



"And she had a sister called Mary, who also sat at Jesus' feet and heard His word." Luke 10:39

"But one thing is needed, and Mary has chosen that good part, which will not be taken away from her." Luke 10:42

STAGE 1 - She is a DAUGHTER

Before she gave love, she received it

Biblical Example: Ruth

"Your people shall be my people, and your God my God." (Ruth 1:16)

She didn't wait for circumstances to be favorable before she chose her identity. She knew whose she was, and that settled everything else.

STAGE 2 - She is a DISCIPLE

She follows Jesus as a person - not depending on her husband's walk with God, nor what culture tells.

Biblical Example: Mary of Bethany

Her faith was personal. She chose it herself. No one sat there for her.

STAGE 3 - She is a MINISTER

She doesn't just receive the Gospel, she carries it

Biblical Example: Deborah

(Judges 4:4) When the general Barak refused to go to battle without her, she went not because she pushed her way in, but because God had already placed her there.

STAGE 4 - She is a WIFE

She chooses to build, not just to belong

Biblical Example: Priscilla

Priscilla and her husband Aquila are one of the great ministry partnerships in the New Testament. Every time they are mentioned, they are working together. And notably, Priscilla is often named first which is unusual for that culture. (Acts 18:26)

STAGE 5 - She is a MOTHER

The highest earthly calling: making another image-bearer

Biblical Example: Jochebed - The Mother of Moses (Exodus 1:22)

Mary - The Mother of Jesus

An angel appeared and told her she would carry the Son of God. She was unmarried. She was young. She had no idea what this would cost her. And her answer was simply: "Let it be to me according to your word." (Luke 1:38)

Motherhood is not a hobby, it is a calling