



Event: Titus 2

Topic: A Memorial Of An Israelite Woman

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Tonight I want to talk about the memorial of an Israelite woman. What does this mean?

Luke 10:38 Now it came to pass, as they went, that he entered into a certain village: and a certain woman named Martha received him into her house.

V39 And she had a sister called Mary, which also sat at Jesus' feet, and heard his word.

V40 But Martha was cumbered about much serving, and came to him, and said, Lord, dost thou not care that my sister hath left me to serve alone? bid her therefore that she help me.

V41 And Jesus answered and said unto her, Martha, Martha, thou art careful and troubled about many things:

V42 But one thing is needful: and Mary hath chosen that good part, which shall not be taken away from her.

The him is Christ.

I wanted to read this to introduce Mary. Many of us know who Mary is; whenever we talk about sisters in the body, we have those who do a lot of work and those who prefer to sit uninterrupted, listening to the truth.

John 12:1 Then Jesus six days before the Passover came to Bethany, where Lazarus was which had been dead, whom he raised from the dead.

V2 There they made him supper; and Martha served: but Lazarus was one of them that sat at the table with him.

V3 Then took Mary a pound of ointment of spikenard, very costly, and anointed the feet of Jesus, and wiped his feet with her hair: and the house was filled with the odour of the ointment.

V4 Then saith one of his disciples, Judas Iscariot, Simon's *son*, which should betray him,

V5 Why was not this ointment sold for three hundred pence, and given to the poor?

V6 This he said, not that he cared for the poor; but because he was a thief, and had the bag, and bare what was put therein.



V7 Then said Jesus, Let her alone: against the day of my burying hath she kept this.

V8 For the poor always ye have with you; but me ye have not always.

You see Martha is working and Mary is tending to Christ, reverencing him and spending time with him.

I wanted to read this chapter because it tells you who people are.

Mark 14:3 And being in Bethany in the house of Simon the leper, as he sat at meat, there came a woman having an alabaster box of ointment of spikenard very precious; and she brake the box, and poured *it* on his head.

V4 And there were some that had indignation within themselves, and said, Why was this waste of the ointment made?

V5 For it might have been sold for more than three hundred pence, and have been given to the poor. And they murmured against her.

V6 And Jesus said, Let her alone; why trouble ye her? she hath wrought a good work on me.

Christ said wherever the gospel is preached, isn't the gospel still being preached? Isn't our man going to the four corners trying to spread this truth? Christ said that Mary would be spoken of as a memorial unto her.

This is a marriage class, but it is not just for married sisters but single sisters as well. I want single sisters to think spiritually. I want you to think along the lines of getting prepared. You may get a Lord you may not get a Lord but overall, you have men in this truth you submit yourself too.

Always look at every class as a way to apply it to your life.

Definition of Memorial

Something, especially a structure, established to remind people of a person or event.

So, memorials are usually given to people who have gone through a trial or a battle that they have overcome by winning the battle, whether they died or lived they overcome and whatever they did was significant enough that someone deemed that we should always remember that person.



I know for Israelite neighborhoods, we think of Martin Luther King, right? They always put his boulevard in our neighborhoods. We have civil rights museums and civil war heroes, and Esau has statues of them everywhere.

But what I have noticed is that for someone to have that memorial done they had to go through a battle of hardship. You have to fight your way through something.

There are events that people get memorialized for, which can be so bad that it is set up to be remembered. So it can be on both sides, right? The memorial we talk about tonight is a good one that we want to remember.

Marriage is a war. Make no mistake about it. Marriage is a war and you will go through many battles as a married sister. The longer you're married, the more you'll face some trials in your marriage. I can always hear Sister Shamarah saying.

Don't win the battle just to lose the war.

But you do have to go through those battles. It's just how you do it. We often talk about needing to level up, submit, and do better with our cleaning, cooking, and raising our kids. But one of the battles I see sisters face all too often is doing the best you can in all these things, but your husband is still disappointed. There is something that creates a level of humiliation and disappointment on his house.

Can we talk about broken trust? Can we talk about unrealized dreams of a perfect marriage? Disappointment is sadness because it's bound to happen, and if it hasn't happened to you yet it will happen to you at some point. This disappointment will not look the same for every marriage. But you are going to go through some of these things.

