

**Mother's Day**  
**"Women of Influence"**

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**1. Deborah – God used Deborah to inspire faith**

*Judges 5:6-7 "In the days of Shamgar son of Anath, and in the days of Jael, people avoided the main roads, and travelers stayed on winding pathways. There were few people left in the villages of Israel until Deborah arose as a mother for Israel." (New Living Translation)*

**2. Ruth – God used Ruth to provide hope**

*Ruth 1:16-17 "But Ruth replied, "Don't ask me to leave you and turn back. Wherever you go, I will go; wherever you live, I will live. Your people will be my people, and your God will be my God. <sup>17</sup> Wherever you die, I will die, and there I will be buried. May the LORD punish me severely if I allow anything but death to separate us!" (NLT)*

*Ruth 4:14-15 "Then the women of the town said to Naomi, "Praise the LORD, who has now provided a redeemer for your family! May this child be famous in Israel. <sup>15</sup> May he restore your youth and care for you in your old age. For he is the son of your daughter-in-law who loves you and has been better to you than seven sons!" (NLT)*

**3. Esther – God used Esther to embrace destiny**

*Esther 4:14 "If you keep quiet at a time like this, deliverance and relief for the Jews will arise from some other place, but you and your relatives will die. Who knows if perhaps you were made queen for just such a time as this?" (NLT)*

**4. How will God use your life to influence others?**

- God will give us generational opportunities

*Deuteronomy 11:19 "Teach them to your children. Talk about them when you are at home and when you are on the road, when you are going to bed and when you are getting up." (NLT)*

- God will give us opportunities related to our unique design

*I Corinthians 12:4-6 "There are different kinds of spiritual gifts, but the same Spirit is the source of them all. <sup>5</sup> There are different kinds of service, but we serve the same Lord. <sup>6</sup> God works in different ways, but it is the same God who does the work in all of us." (NLT)*

- God will give us opportunities using our experiences

*II Corinthians 1:4 "He comforts us in all our troubles so that we can comfort others. When they are troubled, we will be able to give them the same comfort God has given us." (NLT)*

- God will give us opportunities in our existing networks of relationships

**Discussion Questions:**

1. Who were some of the most influential women in your life and how did they influence you?
2. Discuss Deborah, Ruth and Esther. How did each one influence in a unique way?
3. How do you have generational opportunities to influence?
4. How can you influence through your unique design?
5. How will God use your past experiences to influence others?
6. How can you influence in your existing relationships?