

Two Faithful Women

Doing the Right Thing When It's Difficult

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Sister Mantra

There's nothing too hard for God.

I am a daughter of the King.

God sees me!

He has great plans for me!

I will strive to live as a Christian should.

I will inspire and encourage my sisters to do the same.





Teach Me How To Forgive

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Introduction

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Scripture – Exodus 1:15-21 (NLT)

¹⁵ Then Pharaoh, the king of Egypt, gave this order to the Hebrew midwives, Shiphrah and Puah: ¹⁶ “When you help the Hebrew women as they give birth, watch as they deliver.[c] If the baby is a boy, kill him; if it is a girl, let her live.” ¹⁷ But because the midwives feared God, they refused to obey the king’s orders. They allowed the boys to live, too.

¹⁸ So the king of Egypt called for the midwives. “Why have you done this?” he demanded. “Why have you allowed the boys to live?”

¹⁹ “The Hebrew women are not like the Egyptian women,” the midwives replied. “They are more vigorous and have their babies so quickly that we cannot get there in time.”

²⁰ So God was good to the midwives, and the Israelites continued to multiply, growing more and more powerful. ²¹ And because the midwives feared God, he gave them families of their own.

Background

The Israelites were living in Egypt, and Pharaoh became afraid because their population was growing. In fear and anger, he ordered the Hebrew midwives, Shiphrah and Puah, to kill every Hebrew baby boy at birth.

This was a terrifying command from the most powerful ruler in the land.

The women did not follow Pharaoh's order and when he questioned them, they lied about why the boys were not being killed. But these women chose faith over fear. They understood that obeying God mattered more than pleasing people.



Who is Shiphrah and Puah?

Shiphrah and Puah were Hebrew midwives in Egypt.

When you think about women in the Bible, their names will probably not come up. But their faithfulness and courage helped change history.

Shiphrah means “fair.” Puah means “splendid.”



Lessons from Shiphrah and Puah

Faith Over Fear: God Honors Courageous Faith



Where is God asking you to
stand courageously today?

Courageous Faith means trusting God enough to obey Him, even when fear, pressure, and uncertainty surround us. The midwives understood that fearing God means more than fearing Pharaoh.

Faith says: “Even if it is difficult, I will trust God.”

NIV Acts 5:29 - ²⁹ Peter and the other apostles replied: “We must obey God rather than human beings!

NLT Proverbs 29:25 - ²⁵ Fearing people is a dangerous trap, but trusting the Lord means safety.

Lessons from Shiphrah and Puah

Do What Is Right Even When It Is Costly and/or Difficult



Doing the right thing could come at a price!

Doing the right thing when it is difficult, it goes against our nature human desire for approval or self-preservation.

Faith often requires sacrifice.

NLT James 1:22 - ²² But don't just listen to God's word. You must do what it says. Otherwise, you are only fooling yourselves.

James 4:17- ¹⁷ If anyone, then, knows the good they ought to do and doesn't do it, it is sin for them.

Biblical Women That Did the Right Thing Even Though It Was Difficult

Esther - Esther 4:12-16

Esther faced a life-or-death decision. She had to risk her own life and the comfort of her royal palace to save her people from annihilation.

She chose to do the right thing to save her people!

Abigail - I Samuel 25

Abigail used good judgement when dealing with David and Nabal. She could have been killed by David, but she stepped in and did the right thing.

She did the right thing to save her foolish husband and their people!

Mary the Mother of Jesus - Luke 1:38

Mary as a young, unmarried woman in her culture, accepting God's calling carried massive risks of public disgrace, rejection, and even danger.

She did the right thing, and it ultimately led to God's plan to save His people.

