

THE WOMEN IN MY LIFE

INTRODUCTION

This book is dedicated to the women of our country, the United States of America, in these dark days of the 20th century, with all the confusion and clamor, and clutter surrounding us today. It is refreshing to study this subject of *"The Women in My Life."* It is not only that this book is dedicated to the women of our country, but also to the men and children of our country, for it is indeed a tremendous study of what the Lord Jesus Christ has to say and what He actually constitutes as a woman.

My wife, in the process of dying of cancer, opened the Word of God to me, before she went home to be with the Lord. She was instrumental in leading me to a saving knowledge of our Saviour, the Lord Jesus Christ. **But in addition to my salvation, she emphasized to me the importance of the Word of God.** As a result of her insistence of the constant study of the Word of God, I have after some 26 years of studying and teaching the Bible, seen something of importance of this subject, *"The Women in My Life."*

"The Women in My Life" are the different women found in the Bible to which my wife introduced me. In reading the life and the times of the various women in the Bible,

there are principles we can all apply to our own lives. As we study Ruth, Deborah, Esther, etc., we can see certain characteristics of true womanhood.

In light of what we have in our country today, the so-called "Women's Liberation Movement," and all the feminist movements, it is a beautiful picture, which the Lord portrays for us in His Word, of what a woman really is. I have found after studying the various *"Women in My Life,"* that the way in which Ruth, Deborah and the others have affected my life, I have come to the conclusion that the women in the Bible are all seen in the characteristics of my wife who died of cancer, and her desire for me to become a believer in the Lord Jesus Christ. These *"Women in My Life"* are really seen in the woman who lead me to the Lord. I have also seen and have been under the influence of these same characteristics found in the women in the Bible in the two churches that I have founded and in another church where I was at one time the assistant pastor.

Did you ever meet any of these *"Women in My Life?"* As you study, maybe you will come to know them as I have, and then you will know what my wife was like.

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It is interesting that when the Bible is taught, usually it is topical and consequently you do not get the “full counsel.” Most times you hear messages about David, Moses, Joshua, Paul, Peter, John, etc. Very rarely are the women in Scripture ever studied or taught or examined in the light of the Word of God.

Yet it is very interesting that the real you, the soul, is feminine in gender in the Bible, which of necessity is designed for you to respond to the Lord, a built in response in the soul to the Lord, the Saviour and Creator.

In fact, we are called “the Body of Christ” and we will be called “the Bride of Christ” which is another reference to response and

femininity. Throughout Scripture we find God, Christ and believers recognized as Husband and wives, and that is why we are challenged in marriage to take the biblical position of Christ in marriage, “Husbands love your wives as Christ loved the Church and gave Himself for it.”

As we study these “*Women in My Life*,” you will be surprised at the things you can learn from these ladies. See if they don't add some to your Christian way of life. For in Proverbs 8 “wisdom” is female in gender.

Salute Priscilla, Deborah, Ruth, the Syrophenician woman, Phoebe, Tryphena and Tryphusa, Persis, Mary and the alabaster box, the Samaritan woman.....