



Summer Blockbuster Reading Challenge

3 months—4 Gospels—Go!

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Take your Pulse

What has given you great joy this week?

What has pained you the most this week?

Today's Reading

Luke Chapter 8

One of the great tragedies of the Christian Faith across the centuries is how the faith has been used against women, telling women they have no place to serve in the Kingdom or be a part of proclaiming the Good News. In recent decades, there has been a wonderful trend to changing that, our denomination being one of many that has begun ordaining women. In Luke's Gospel we have several stories that include women as an equal partner to the men in ministry. We also have several stories throughout the Gospels that show Jesus valuing women, receiving them kindly and mercifully, and empowering them. The authors of our scriptures, and the founders of the church and our society as a whole may have something against women, but Jesus certainly does not.



Start the Thinking

Name a woman of faith who has inspired you the most in your faith journey.



Conversing with God

O Holy God, Mary Magdalene, Joanna, Susanna, and many others are examples of women leading the way in the Kingdom of God. Thank you for showing the strength and leadership of so many women from the days of scriptures to our own day today. May their faith inspire us to a greater role within your Kingdom. In Jesus' holy name we pray, Amen.



Be blessed

May the road rise up to meet you. May the wind always be at your back.
May the sun shine warm upon your face, and rains fall soft upon your fields.
And until we meet again, May God hold you in the palm of His hand.