1 Corinthians 7:28 says there is trouble in the flesh. We're familiar with this scripture. But trouble in the flesh is more than disagreements and more than petty arguments. And we have to be prepared when that time comes if we want to be the Israelite women God called us to be.

Tamar Braxton- Love and War

I found this song a few years ago and said that this song is very fitting for marriage. Although the singer is strange, I want you to read the words.

Can anybody relate to that? The one thing I love about this song is that she decides they will get through it, even if she has to cry to get to the other side because they will survive. That's committing to your marriage that you do not see in unrepented Israelite marriages today. And I remember a while back talking about a marriage contract, an unwritten contract that when you decide to come in, you say yes, I am going to belong to this man and be his wife, that you agree with everything that goes on in that marriage to fight those battles, those wars, and to come out on the other side through the tears, the pain, and the hurt.



1 Corinthians 7:10 And unto the married I command, *yet* not I, but the Lord, Let not the wife depart from *her* husband:

V11 But and if she depart, let her remain unmarried, or be reconciled to *her* husband: and let not the husband put away *his* wife.

That's part of the contract; we know we're in this for life. God took divorce off the table unless we as woman commit adultery against our husbands.

Sister's call needing counsel because unexpected things happen even in the best marriages. A battle arises where your husband has done something where it causes you to lose trust and faith in his ability to lead you. Some of those battles could be adultery you know we're all familiar with that not necessarily that it has happened in all marriages, but we know it something that people battle in their marriages.

There can be major financial setbacks. And our Bishops have spoken on this; A brother will start borrowing money from all the men in the congregation and not pay them back and then before you know it he's getting stood up and your household is getting embarrassed. We've had brothers who have stolen from the congregation. We've had brothers be dishonorable in how they handle themselves, gossiping murmuring, disrespect, backbiting, complaining against leadership.

Imagine your Husband has to stand up and take accountability for it and you as his wife sits in the back astonished. And among all of these things, liars. All of these things come with lies. In the world, we could deal with this because it was normalized, all man cheat, lie, steal, right? We did not hold our man in high regard. But in this truth, it is very different because we hold our man to higher expectations, and so do others.

Sometimes we have to be able to look at our sisters that go through these things with compassion because it can be a very difficult time. Before I came into the truth my network of people including family, may have been ten people. So, when things happen normally nobody knew unless I told them, but I knew once I told one person everybody was going to know. Yet, that's a small group of people to know what's happening with you.

In this truth, my network is much bigger. Standing up in front of a congregation is a lot different than calling your mom on the phone and confessing what has happened in your marriage. It's more humiliating. When open rebukes happen, I always wonder how the wife is doing. Did she show up to class that day? Is she sitting there crying? Or is she acting unbothered? I think of Job's wife the test and the trial that she went through was not her own but his. She wasn't even mentioned until after they had lost everything.

Job 1:6 Now there was a day when the sons of God came to present themselves before the LORD, and Satan came also among them.

V7 And the LORD said unto Satan, Whence comest thou? Then Satan answered the LORD, and said, From going to and fro in the earth, and from walking up and down in it.



V8 And the LORD said unto Satan, Hast thou considered my servant Job, that *there is* none like him in the earth, a perfect and an upright man, one that feareth God, and escheweth evil?

I didn't hear anything about his wife. Did y'all? God said did y'all consider my servant Job? I didn't hear anything about his kids; I only heard Job.

Job 2:1 Again there was a day when the sons of God came to present themselves before the LORD, and Satan came also among them to present himself before the LORD.

V2 And the LORD said unto Satan, From whence comest thou? And Satan answered the LORD, and said, From going to and fro in the earth, and from walking up and down in it.

V3 And the LORD said unto Satan, Hast thou considered my servant Job, that *there is* none like him in the earth, a perfect and an upright man, one that feareth God, and escheweth evil? and still he holdeth fast his integrity, although thou movedst me against him, to destroy him without cause.

- ❖ I still don't hear anything about his wife. But she is there, and she is going through this with him. Because those servants that dies, I'm sure a few of those servants were helping her because Job was a rich man. So, those kids that died might have been hers. But it doesn't say anything about her or how she feels because the trial was for Job.

We've talked about Job's wife before and Tobit's wife Anna. They both went through similar trials but handled them very differently.

Job's wife allowed her trials to overwhelm her, and she did not uplift her husband and while he was crapping the boils on his skin, she told him to give up curse God and die so he could put him out of his misery.

