



Miriam, Moses' & Aaron's Sister

Miriam is one of those female role models in the Bible that modern-day women have to admire. Throughout her recorded life, Miriam repeatedly displayed a level of boldness in speaking her mind that we don't often get to glimpse in the pages of Scripture from the more *genteel* gender. As a girl growing up on the banks of the Nile, we witnessed Miriam's quick-thinking as she boldly approached Pharaoh's daughter, speaking on behalf of her baby brother. On the shores of the Red Sea after God delivered Israel out of Egypt's hand, we watch Miriam's uninhibited worship & praise of her savior God. Like her famous brother, Miriam exhibited leadership qualities that encouraged others to follow her. (She is even a named leader of Israel!) Even as an older woman, Miriam continued to exercise her characteristic boldness as she spoke out against Moses' choice of bride.

Miriam's boldness of speech undoubtedly brought her personal praise throughout her life. When focused in the right direction, it served as a conduit of blessing to those she led. Misdirected, it brought shame and disgrace as we see in her later life.

Like many we meet in the pages of the Bible, boldness of speech can lead down a pathway to personal problems, heartache and destruction if not surrendered entirely and continuously to God.

1. What captures your attention about Miriam in the passages you read today?

Day 1

Read

Exodus 2:1-10

Exodus 15:1-21

Numbers 12:1-15; 20:1;
26:59

Deuteronomy 24:8-9

Micah 6:4

1 Chronicles 6:1-3

2. Research and describe the world in which Miriam lived.

1. Write a character sketch of Miriam based on what is revealed about her life, her choices and her actions from your reading. (Think: character qualities)

Day 2

Reread

Exodus 2:1-10

Exodus 15:1-21

Numbers 12:1-15; 20:1;
26:59

Deuteronomy 24:8-9

Micah 6:4

1 Chronicles 6:1-3

1. List the pivotal points in Miriam's life. How did she respond to each?

Day 3

Reread

Exodus 2:1-10

Exodus 15:1-21

Numbers 12:1-15; 20:1;
26:59

Deuteronomy 24:8-9

Micah 6:4

1 Chronicles 6:1-3

2. What can we learn from Miriam's life and example?

1. In what ways do you relate to Miriam's story?

Day 4

Reread:

Exodus 2:1-10

Exodus 15:20-21

Numbers 12

Numbers 20:1-2

2. What is God showing you through Miriam's story?

1. What overall theme(s) do you see in Miriam's life?

2. Cross-reference verses that speak to one or more themes listed above.

Day 5

Reread

Exodus 2:1-10

Exodus 15:1-21

Numbers 12:1-15; 20:1;
26:59

Deuteronomy 24:8-9

Micah 6:4

1 Chronicles 6:1-3

3. Write a third-person introduction to Miriam based on your personal application(s) from this week.