

Wednesdays in the Word Bible Study

March 4, 2026

“God Uses Who Others Overlook”

Luke 8:1–3 (NLT)

Opening Thought

At the noon Power Hour we celebrated how God used women in the ministry of Jesus even when society tended to overlook them. During this evening Bible Study, we move from proclamation to exploration. We dig deeper into the biblical truth that God has always used people whom society overlooks to accomplish His greatest purposes.

Key Question

Why does God often choose overlooked people to accomplish His purposes?

Biblical Background: Luke 8:1–3

Luke records a powerful detail about the ministry of Jesus. While the twelve disciples traveled with Him, Luke highlights several women who also accompanied Jesus and helped sustain the ministry with their own resources. This was radical in the first-century world where women were rarely given public roles in religious movements. Jesus intentionally included them, demonstrating that the Kingdom of God restores dignity and purpose to those society marginalizes.

Teaching Point 1: God Sees Value Where Society Sees Limitations

1 Samuel 16:7 (NLT) – 'People judge by outward appearance, but the Lord looks at the heart.' When Samuel searched for the next king of Israel, Jesse presented his strongest sons. But God chose David, the overlooked shepherd boy who was not even invited to the selection gathering. God often looks beyond appearance, status, and reputation to find hearts that are faithful.

Teaching Point 2: God Uses the Marginalized to Demonstrate His Power

1 Corinthians 1:27 (NLT) – 'God chose things the world considers foolish in order to shame those who think they are wise.'

Scripture repeatedly shows that God chooses unlikely people so that His power and glory are unmistakable. Moses struggled with speaking, Gideon saw himself as weak, and Mary was a young woman from an obscure village—yet God used each of them to change history.

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Teaching Point 3: Faithfulness Matters More Than Visibility

Galatians 3:28 (NLT) and Proverbs 31:30 (NLT) remind us that faithfulness and reverence for God matter more than status.

The women in Luke 8 were not always in the spotlight, yet their faithfulness sustained the ministry of Jesus. In the Kingdom of God, quiet faithfulness often produces extraordinary impact.

Africentric Illustrations

Harriet Tubman – Born into slavery, Tubman became one of the most courageous leaders of the Underground Railroad. Though society tried to define her limitations, God used her courage to lead many enslaved people to freedom.

Sojourner Truth – A powerful abolitionist and preacher, she spoke boldly about justice and faith. Her life demonstrates how God can raise up voices that society attempts to silence.

Shirley Chisholm – The first Black woman elected to the United States Congress and the first Black woman to seek a major party nomination for president. She famously declared she was 'unbought and unbossed.' Her leadership reminds us that faith and courage can break barriers.

Coretta Scott King – Often remembered as the wife of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr., she was also a strategist, organizer, and global advocate for justice who carried forward the movement for equality long after Dr. King's death.

Discussion Questions

1. Why do you think God often chooses people others overlook?
2. What lessons can the church learn from the women in Luke 8?
3. How can believers today use their resources and influence to advance God's mission?
4. Who are some overlooked people in today's church whom God may be raising up?

Life Application

Kingdom impact is not limited by status, position, or recognition. God uses faithful servants, prayer warriors, and humble believers to move His mission forward.

Closing Encouragement

As we reflect during Women's History Month, we give thanks for the women whose faith, courage, and perseverance have strengthened both the church and society. Their stories remind us that God continues to work through those who are willing to serve, believe, and remain faithful.