Anna on the other hand took on women's work and kept it moving. In both situations, their husband was being tested, not the women, and the men were brought so low that they didn't even pray for healing but for death. When we see these righteous men and how they handle these situations, we are appalled at what Job's wife did. But what happens when your husband's not perfect and he's being punished for whatever sin he committed and you're an afterthought. Because it wasn't your trial it was his and he failed it.

Now you sit there because you're one flesh and whatever he goes through you go through. So, it does turn out to be your trial, and you're humiliated. It is a hard pill to swallow sisters, and you have to figure out what you're going to do about it.

Proverbs 24:16 For a just *man* falleth seven times, and riseth up again: but the wicked shall fall into mischief.

- ❖ This does not mean if he's committed adultery; you're going to have to go through those seven times. If he stole from the congregation, it doesn't mean he will steal seven times. That seven is just a number of completions. But still, it says a just man falls. And you were supposed to be his helpmeet. It's a big task, and I think that we as women



sometimes minimize that and think that our role is not important. That sounds really important to me.

How do you survive when your three trials of faith hit all at once?

What are the three trials of faith? Most of you have heard this because the Bishop has done a class on it, and it has been referenced throughout many classes. If you have not seen it you should go and watch it.

The three trials are; Marital, Personal, and Congregational. When those three marriage trials hit at the same time it hits different. Now, you have to figure out how to gain the respect you once had from your husband. How do I continue to be a pillar of rest to him if I don't feel like he deserves it?

Genesis 19:15 And when the morning arose, then the angels hastened Lot, saying, Arise, take thy wife, and thy two daughters, which are here; lest thou be consumed in the iniquity of the city.

V16 And while he lingered, the men laid hold upon his hand, and upon the hand of his wife, and upon the hand of his two daughters; the LORD being merciful unto him: and they brought him forth, and set him without the city.

V17 And it came to pass, when they had brought them forth abroad, that he said, Escape for thy life; look not behind thee, neither stay thou in all the plain; escape to the mountain, lest thou be consumed.

The angel puts his hand on them because they're not moving fast enough, and he gets them out of the destruction.

When you are going through these marital trials don't look back on who you used to be. Don't look back on all your options in the world because the world says you can leave him.

Colossians 2:8 Beware lest any man spoil you through philosophy and vain deceit, after the tradition of men, after the rudiments of the world, and not after Christ.

The traditions on man say divorce, don't work it out, call him everything but a child of God, let him know exactly how you feel about his mother, his dogs, and everything. Make him just as low as you were taken. That is the rudiments of the world. And that is exactly what Lot's wife was looking back at.

I know our pride kicks in and we look stupid and foolish. You start to wonder what your parents would think about your marriage when they have no business in your marriage.

Wisdom of Solomon 10:6 When the ungodly perished, she delivered the righteous man, who fled from the fire which fell down upon the five cities.



V7 Of whose wickedness even to this day the waste land that smoketh is a testimony, and plants bearing fruit that never come to ripeness: and a standing pillar of salt is a monument of an unbelieving soul.

V8 For regarding not wisdom, they gat not only this hurt, that they knew not the things which were good; but also left behind them to the world a memorial of their foolishness: so that in the things wherein they offended they could not so much as be hid.

I read this and knew I did not want a memorial of foolishness in my name. We don't get memorials because it's comfortable and we endured. That's not how this works.

You have to be tried, the man is going to be tried, but again it's how you deal with it. I don't want a monument of an unbelieving soul; because if you faint during your martial trials you don't believe.

We have to look back at our foremothers' mindset when faced with adversity in our marriage. And you have to figure out who you will pattern yourself after. Obeying the scriptures does not mean condoning his behavior, forgiving him does not mean its okay for him to do it again. I pray that you have enough of the scriptures built in you and that you have enough belief in God that your husband does not think that either.

The scriptures require a lot from us, but it's not a lot to God. It's a lot to us because it requires us to put our pride aside and think about more than ourselves. That's a big thing for Israelites and trying to repent we did not have to do that in the world. But please believe you are not the only one who has gone through it. I wanted to talk about how you heal from it.

Video #4 Discussion

He said sometimes you have to remove something that's blocked. You have to remove something that's old and start over again, you cannot be afraid. If things have gotten to the point where you have lost trust you may have to start over. It's not a bad thing.

