

THE SPIRIT OF OUR FOREMOTHERS

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These are two foremothers we should not behave like.

1) Foremother Mariam

Numbers 12:1-2

- 1 And Miriam and Aaron spake against Moses because of the Ethiopian woman whom he had married: for he had married an Ethiopian woman.
- *Mariam is upset that Moses married an Ethiopian woman
- 2 And they said, Hath the LORD indeed spoken only by Moses? hath he not spoken also by us? And the LORD heard it.
- * Meriam asked if God was only dealing with Moses. She is breaking the order.

Precept- 1 Timothy 2:12 - But I suffer not a woman to teach, nor to usurp authority over the man, but to be in silence.

Define- Usurp: take (a position of power or importance) illegally or by force.

- *Mariam is popping off at Moses. She felt she could Usurp authority over Moses because she was right.
- *When women learn scriptures, women think they are on the same level as the prophets
- * She was wrong in doing so because she took authority by force.
- * Trying to usurp authority over our men is going to teach our daughters that they don't have to respect their fathers.
- * Even in our houses, we must not usurp authority over our husbands. This is out of order and God will judge you.

Numbers 12:3-14

- 3 (Now the man Moses was very meek, above all the men which were upon the face of the earth.)
- * The Most High was dealing with Moses more than anyone else on earth because he was the meekest, diligent in keeping his commandments over everyone else.
- *Even if you are right you still must make your point while remaining submissive.
- *Meriam was not afraid to speak against Moses because they did not fear the Lord.

- * We have to remember TMH is listening to everything, all the times, so be careful how you speak against the men of understanding.
- *. Everywhere we go; in the car, at home, work etc.
- 4 And the LORD spake suddenly unto Moses, and unto Aaron, and unto Miriam, Come out ye three unto the tabernacle of the congregation. And they three came out.
- *TMH is listening to how you are dealing with each other.

5 And the LORD came down in the pillar of the cloud, and stood in the door of the tabernacle, and called Aaron and Miriam: and they both came forth.

- *TMH got irritated and had to come down.
- *Thought: Imagine if TMH was so angry at you that He had to come down on a cloud to check you!!!

6 And he said, Hear now my words: If there be a prophet among you, I the LORD will make myself known unto him in a vision, and will speak unto him in a dream.

7 My servant Moses is not so, who is faithful in all mine house.

*TMH was dealing with Moses n a different level.

8 with him will I speak mouth to mouth, even apparently, and not in dark speeches; and the similitude of the LORD shall he behold: wherefore then were ye not afraid to speak against my servant Moses?

- *Aaron and Mariam did not fear the Lord. That is why they spoke against him.
- *Be careful with how you speak. TMH is listening.

10 and the cloud departed from off the tabernacle; and, behold, Miriam became leprous, white as snow: and Aaron looked upon Miriam, and, behold, she was leprous.

- *Question: Why did God punish Mariam and not Aaron also? The woman was out of order.
- *Don't belittle someone because you feel you're right.
- 11 And Aaron said unto Moses, Alas, my lord, I beseech thee, lay not the sin upon us, wherein we have done foolishly, and wherein we have sinned.
- 14 And the LORD said unto Moses, If her father had but spit in her face, should she not be ashamed seven days? let her be shut out from the camp seven days, and after that let her be received in again.
- *When the scripture says "but spit in her face," = trained her, corrected her to respect men, elders.

- * If Meriam's father would have corrected her when she was growing up, she would have known better than that to speak to Moses in that manner
- *You never want TMH to intervene and make you sick to correct you.
- * This reminds us that we must pray to TMH for eloquent speech as our Foremother Esther did. Pray and wait on the Lord. We cannot take things into our own hands and run our mouth.
- * We have modern day Mariam spirits in the congregation

2) Foremother Jezebel

1 Kings 19: 1-3

- 3 And when he saw that, he arose, and went for his life, and came to Beersheba, which belongeth to Judah, and left his servant there.
- *Jezebels don't like the men of God and want them killed. Sisters with this spirit don't want to be told what to do.
- * Jezebels don't like the men of the Lord and wants them killed whether physically or spiritually

1 Kings 21: 1-29

v4 And Ahab came into his house heavy and displeased because of the word which Naboth the Jezreelite had spoken to him: for he had said, I will not give thee the inheritance of my fathers. And he laid him down upon his bed, and turned away his face, and would eat no bread.

- *What Law was Ahab breaking? He was being covetous
- * Instead of him (the King) being happy and satisfied with what he has, he not only wanted a different vineyard, he wanted Abel vineyard. Even after Naboth explained this was an inheritance for his family.

