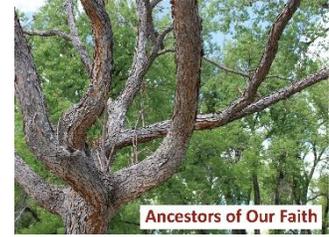


Personal DailyWalk

Ancestors of our Faith - Miriam

June 4-10, 2018



Monday: Exodus 2:1-10 Unsung heroes! Miriam was a clever girl helping Moses survive during this turbulent time. Who in your life may be an unsung hero that has supported you in the background? Thank them and pray in thanksgiving for their gift of support. Who can you be an unsung hero for? Pray for God's guidance in providing support that they don't even know they need.

Tuesday: Exodus 15: 20-21 Miriam's Song! Miriam led the people in song and praise of God's provision and safety. Be Miriam; lead those around you in song and praise of God's provision and safety.

Wednesday: Psalm 106:6-12 We like our ancestors! Man, God's word gets right to the heart of it, doesn't it? We, just like our ancestors, have sinned! We seesaw from obedience to sinfulness. We try; thank goodness God is merciful and saves us nonetheless. Pray in thanksgiving for God's mercy and grace as we try once more to be obedient to our creator and sustainer.

Thursday: Micah 6:3-4 Again, we are reminded that God remains faithful to our ancestors even when they are not being faithful/obedient to God. Oh, how God must become weary of us! Makes me wonder, who makes you weary? Maybe we can take some lessons from God in how to remain merciful and faithful to those who make us weary. Pray for God to strengthen you as you show compassion and faithfulness to those who rub you the wrong way.

Friday: Numbers 12 Even Miriam and Aaron get it wrong sometimes. Human nature sometimes makes us petty and hard-hearted. Here, God punishes Miriam, yet even in punishment he has compassion and brings her back into the community. And the community waits for her return. Is there someone in your life who you have excluded from your community because of a misunderstanding or a hardening of your heart? Maybe it is time to welcome them back in. Pray for God to show you if now is the time to heal them of their 'leprosy' and welcome them back into the fold.

Saturday: Deuteronomy 24:8-9 Could this be another reminder to keep an unclean/hardened heart and jealousy in check? Pray for God to show you how to be more understanding of diverse people and ideas while remaining faithful to His commandments, especially love God and love your neighbor.

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Sunday: Numbers 20:1 Miriam dies! In Biblical times, women did not account for much, so I find it amazing that not only does the Bible mention Miriam's death, but specifies where she was buried. Reflect on what you have learned about the life and faith of Miriam this past week, and pray in thanksgiving for our ancestors and for God's continued faithfulness in our lives today.

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