



WOMEN DOING WELL
PATHWAY
PHASE 2

Grow in confidence with a deeper understanding of your purpose, find courage to step into your passion, and explore what God has entrusted to you.

PHASE 2: GROW

WEEK 4: BE COURAGEOUS

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▶ — Video — BE COURAGEOUS, Jo Saxton

Presenter

Jo Saxton is an author, speaker, podcast host, and leadership coach. She has dedicated her career to growing leadership teams around the world and empowering women to find their purpose in their personal lives and in leadership. Born in London to parents who immigrated from Nigeria, Jo credits her family's unrelenting work ethic and the grace of God for the bold, tenacious approach she takes to sharing her wisdom on identity, influence, and living an authentic life. She is characterized by her effervescent honesty and warm approachability, leaving audiences with practical next steps in areas that are usually a bit ambiguous.

Overview/Questions

- As you watch the video, consider how God is calling upon your courage in your followership of Him.

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- The “hidden figures” in the Bible are often women, not well known — yet they changed the story of our faith (Deborah, Mary, Lydia).
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- Luke 8:13 — The Parable of the Sower
- 8 After this, Jesus traveled about from one town and village to another, proclaiming the good news of the kingdom of God. The Twelve were with him, 2 and also some women who had been cured of evil spirits and diseases: Mary (called Magdalene) from whom seven demons had come out; 3 Joanna the wife of Chuza, the manager of Herod's household; Susanna; and many others. These women were helping to support them out of their own means.

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- Traveled and funded the spread of the gospel.

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The hidden figures and their lessons:

1. An encounter with Jesus changes lives — How has Jesus transformed your life?

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2. It takes courage to navigate our calling, especially in challenging and complicated times — Where is Jesus calling you to be courageous in your calling?

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3. Transformed people transform — themselves, others, their communities. They leave a legacy. What transformation is God doing in your life?

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Scripture Reflection, Ephesians 6:10–18 — The Armor of God

Ephesians 6:10–18 (NIV)

10 Finally, be strong in the Lord and in his mighty power. 11 Put on the full armor of God, so that you can take your stand against the devil’s schemes. 12 For our struggle is not against flesh and blood, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the powers of this dark world and against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly realms. 13 Therefore put on the full armor of God, so that when the day of evil comes, you may be able to stand your ground, and after you have done everything, to stand. 14 Stand firm then, with the belt of truth buckled around your waist, with the breastplate of righteousness in place, 15 and with your feet fitted with the readiness that comes from the gospel of peace. 16 In addition to all this, take up the shield of faith, with which you can extinguish all the flaming arrows of the evil one. 17 Take the helmet of salvation and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God. 18 And pray in the Spirit on all occasions with all kinds of prayers and requests. With this in mind, be alert and always keep on praying for all the Lord’s people.

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OPEN YOUR HANDS TO GIVE AND RECEIVE, WDW (Reading)

God is always trying to give good things to us, but we have our hands too full to receive them.

- SAINT AUGUSTINE

I read the quote above and thought, You bet my hands are full! My pantry is full of pasta and paper goods!

We are currently in a time of scarcity, not abundance. Throughout the day the news tells me there is not enough to go around: Not enough hospital beds, respirators, masks, and now a great loss of jobs due to COVID-19. This is an especially hard time to open my hands to give fully, even if God promises to give something good in exchange.

Thankfully God does not change in crisis. In Malachi 3:10, the Lord says, “Bring the full tithe into the storehouse, that there may be food in My house. And thereby put Me to the test, if I will not open the windows of heaven for you and pour down for you a blessing until there is no more need.”

In this time of scarcity, we're called to be generous. My friend Mary recently spent a day eliminating expenses like Netflix and other monthly subscriptions. When she made the call to cancel Tae Kwon Do she was met with resistance and told she was under a contract. The call ended in harsh words on both sides. The Tae Kwon Do owner called back a few minutes later to communicate they would cancel the monthly payment, but soon they will not be able to pay their employees. Mary remembered that generosity is the way people see God's heart. She responded saying not only would she continue with the monthly payment, but double it! Mary experienced such joy in giving generously.

Radical generosity gets our attention. In just the last few weeks, Today show co-host Hoda Kotb broke down on air after interviewing New Orleans Saints quarterback Drew Brees about his \$5 million donation to the state of Louisiana amid the COVID-19 pandemic. And in Naples, Florida an anonymous diner left a behind a \$10,000 tip at Skillet's restaurant. The tip was distributed so each employee would receive \$500. Little did they know that the next day, the governor would force dining rooms statewide to close. But, God knew and provided through giving.

Love motivated generosity changes the world. As Jesus reminds us in John 3:16, “God so loved the world that He gave His one and only Son, so that everyone who believes in Him will not perish but have eternal life.”



Jesus was gathered with His friends and disciples in a home when a woman poured her expensive perfume over His Head. The friends and disciples reacted with criticism saying this was wasteful. But Jesus saw a generous heart. He said, “Why criticize this woman for doing such a good thing to me? You will always have the poor among you, but you will not always have me. She has poured this perfume on me to prepare my body for burial. I tell you the truth, wherever the Good News is preached throughout the world, this woman’s deed will be remembered and discussed” (Matthew 26:10-13).

What are you holding on to that could be given generously to further the Kingdom of God? Is it your time, your talent, or your treasure? God wants to lavish you with so many beautiful blessings. I am learning that true joy comes from releasing what is in our hands and living a life of radical generosity.

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Video — BRIGHTER FAITH & COMPANY, Liz Bohannon

Presenter

Liz Forkin Bohannon is the founder of Sseko Designs, an ethical fashion brand that works to educate and empower women. In four years, Sseko has grown from three women making sandals together under a mango tree, to an international fashion brand that provides employment, educational opportunities and entrepreneurial training to over 50 women in East Africa. She believes deeply that business is a powerful platform for social change and that girls are our future.





Overview/Questions

- As you watch the video, listen to Liz’s amazing vision for building strong partnerships among women.

- Committed to the education of women, using privilege to better the culture.

- Creating systems and processes that improve lives.

- Leverages passion to the creation of a partnership between Sseko in foreign countries and the Sseko Fellows in the US.

- True partnership, community, a “sisterhood”.



CLOSE/HOMEWORK

Time Inventory/Three Servants Parable

- Look at your calendar, do an inventory of where you're spending your time (you won't have to report back, it's for your learning only).
- Read and reflect on the Parable of the Three Servants (Matthew 25: 14—30).