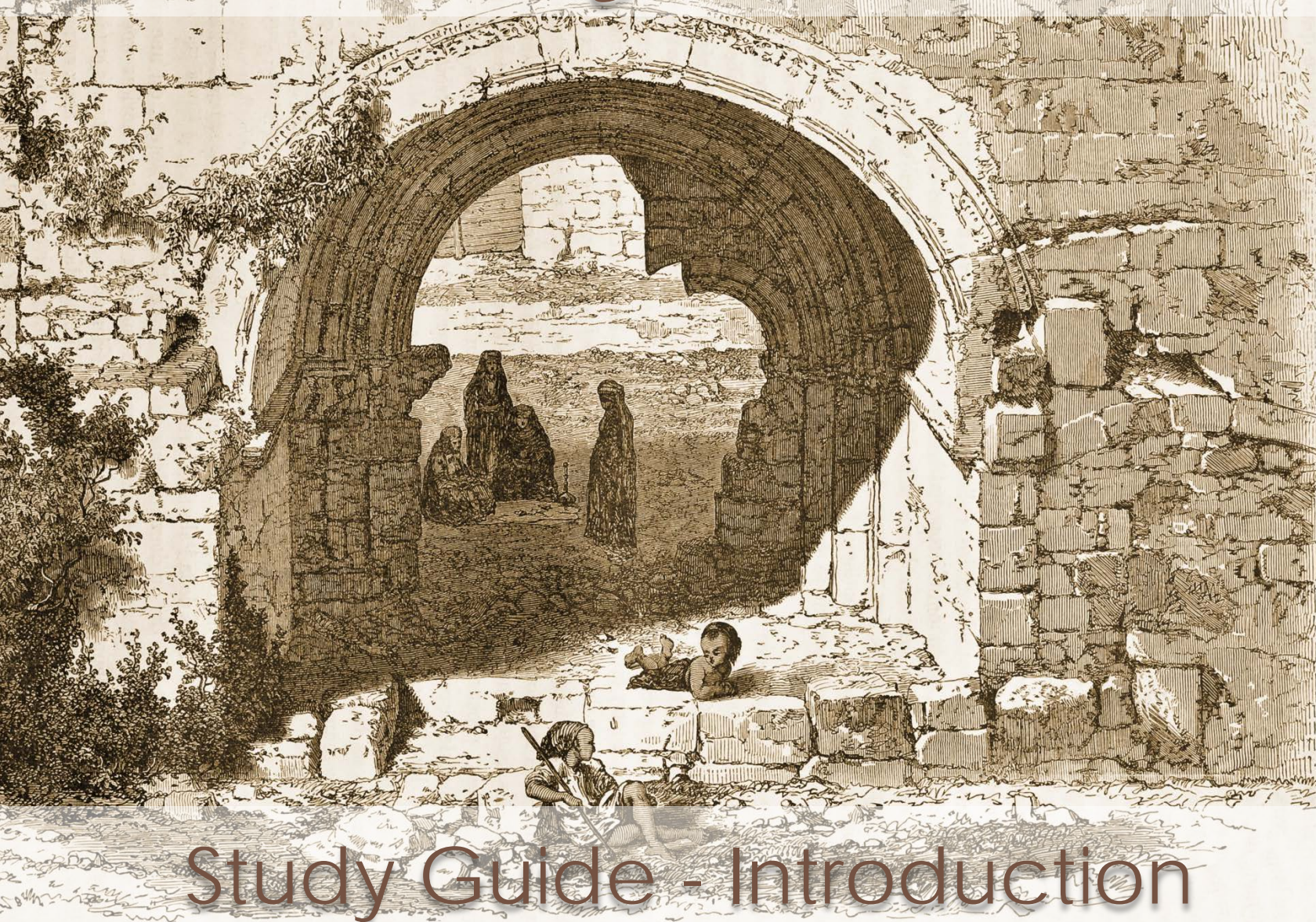


Women Of The Bible



Study Guide - Introduction

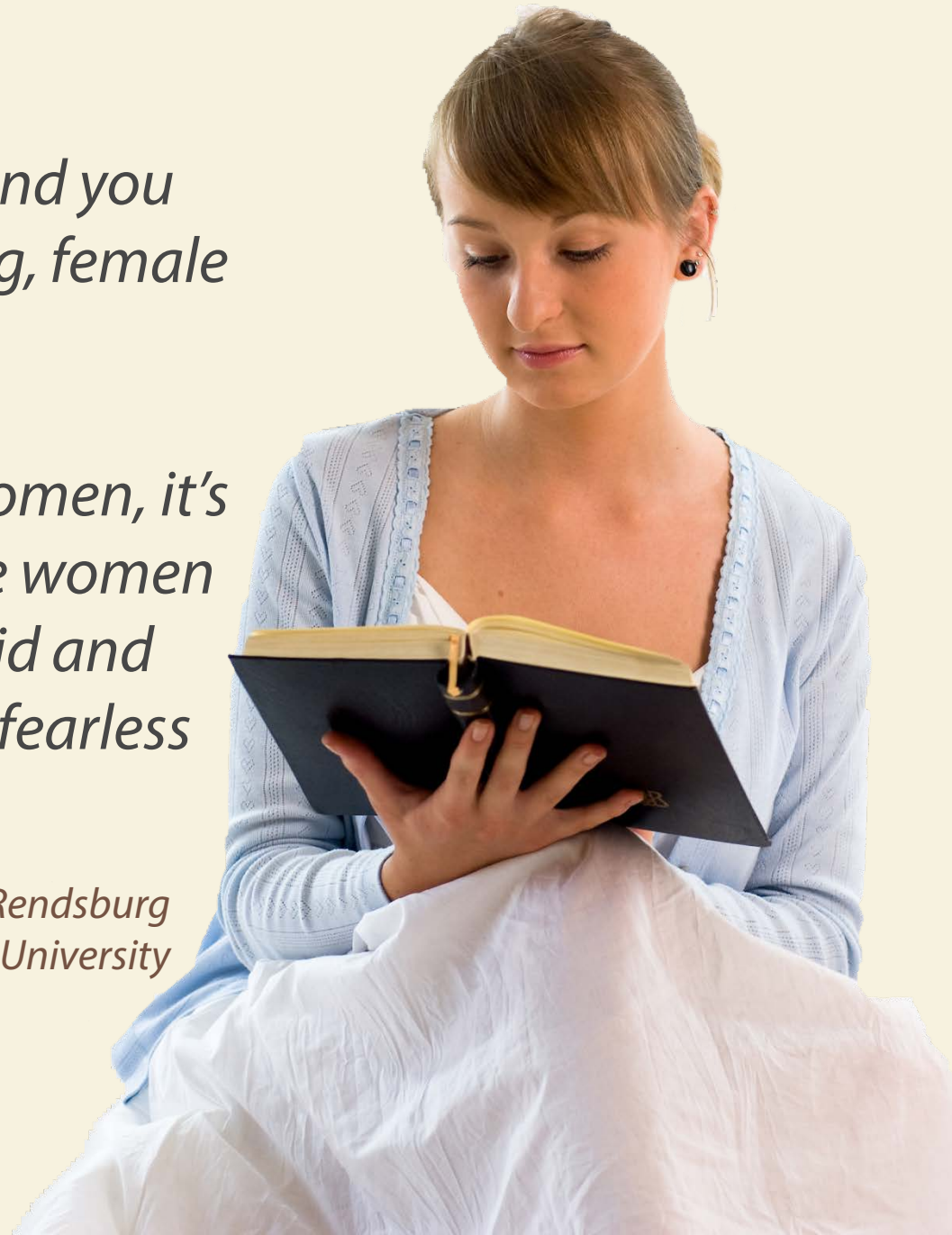
*"And they went out...and they anointed with oil
many that were sick and healed them."*

Mark 6:12-13

“Open the bible at random and you will notice something striking, female characters abound.

And it’s not simply a lot of women, it’s a lot of strong women. These women are not passive, demure, timid and submissive, but active, bold, fearless and assertive.”

*Gary Rendsburg
Professor, Rutgers University*



Our Purpose

To inspire you to find your voice.

To inspire you to take risk; to take action, and through your everyday choices, to change the world today; just as each of the six women of the Bible, with blind faith in our creator, took action and changed the world for all of mankind.