Even though this article is talking about adultery, you can put anything in place of that. 77% of marriages report having a stronger marriage after recovering from infidelity. This statistic is a powerful testament to the resilience of marriage even in the face of infidelity.

The point is marriages are stronger when you overcome whatever it is that tries to tear your marriage apart.



These are worldly statistics, and we don't know their foundation. So as Israelite women we have a higher statistic. Look at your situation and understand that if you do the work and your husband agrees, you'll both come out even better on the other side.

The first thing you need to do is call your counselor. Don't call her because you need her to tell you something new, don't call her because you want to talk crap about your husband. Don't call her for any of that. You call her for to remind you of what you already know.

Sometimes, you can be so hurt that you cannot think straight. Has anyone ever experienced that in any relationship? You will forget scriptures, your name; you will forget everything. And you need to be able to pick up that phone and call your counselor. The one who knows you understands what type of woman you are, and she knows a little bit about you and what you need to work on. She'll allow you to go through those emotions and then remind you to remember what the scriptures say and that a just man falls seven times.

We're going to remember even though he did this thing, he did not intentionally do it to you. You need a counselor who's going to be able to pray and fast with you. If you don't have one, you do yourself a great disservice because when you do try and call for counsel, no one has any idea who you are. You're going to get that generic it'll be okay and you don't want that. You want a sister that knows you.

The next thing you'll do is pray, and you might wonder why that is not first. In a perfect situation, absolutely. If you feel like you can go there and talk to the Lord with some sense then by all means go ahead and pray. But again, if you're too hurt to remember who you are or what your name is, how are you going to pray. That's why you call your counselor to talk you down.

The third thing you do is set up a fast. It may not be right then and there but when the time comes in that next couple of days you will want to fast. And not just for you, but you're your husband.

After that, you now have to come to grips with whatever comes next. Because you're setting yourself up for the battle, you're preparing yourself for the next battle in one piece and in righteousness. Come to grips with the feeling of humiliation so you can get over it.



1 Peters 4:12 Beloved, think it not strange concerning the fiery trial which is to try you, as though some strange thing happened unto you:

Humiliation comes from what people will think of my husband, myself, or his household. You've got to come to grips with that.

God says this is not strange, It just hurts, and it sucks. God said I tried your husband, and he did not do what he was supposed to do. And yes, when he suffers, you suffer. It's not different when he get's promoted and you both get to celebrate together. So, like Job said, do you think God is going always to give you good instead of evil? It doesn't work that way and there is reasons to this.

1 Corinthians 10:13 There hath no temptation taken you, but such as is common to man: but God *is* faithful, who will not suffer you to be tempted above that ye are able; but will with the temptation also make a way to escape, that ye may be able to bear *it*.

V14 Wherefore, my dearly beloved, flee from idolatry.

God says you can bear this. He said it's common to man. If your husband stole from the body, it's common to man, and I pray he doesn't do it again. You can get through these things if you know how to fight with the word of God.

The next step is communication. Communication is key. Hebrews 13:16 says don't forget to communicate because God is well, please. You have to be willing to have conversations you don't want to have and be ready to give and receive complete honesty. It needs to be constructive communication, not yelling or pointing. It's okay to tell your husband that he has disappointed you, and you don't know how you're going to trust him again. What do you want me to do from here? How do we fix this and how do we repair it?

For the people who are so intrigued about your situation here's the thing, I do care what people think of me when it comes to being a wife. I can't come and teach Titus 2 if you all think I disrespect my husband, I'm a hypocrite, or I don't live by the things I teach. Just like many women I know we build up our character so that the example we give you is true. Now, our main



goal is to get the kingdom with our husbands, but I do care what people think about me and the scriptures say your name is worth more than gold.

At the end of the day, most people don't really know you and it doesn't really matter as much as you think when things like this happen. So, if that is something that you are concerned about there is a wise proverb that I once read and heard a lot;

So that the people that are concerned with your situation. F'em ~ Sister Yemina

Proverbs 30:18 There be three *things which* are too wonderful for me, yea, four which I know not:

V19 The way of an eagle in the air; the way of a serpent upon a rock; the way of a ship in the midst of the sea; and the way of a man with a maid.

