prodigal Son
John 4:1-42	Samaritan woman at the well
John 8:1-10	The woman caught in adultery
John 13:3-17	Jesus washes feet
Ephesians 2:1-10	“even when we were dead through our trespasses, God made us alive together with Christ”

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Ephesians 2:11-22	“So then you are no longer strangers and aliens, but you are citizens with the saints and also members of the household of God”
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Old Testament Narratives	Women Who Received Honor Out of Shame
Genesis 18 & 21	Sarah is barren, and in her 90's. God gives Sarah a son. She names him “Laughter!”
Genesis 29 & 30	Rachel is loved by Jacob, but is barren. God not only give her a son, but he is Joseph, the one who will save the clan of Jacob (Israel) in Egypt.
Genesis 38	Tamar) is married to Judah’s son. He dies before she has children. His brother is forced to marry her, but refuses to impregnate her, which keeps her outside the clan of Jacob (Israel). He dies. Judah refuses to bring her into the family. She surreptitiously gets Judah to lay with her, he doesn’t know it’s her, thinks it’s a prostitute. She becomes pregnant, proves it is Judah’s child and is incorporated into the clan. (she is honored in Jesus’ lineage, Matt. 1)
Joshua 2 & 6	Rahab is a prostitute in the city of Jericho. She’s heard of the Israelites being led by God and wants to be part of that movement. She houses Israeli spies, helps them escape and aids in the demise of Jericho by the Israelites. (she is honored in Jesus’ lineage, Matt. 1)
Ruth	Ruth is a Moabite widow. She loves her Jewish mother-in-law, Naomi, and wants to remain in the Jewish family. Naomi arranges an encounter with a distant cousin and she becomes the grandmother of King David. (she is honored in Jesus’ lineage, Matt. 1)
1 Samuel 1, 2:1-10, 18-21	Hannah is barren. She desperately prays for a child, God gives her a son, Samuel, the great prophet to the King... and several more children.

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1 Samuel 25:1-42

Abigail is married to Nabal, a nasty fellow. David is on the run, hiding from King Saul, who wants to kill him. David's army helps feed Nabal's men. When David needs food he sends messages to Nabal for him to reciprocate. Nabal refuses, and David is ready to kill him and his men. Abigail intervenes with food and pleas for Nabal's safety. When Nabal hears what she's done, he falls stricken and dies. Abigail becomes David's wife.

2 Samuel 12

Bathsheba is a Hittite, seen by King David, bathing on her roof. He takes her, impregnates her, and has her husband killed. He takes her as his queen. The child dies, but her second child is King Solomon. (she is honored in Jesus' lineage, Matt. 1)

Esther

Esther is living in Babylon with the exiled Jews. The King's counselor Haman, hates the Jews and wants them wiped out. He talks the king into passing laws that make all subjects bow to the King, or die. Esther's uncle convinces her to try out for the Miss Babylon pageant, the winner getting the prize of King's new wife. She wins. She uses her beauty and influence to overturn Haman's plot and saves her people.