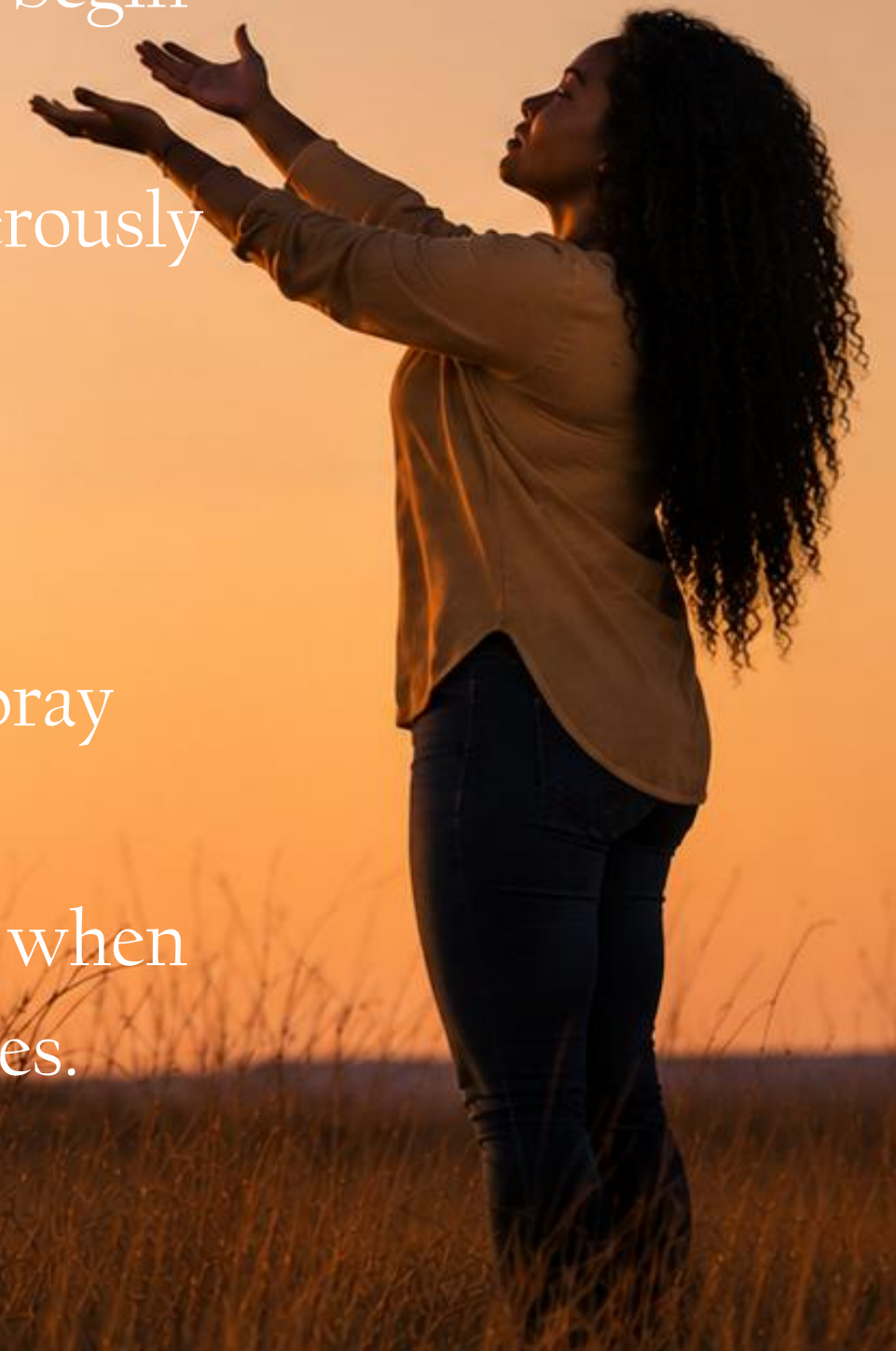
Scriptures that Help Make a Difficult Decisions

1. You Pray and Ask God to give you wisdom. This is where you should begin every time you face a tough decision.

James 1:5: If any of you lacks wisdom, you should ask God, who gives generously to all without finding fault, and it will be given to you.

2. Sometimes when we are pressed to make tough decisions, there's the temptation to be quick and presumptuous instead of waiting on God. So, pray for wisdom and then be still and wait for the Lord's timing.

Psalms 37:7: Be still before the Lord and wait patiently for him; do not fret when people succeed in their ways, when they carry out their wicked schemes.



Scriptures that Help Make a Difficult Decisions

3. Seek advice from the right people—godly people who have a track record of walking with God, and who lean heavily on God’s truth in offering advice or help.

Proverbs 19:20: Listen to advice and accept discipline, and at the end you will be counted among the wise.

4. God has promised to make your path straight—to show you the right way and guide you where you should go. But the condition to that promise is that you submit all your ways to him.

Proverbs 3:5-6: Trust in the Lord with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding; in all your ways submit to him and he will make your paths straight.