5 But Jezebel his wife came to him, and said unto him, Why is thy spirit so sad, that thou eatest no bread?

* Ahad was having a tantrum

7 And Jezebel his wife said unto him, Dost thou now govern the kingdom of Israel? arise, and eat bread, and let thine heart be merry: I will give thee the vineyard of Naboth the Jezreelite.

*Jezebel spirits like to deal with men with power

10 And set two men, sons of Belial, before him, to bear witness against him, saying, Thou didst blaspheme God and the king. And then carry him out, and stone him, that he may die.

- * The spirit of a Jezebel:
- a) Bear false witness and speak lies
- b) Prey on innocent people
- c) Concoct believable stories against others

16 And it came to pass, when Ahab heard that Naboth was dead, that Ahab rose up to go down to the vineyard of Naboth the Jezreelite, to take possession of it.

- *This is a perfect example of husband and the wife are doing evil together.
- *Never be scared of a Jezebel spirit
- 19 And thou shalt speak unto him, saying, Thus saith the LORD, Hast thou killed, and also taken possession? And thou shalt speak unto him, saying, Thus saith the LORD, In the place where dogs licked the blood of Naboth shall dogs lick thy blood, even thine.
- * When TMH has had enough He will shut down the evil and wicked. God said he is going to kill the King. God will bring judgement.

20 And Ahab said to Elijah, Hast thou found me, O mine enemy? And he answered, I have found thee: because thou hast sold thyself to work evil in the sight of the LORD.

- 21 Behold, I will bring evil upon thee, and will take away thy posterity, and will cut off from Ahab him that pisseth against the wall, and him that is shut up and left in Israel,
- * Pisseth by the wall means TMH will kill the whole family
- 22 And will make thine house like the house of Jeroboam the son of Nebat, and like the house of Baasha the son of Abijah, for the provocation wherewith thou hast provoked me to anger, and made Israel to sin.
- 23 And of Jezebel also spake the LORD, saying, The dogs shall eat Jezebel by the wall of Jezreel.
- *No proper burial for your wife for her evil.
- *Jezebels stir up the spirit of their husband to do evil. Some women with Jezebel spirits have the ability to encourage their husbands to do evil.
- * Just pray our Sisters with this type of spirit repent or The Most High will deal with them
- 29 Seest thou how Ahab humbleth himself before me? because he humbleth himself before me, I will not bring the evil in his days: but in his son's days will I bring the evil upon his house.
- *Ahab humbled himself

Precept- Additions to Esther: 14:13- Give me eloquent speech in my mouth before the lion: turn his heart to hate him that fighteth against us, that there may be an end of him, and of all that are likeminded to him:

- * Teaches us how to deal with men and to speak with respect
- * As our Foremother Esther prayed for eloquent speech, we must do so also. We have to also pray for the women around us to have eloquent speech so that we can learn from them

Revelation 2:20-23

23 patience, and thy works; and the last to be more than the first.

20 Notwithstanding I have a few things against thee, because thou sufferest that woman Jezebel, which calleth herself a prophetess, to teach and to seduce my servants to commit fornication, and to eat things sacrificed unto idols.

- *Seduce men to be wicked
- *Calls herself a prophetess
- 21 And I gave her space to repent of her fornication; and she repented not.
- *TMH will give you space to repent and fix it.
- 22 Behold, I will cast her into a bed, and them that commit adultery with her into great tribulation, except they repent of their deeds.
- *Never be afraid of a Jezebel spirit

3) Foremother Abigail

1 Samuels 25:1-44

3 Now the name of the man was Nabal; and the name of his wife Abigail: and she was a woman of good understanding, and of a beautiful countenance: but the man was churlish and evil in his doings; and he was of the house of Caleb.

- *Abigail was keeping the laws and had a beautiful spirit. Her husband was evil.
- 11 Shall I then take my bread, and my water, and my flesh that I have killed for my shearers, and give it unto men, whom I know not whence they be?

*Some people will use you and dismiss you in their prosperity when you're not needed anymore.

18 Then Abigail made haste, and took two hundred loaves, and two bottles of wine, and five sheep ready dressed, and five measures of parched corn, and an hundred clusters of raisins, and two hundred cakes of figs, and laid them on asses.

*She's correcting the situation and not being evil with her husband.

*Pay back with kindness.

*You know people by their works, not by the number of scriptures they know.

