



## Bible Half-Hour – 2016

Each morning we will turn to the Bible to examine the faith journey of a well-known prophet or prophetess. We will consider their response to God's call to them, whether their journey followed the theme of our Gathering, and how they might inspire us to *be humble, Be Faithful, BE BOLD* in our daily lives.

Day 1 – Miriam - Exodus 15:20; 1:8-12, 1:15-2:10; Numbers 12:1-15; 20:1-2

Day 2 – Moses - Exodus 2:11-24, 3:2-22, 4:1-23; Numbers 12:8, 20:1-13; Deuteronomy 32:45-52, 34:6-12

Day 3 – Jonah - Jonah 1:1-17

Day 4 – Mary of Magdala (Magdalene) - Luke 8:1-3, Luke 24:1-12, Matthew 28:1-10

Day 5 – Paul - Acts 9:3-22; Acts 22:1-29; Acts 22:17-29, Philemon 1:8-22; Ephesians 6:5-9; Titus 2:9

Each day, in the spirit of continuing revelation, we will add to the Bible passages related writings to further illuminate our consideration of the Biblical personages and their stories.

We will conclude each session with a brief reflection period, using three of Joanne & Larry Spears' Bible study questions:

**1. What new Light do I find in this particular reading of this passage?**

*This question enables the Spirit to work in our silence. Is there a new insight, observation or understanding during this particular reading on this particular occasion?*

**2. Is this passage true to my experience?**

*This focus is on comparing the message of the Bible passage with our experience of life. If not, perhaps we will be encouraged to reassess our experience, to study the passage more deeply or to admit that our own individual spiritual journey, like those of Biblical authors, take place in a dark that is never fully illuminated.*

**3. What are the implications of this passage of my life?**

*What difference, if any, does the passage make for my life? How we integrate our faith and daily ethical practice is central to our tradition. What are the implications of what I do for what I believe about God?*

[Source: Excerpted from Friendly Bible Study by Joanne & Larry Spears, published by FGC]

As we enter each morning and settle into silence there will be a hymn playing that will relate to our Biblical prophet and readings for the day. The words will be provided on the screen and on the handout for the day which will be distributed at the end of the session. The daily handout will also list the Biblical readings, something from the related readings and additional resources that may be of interest.

While we won't have time for questions and answers during our morning half-hour, I would welcome the opportunity to talk with you at some point later in the day. Also at the back of the room, there is a notepad for comments or questions. I look forward to sharing with you and learning from you throughout the week.

## Miriam

*be Faithful, be Bold, be Faithful*

**Biblical Readings:** Exodus 15:20; 1:8-12, 1:15-2:10; Numbers 12:1-15; 20:1-2;

**Related Readings:** Talmud: Megillah 14a

### Jubilate, Everybody

Jubilate, everybody, serve the Lord in all your ways,  
And come before his presence singing;  
Enter now his courts with praise.  
For the Lord our God is gracious and his mercy everlasting.  
Jubilate, jubilate, jubilate, Deo!

*Worship in Song: A Friends Hymnal, #232*

*Performed by: beerandhymns.org*

### From the Talmud:

## Miriam HaNeviah: The power of speech

*Source Sheet by Dahlia Farkas*

### 1. Megillah 14a <sup>א</sup>

“Miriam”, as it is written, “And Miriam the prophetess the sister of Aaron” (Exodus 15:20). Was she only the sister of Aaron and not the sister of Moses? R. Nahman said in the name of Rav: For she prophesied when she was the sister of Aaron [only] and said, My mother is destined to bear a son who will save Israel. When he was born the whole house was filled with light, and her father arose and kissed her on the head, saying, My daughter, your prophecy has been fulfilled. But when they threw him into the river her father arose and tapped her on the head, saying, Daughter, where is your prophecy? That is why it is written, “And his sister stood afar off to know”; to know, [that is,] what would be with the latter part of her prophecy.

### א. מגילה יד. <sup>א</sup>

מרים דכתיב (שמות טו, כ) ותקח מרים הנביאה אחות אהרן ולא אחות משה אמר ר"נ אמר רב שהיתה מתנבאה כשהיא אחות אהרן ואומרת עתידה אמי שתלד בן שיושיע את ישראל ובשעה שנולד נתמלא כל הבית כולו אורה עמד אביה ונשקה על ראשה אמר לה בתי נתקיימה נבואתיך וכיון שהשליכוהו ליאור עמד אביה וטפחה על ראשה ואמר לה בתי היכן נבואתיך היינו דכתיב (שמות ב, ד) ותתצב אחותו מרחוק לדעה לדעת מה יהא בסוף נבואתה

### More Resources:

<http://www.sefaria.org/sheets/12314>

<http://www.womeninthebible.net/1.7.Miriam.htm>