Nobody knows your marriage like you know your marriage and the Lord knows. Nobody knows, only you know what it will take to fix your husband's household and your husband knows what it will take to fix the things present in the household. It's going to be you and him, that's it. And this healing is not an overnight process. Depending on your faith in God, how built up you are and how great the offense is this can take more than a year to repair. But you must do it. Not try, but do. You have every right to be mad, you don't have a right to stay mad. You can be angry but the scripture say be angry and sin not. Don't let the sun go down on your understanding on Gods laws. That scripture doesn't mean don't go to bed mad, but don't lose your understanding of his laws.

Feelings follow actions that's why in Psalms 111:10, God said a good understanding is they that do the commandments. You cannot be just a hearer of the word but a doer also. If you have to do the commandments in order to understand you also have to be doing the work, it takes to repair your marriage. If all you're doing is treating him like crap, then your marriage will be crap. You will miss the transformation.

Your man is still transforming. You are still transforming. We're talking about what happens when he disappoints you, but you too will disappoint him. You are not the only one who has to heal from this trauma. Even in the midst, you must be selfless as you want him to be selfless. Marriage is not 50/50 really, it's 100/100 and all of this is work, a battle, and none of it will be easy; but its definitely doable.

So, lets go back to Mary. What can we learn from her?

Mark 14:3 And being in Bethany in the house of Simon the leper, as he sat at meat, there came a woman having an alabaster box of ointment of spikenard very precious; and she break the box, and poured *it* on his head.



V8 She hath done what she could: she is come aforehand to anoint my body to the burying.

She did what she could. The resonated with my soul. Because that is what Christ is asking from us. Do what you can. And everything that is written in these scriptures you can do. When it comes to protecting your house for your children so that they have a mother and a father. When it comes to them seeing how a righteous wife, mother, and woman handles and conducts themselves cause your kids know what's going on in the house it's not a secret.

She did what she could, Because Mary did these things her deeds are written in the gospels preached throughout the world. She made it into the book.

Ephesians 5:22 Wives, submit yourselves unto your own husbands, as unto the Lord.

Isn't that what Mary did? She submitted herself unto the Lord. We're to treat our husbands like Mary treated Christ. She gave her everything and put her everything into that relationship. And when people sat on the sidelines and murmured about her, she threw that aside. Because why? She knew her time on earth with that man was short. *Do you know that?* Your time on this earth with your husband is short. So, take that into account. You have to do what you can, as Mary did. Be Mary, Be Susanna, Be Judith, Be Abigail, Be Esther, Be Miriam (before she forgot her place), Be Leah, Be a daughter of Sarah.

Video #3 Discussion

Are you willing to work to heal it no matter what he does? That's the big one. And I hope that you all choose wisely, and I hope that there was no backdoor marriage. I hope you have taken your time and know who you married because that contract says you need to be willing to work at this no matter what. He has the same contract. He just has a small clause that says as long as she does not step out. Other than that, he signed the same contract.

Ask yourself, are you willing to go through it no matter what he does?

Colossians 3:8 But now ye also put off all these; anger, wrath, malice, blasphemy, filthy communication out of your mouth.

V9 Lie not one to another, seeing that ye have put off the old man with his deeds;

V12 Put on therefore, as the elect of God, holy and beloved, bowels of mercies, kindness, humbleness of mind, meekness, longsuffering;

V13 Forbearing one another, and forgiving one another, if any man has a quarrel against any: even as Christ forgave you, so also *do* ye.

V14 And above all these things *put on* charity, which is the bond of perfectness.



V18 Wives, submit yourselves unto your own husbands, as it is fit in the Lord.

V19 Husbands, love *your* wives, and be not bitter towards them.

V20 Children, obey *your* parents in all things: for this is well pleasing unto the Lord.

V21 Fathers, provoke not your children *to anger*, lest they be discouraged.

V22 Servants, obey in all things *your* masters according to the flesh; not with eyeservice, as men pleasers; but in singleness of heart, fearing God:

V23 And whatsoever ye do, do *it* heartily, as to the Lord, and not unto men;

These are all the people in your house and things that will go on in your house because it is a battle and there is a war. Put on mercy and meekness, these are people in your house. God already knew and said he does not give you more than you can bear.

So again, what did Mary do? She gave her all unto righteousness. At the end of the day, you getting through this and be willing to work through it is for you to get the kingdom and it will be a memorial to you unto the Lord.



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