

Five Unlikely Women

Matthew 1:1-17

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God's ways are not our ways:

Rejoice always, pray continually, give thanks in all circumstances; for this is God's will for you in Christ Jesus.

Old Testament heroes:

- ❖ Abraham, Isaac and Jacob
- ❖ Judah
- ❖ Boaz – Ruth's kinsman redeemer
- ❖ King David
- ❖ Hezekiah and Josiah – rare good kings
- ❖ Zerubbabel

Old Testament villains:

- ❖ Judah
- ❖ Manasseh

Who is missing?

- ❖ Sarah
- ❖ Rebekah
- ❖ Rachel

Highlighted women:

- ❖ Tamar
- ❖ Rahab
- ❖ Ruth
- ❖ Bathsheba
- ❖ Mary

Matthew 1:3

Judah the father of Perez and Zerah, whose
mother was Tamar,

Perez the father of Hezron

Matthew 1:5-6

Salmon the father of Boaz, whose mother was Rahab,

Boaz the father of Obed, whose mother was Ruth,

Obed the father of Jesse,

and Jesse the father of King David.

Matthew 1:6

And Jesse the father of King David.

David was the father of Solomon, whose mother had
been Uriah's wife,

Matthew 1:16

and Jacob the father of Joseph, the husband of Mary, and Mary was the mother of Jesus who is called the Messiah.

Mary, Mother of God

- ❖ Young, not old
- ❖ Female, not male
- ❖ Poor, not rich

God's ways are not our ways:

- ❖ The importance / value of women is not determined by a sexist culture.
- ❖ A checkered past does not disqualify you from usefulness to God.
- ❖ It was always God's plan to include Gentiles.

Are you being called?

- ❖ To receive Christ
- ❖ To become a member of Melbourne Community Church
- ❖ To pray / to receive prayer
- ❖ To affirm or reaffirm a commitment
- ❖ To receive the LORD's Supper