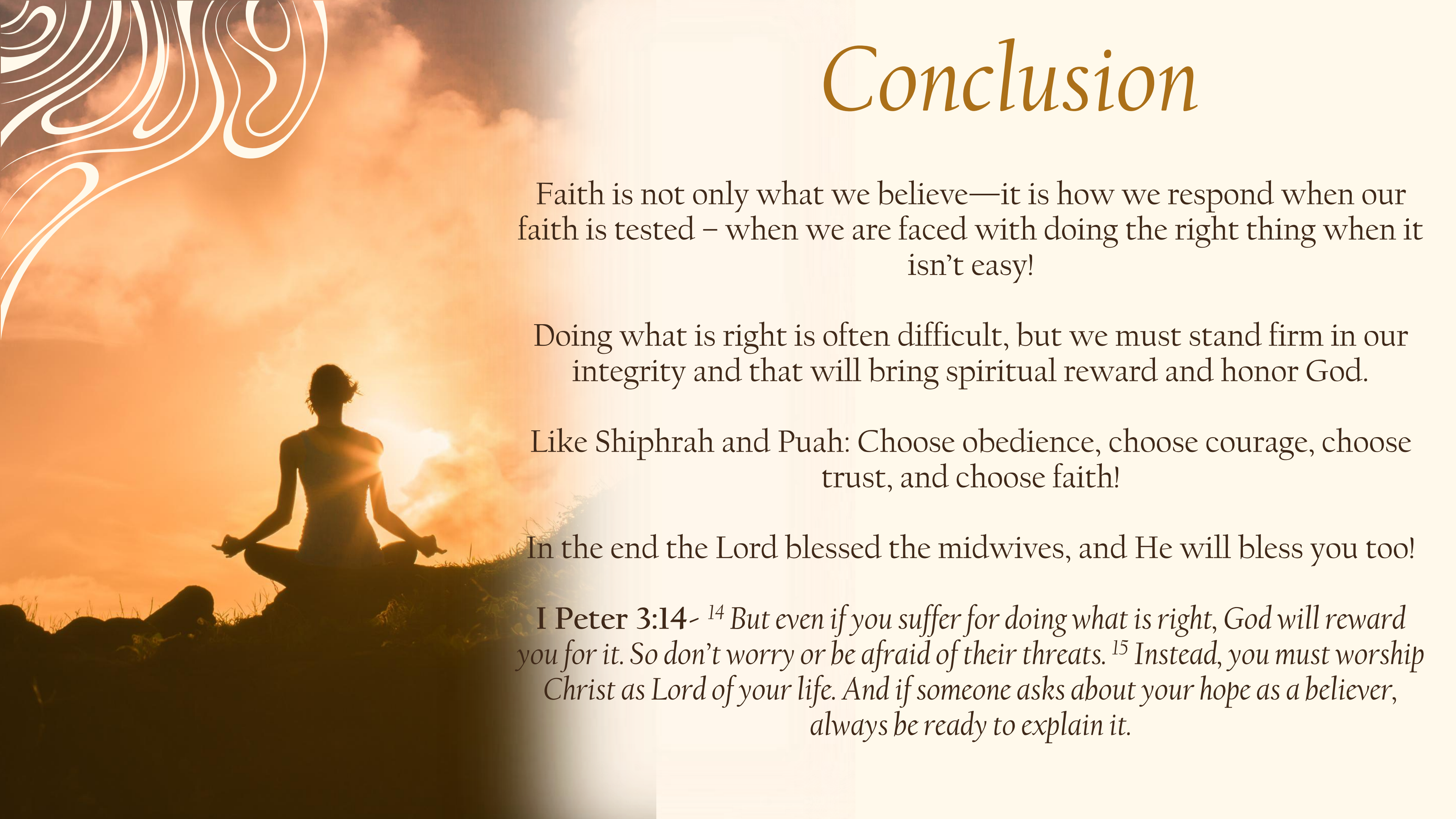


Steps to Help Make the Right Decision

1. **The Pause Principle:** Before you react to a difficult situation, pause, pray, and ask the Holy Spirit to help you do the right thing even when my feelings want to do something else.
2. **Seek Godly Counsel:** Discuss tough choices with wise, trusted Christian friends or mentors who hold you accountable.
3. **Do Not Grow Weary:** Sometimes the right thing takes a long time to bear fruit. Do not to grow weary in doing good, to trust God with the outcome, and view hardships as opportunities to display your faith.

Galatians 6:9 - ⁹ So let's not get tired of doing what is good. At just the right time we will reap a harvest of blessing if we don't give up.



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Conclusion

Faith is not only what we believe—it is how we respond when our faith is tested – when we are faced with doing the right thing when it isn't easy!

Doing what is right is often difficult, but we must stand firm in our integrity and that will bring spiritual reward and honor God.

Like Shiphrah and Puah: Choose obedience, choose courage, choose trust, and choose faith!

In the end the Lord blessed the midwives, and He will bless you too!

I Peter 3:14- ¹⁴ But even if you suffer for doing what is right, God will reward you for it. So don't worry or be afraid of their threats. ¹⁵ Instead, you must worship Christ as Lord of your life. And if someone asks about your hope as a believer, always be ready to explain it.



Thank You

