

Women of the Bible:

Michal

First: Start with the facts from each passage:

Second: What would her life have been like at this time

Third: What traits do we discover about her

Fourth: How did God work through this person, even after their mistake(s)

Fifth: What inspiration or lessons can be learned?

I Samuel 14:49, 50

I Samuel 18: 20-30

I Samuel 19:8-17

I Samuel 25:43, 44

2 Samuel 3:12-16

2 Samuel 6:16—23 (I Chronicles 15:29)

Lessons for Our Lives:

DID YOU NOTICE:

Michal means: possibly “brook” or “stream”. Conflicting opinions on whether it is a form of Michael, or not.

I Samuel 14:49, 50 She becomes second most famous of Saul’s children; though she is the youngest daughter.

I Samuel 18: 20-30 Only place in the Old Testament where it is stated a woman LOVES a man. There is no place that records David “loving” her. She was being used as a lure to destroy David.

I Samuel 19:8-17 Michal had to choose between loyalty to her father, the king; OR to David, her husband. She placed her life in jeopardy by helping her husband.

I Samuel 25:43, 44 Saul gave Michal to be married to another man. How might this have changed her relationship with her father? While David would meet with Jonathan on two occasions after this, we never find him meeting with Michal; while Saul is alive. We do not find David afterwards, seeking to provide for Michal or bring her to him (though he does this for his parents and the other wives that he adds after this).

2 Samuel 3:12-16 David sought to regain Michal. This would help strengthen his claim to the throne. Her second husband didn’t want to lose her.

2 Samuel 6:16—23 (I Chronicles 15:29) I Chronicles does not mention Michal’s confrontation with David or punishment by God. In that confrontation, it is clear her attitude towards David has changed. Her relation to Saul is mentioned repeatedly and her childlessness helps assure Saul of not having a descendant who would rule over Israel.