23 And when Abigail saw David, she hasted, and lighted off the ass, and fell before David on her face, and bowed herself to the ground,

*This was her way of reverencing him

24 And fell at his feet, and said, Upon me, my lord, upon me let this iniquity be: and let thine handmaid, I pray thee, speak in thine audience, and hear the words of thine handmaid.

25 Let not my lord, I pray thee, regard this man of Belial, even Nabal: for as his name is, so is he; Nabal is his name, and folly is with him: but I thine handmaid saw not the young men of my lord, whom thou didst send.

*Precept- Ecclesiasticus 26:22- ... but a married woman is a tower against death to her husband.

26 Now therefore, my lord, as the LORD liveth, and as thy soul liveth, seeing the LORD hath withholden thee from coming to shed blood, and from avenging thyself with thine own hand, now let thine enemies, and they that seek evil to my lord, be as Nabal.

*Please forgive us. She knew of the prophesy that David will be the next king. My husband is not worth it.

29 Yet a man is risen to pursue thee, and to seek thy soul: but the soul of my lord shall be bound in the bundle of life with the LORD thy God; and the souls of thine enemies, them shall he sling out, as out of the middle of a sling.

*TMH will take care of your enemies.

*Virtuous woman; stopped him from mad, build him up with eloquent speech.

*Don't take everything in your own hands. Wait on the Lord.

33 And blessed be thy advice, and blessed be thou, which hast kept me this day from coming to shed blood, and from avenging myself with mine own hand.

* Abigail was able to diffuse a bad situation in a matter of minutes because she was humble. She took his anger away and David did not sin against God.

40 And when the servants of David were come to Abigail to Carmel, they spake unto her, saying, David sent us unto thee, to take thee to him to wife.

- *Thought: Imagine that knock on the door. You open it and it is one of David's men saying David wants to make you his wife!
- *She went from a fool to a king. (3) AP!
- *TMH fought for her.

41 And she arose, and bowed herself on her face to the earth, and said, Behold, let thine handmaid be a servant to wash the feet of the servants of my lord.

- *She was very humbled.
- *By the spirit, he loved her.
- *There is a difference between virtuous women and a Jezebel spirit. In these examples, we can see the difference in a righteous woman and a Jezebel spirited woman. We must aspire to be righteous.
- 42 And Abigail hasted, and arose, and rode upon an ass, with five damsels of hers that went after her; and she went after the messengers of David, and became his wife.
- 43 David also took Ahinoam of Jezreel; and they were also both of them his wives.

<u>Sirach 36:23</u> If there be kindness, meekness, and comfort, in her tongue, then is not her husband like other men.

- * We should show kindness even when we are under pressure
- *Our tongues should be used to provide comfort

Proverbs 31:26 She openeth her mouth with wisdom; and in her tongue is the law of kindness.

- *Abigail bowed, prepared food, comforted David, apologized on behalf of wicked husband, etc.
- * Kindness + Meekness + Comfort are traits of a different type of woman

<u>Proverbs 15:1</u> A soft answer turneth away wrath: but grievous words stir up anger.

- *Do not be fake
- *Do not be phony

*Do not be insincere

<u>Matthew 25:35</u> For I was an hungred, and ye gave me meat: I was thirsty, and ye gave me drink: I was a stranger, and ye took me in:

- * The Most High said, if someone asks you to do something, go the extra mile for them.
- *Abigail went double. She put scripts into action

<u>Psalms 27:3</u> Though an host should encamp against me, my heart shall not fear: though war should rise against me, in this will I be confident.

*What a virtuous woman looks like. Have Faith and believe in God

<u>Joshua 1:9</u> Have not I commanded thee? Be strong and of a good courage; be not afraid, neither be thou dismayed: for the LORD thy God is with thee whithersoever thou goest.

- * God commands us to not be afraid of anyone or anything. Don't be afraid of Jezebel Spirits
- * Abigail knew God would be with her.

2 Kings 9:1-3, 30-33

30 And when Jehu was come to Jezreel, Jezebel heard of it; and she painted her face, and tired her head, and looked out at a window.

- *A Jezebel is usually an attractive woman.
- * Jezebel hurried to put on her make-up and fine garment to try and entice him as she had done other men.
- 33 And he said, Throw her down. So they threw her down: and some of her blood was sprinkled on the wall, and on the horses: and he trode her under foot.
- * TMH had her killed. He had her thrown out of a window, trampled by horses and eaten by dogs. Only her palms, feet and skull remained.

Closing remarks:

*If you have a Jezebel spirit, Repent! Don't let TMH intervene.

*We must transform ourselves into virtuous spirits.