

# God can use *you*

"POWERFUL WOMEN" WOMEN'S SUNDAY

People of God, did you know that God wants to use you? Sometimes we think of historical figures that God used to accomplish His work as superhuman; but, did you know they were ordinary people like us?



Born into slavery as Araminta Ross, **Harriet Tubman** was an abolitionist, women's suffrage activist, and conductor on the Underground Railroad. After escaping to freedom, she went back 13 times to successfully rescue over 70 others, testifying that she never lost a passenger. Tubman's knowledge of the land proved invaluable, even serving as a spy, a nurse, and a cook for the Union Army during the Civil War.

**Esther** was a Jew in Persian exile who became queen around 478 BC. Defying the custom of the times, she used her position of power to expose and thwart a plot by one of the king's advisors to eliminate her people (Esther 7-9).

Both of these women were not content to live a comfortable life on their own, but used their situations to free others. In the same way, we must use our freedom in Christ to free others from spiritual slavery.

One of the first African-American women to work as a NASA scientist, **Katherine Johnson's** work as a mathematician was crucial to sending the first American to space. Though overlooked and uncredited, her calculations of complex astrodynamics were fundamental to the successful launch, reentry, and landing of crewed spaceflights.



**The woman at the well** was a social outcast that God used as the first evangelist to Samaria. Despite her past and what others thought of her, she boldly proclaimed Jesus's identity as the Messiah, and the people listened (John 4:39).

Both of these women did not let their position in society or how others treated them become a barrier to their call. God used them to cause others to be saved.



**Sojourner Truth** was an abolitionist, author, and women's suffrage activist. Truth endured tremendous suffering, including: being sold and separated from her family at age 9; being raped by a slave master who reneged on his promise to free her; and being separated from her own children. Despite this, Truth worked tirelessly, even becoming one of the first black women to win a court case against a white man.

Searching desperately for a remedy for her daughter, **the Canaanite woman** sought Jesus in the region of Tyre and Sidon. Ignoring offense and opposition, her persistent faith was eventually rewarded with the healing of her daughter.

Both of these women worked hard, being determined to help those around them no matter the opposition.

In all these examples, God took women without education, wealth, or social status and used them to accomplish great things; yes, for humanity, but ultimately for His kingdom. Take what you have and use it to do what God has given you to do!

## 1 Corinthians 1:26-27

What God has given you to do, only you can do. What is the point of your pain, your resources, and the tools He has given you? Whatever it is, God can use it for His glory. Don't be content to sit on the sidelines; use your life to help someone else! No matter who you are or what you've done, **God can use you!**