

Five Bible Girls (God loves girls (and boys) and has a plan for them)

This lesson is especially about girls and I am sure it will be interesting for all the girls who are reading this. But I think boys will find this interesting too....so let us hear about **5 girls** who appear in the **Bible**.

1. **G** - The girl who was **GUILTY!**

"As we were going to the place of prayer, we were met by a slave girl who had a spirit of divination and brought her owners much gain by fortune-telling. She followed Paul and us, crying out, "These men are servants of the Most High God, who proclaim to you the way of salvation." (Acts 16:16 – 17)

Our first girl is the one who followed after Paul and Silas when they preached the Gospel in Philippi and shouted at them. She was under the control of the devil – and she was against God's messengers and God's message and she was sinful and **guilty**.

But we have no right to criticize her because we are all born sinful and we are all **guilty** because we have disobeyed God and many of us have turned our backs on God's message and what He wants to do for us.

2. **I** – The girl who was **INTERESTED!**

"Now the Syrians on one of their raids had carried off a little girl from the land of Israel, and she worked in the service of Naaman's wife. She said to her mistress, "Would that my lord were with the prophet who is in Samaria! He would cure him of his leprosy." So Naaman went in and told his lord, "Thus and so spoke the girl from the land of Israel." (2 Kings 5:2-4)

We do not know the name of our second girl, but we know that she was **interested** in God and in His Word because she had learned so much about Him in her home. We could also believe that she had come to trust God and serve Him.

But she was especially interested in her master Naaman and his problem. He had a terrible disease called leprosy and this girl told him (through his wife) that God could solve his problem. And God did just that.

Naaman was healed because of a girl who was interested in him. Are you **interested** in God? Have you trusted the Lord Jesus to be your Saviour from sin? Are you **interested** in other people's needs and willing to tell them how God can meet their needs?

3. **R** – The girl who was **RAISED!**

"And when Jesus had crossed again in the boat to the other side, a great crowd gathered about him, and he was beside the sea. Then came one of the rulers of the synagogue, Jairus by name, and seeing him, he fell at his feet and implored him earnestly, saying, "My little daughter is at the point of death. Come and lay your hands on her, so that she may be made well and live. And he went with him." (Mark 5:21 – 24) "They came to the house of the ruler of the synagogue, and Jesus saw a commotion, people weeping and wailing loudly. And when he had entered, he said to them, "Why are you making a commotion and weeping? The child is not dead but sleeping." And they laughed at him. But he put them all outside and took the child's father and mother and those who were with him and went in where the child was. Taking her by the hand he said to her, "Talitha cumi," which means, "Little girl, I say to you,

arise." And immediately the girl got up and began walking (for she was twelve years of age), and they were immediately overcome with amazement. And he strictly charged them that no one should know this, and told them to give her something to eat." (Mark 5: 38 – 43)

Our **third girl** was the daughter of an important man called Jairus. But Jairus' daughter was very sick and later died. Her father went to the Lord Jesus and told Him about her need. The Lord Jesus came to the house, took her by the hand and **raised** her from the dead. He was able to give her life.

If you are reading this and you have not trusted the Lord Jesus as your Saviour from sin, the Bible says that you are spiritually dead, but if you trust the Lord Jesus He will give you life – everlasting life!

4. **L** – The girl who was **LISTENING!**

"And when he knocked at the door of the gateway, a servant girl named Rhoda came to answer. Recognizing Peter's voice, in her joy she did not open the gate but ran in and reported that Peter was standing at the gate." (Acts 12:13-14)

Our **fourth girl** was called Rhoda. She was one of those who were praying for Peter and his release from prison. When Jesus Christ saves us He wants us to pray for others and their needs. It was Rhoda who heard the knock on the door of the house, who heard Peter's voice and believed that God had answered their prayers. She not only prayed but she looked and **listened** for God's answers to her prayers.

The other in the house did not at first believe that Peter was released from prison. It seemed impossible, but Rhoda **listened** and believed. As you pray, you need to look and **listen** for God's answer. And really believe that he can do the impossible.

5. **S** – The girl who was **STEADFAST!**

"But when she could no longer hide him, she got a basket made of papyrus reeds and waterproofed it with tar and pitch. She put the baby in the basket and laid it among the reeds along the bank of the Nile River. The baby's sister then stood at a distance, watching to see what would happen to him. (Exodus 2:3-4)

Our **last girl** was **steadfast**. Do you know what the word "steadfast" means? It means faithful and dependable. A person who is **steadfast** is one who can be trusted to do something – a person who will stand firm.

Our last girl, Miriam, the sister of Moses, was asked by her mother to guard and watch over the baby Moses when he lay as a helpless baby in the ark, the little floating basket beside the river Nile. And she obeyed her mother. She did her work well despite the risks involved. She was **steadfast**.

She watched over her little brother and when he was discovered by the princess it was Miriam who wisely suggested that she call someone to be the baby's nurse – and that someone was the baby's

mother! Miriam was faithful and **steadfast** and as a result Moses grew up to become the leader and deliverer of his people.

If you are reading this, are you faithful and dependable and steadfast like Miriam? Are you willing to do what God wants you to do – and obey Him?

I trust that you will ask the Holy Spirit to help you to be obedient to God and to be faithful and dependable and steadfast because the Holy Spirit is our Helper!

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