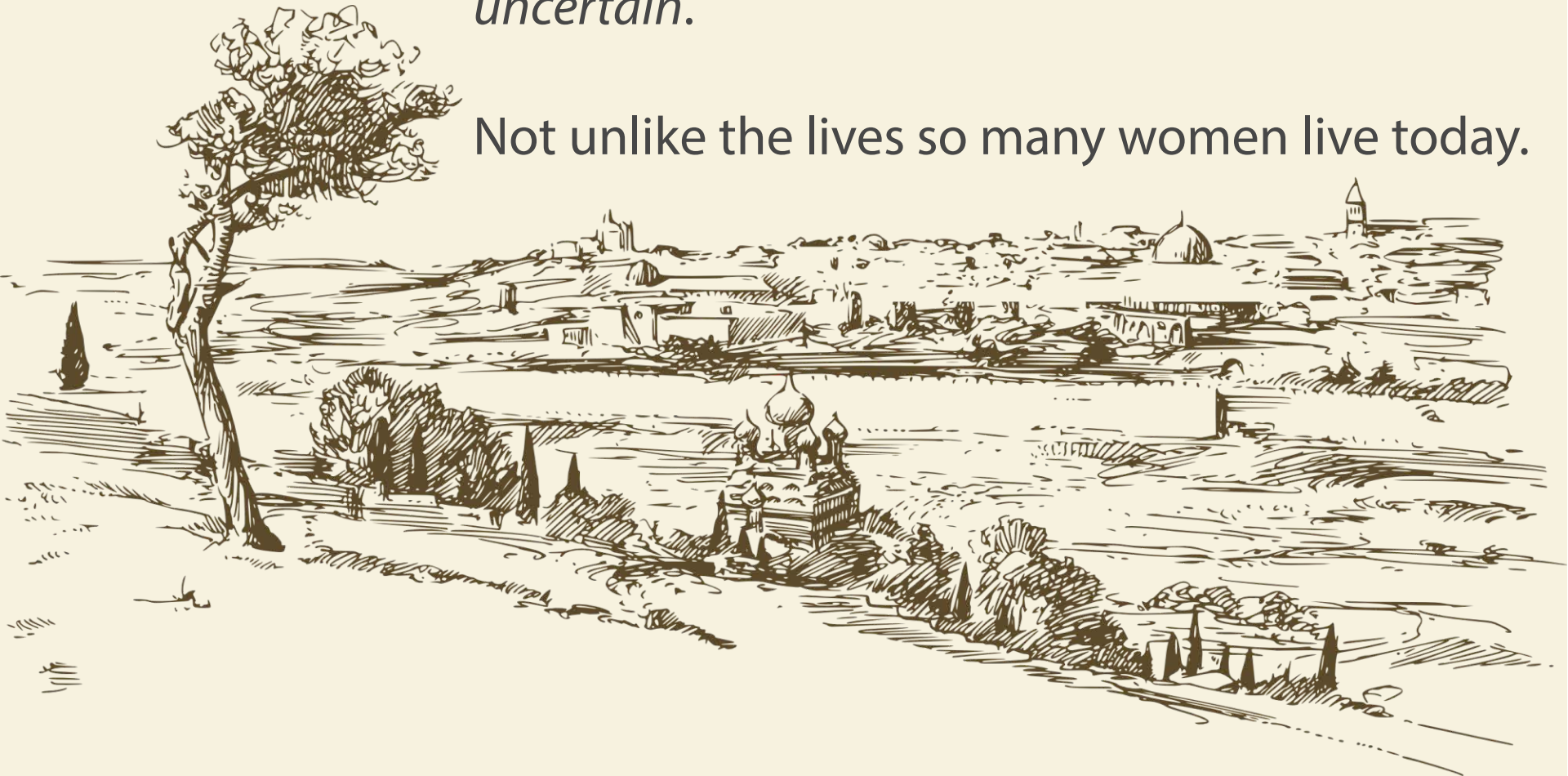


You may wonder what women from biblical times have to do with the life you are living today.

But there are many similarities.

Their times were *violent, dangerous* and *uncertain*.

Not unlike the lives so many women live today.





Many of the circumstances the Women of the Bible faced are issues women are still dealing with today.

Abusive relationships, living a hopeless life we wish we could change, having committed an act we believe to be so terrible that we can never be forgiven, sacrificing to care for another, following our destiny even when it's hard, and doing the right thing even when it's scary.

The Women of the Bible are not stories about miracles, but about courageous women who used their intellectual and spiritual resources to overcome adversity and ultimately to change the world.

Above all, each woman's story is an inspiration.



***Each woman
followed her
heart and was
sustained by her
faith in the one
true God.***



Had even one of these women not answered her call and fulfilled her destiny, the world's history would most certainly be different in ways we cannot even conceive.

- *Would there have been a savior born in Bethlehem?*
- *Would there even be a City of David?*
- *Would an entire nation of Jews in exile have been saved?*





As the world has become more perilous and dangerous, it's more necessary than ever before for the balance brought by the feminine way of being and thinking to make its presence known.

"A nation is not conquered until the hearts of its women are on the ground. Then it is done, no matter how brave its warriors or how strong their weapons."

Cheyenne Proverb

***The world today needs women of all ages, of all races,
and all religions to unite in service.***

The opportunities to serve are all around us constantly.

Every interaction is an opportunity to serve, to share love and goodwill.

Sharing love and goodwill is not a one-way street, what we give away comes back to us.

We cannot serve at a distance or with judgment.

This is Mother Teresa's basic message. We serve life not because it is broken, but because it is holy.



In terms of health, the gift of giving results in a stronger immune system, fewer illnesses, and a longer life.



As a health strategy alone, service to others makes sense.

From an emotional perspective, compassionate, and caring service helps to alleviate depression.

When we are in relation to the person we are helping, we feel renewed, more creative, and more peaceful.

The self-esteem generated by service keeps hopelessness from taking root.

From a spiritual perspective, service is a good working definition of spirituality in action.

Without others, we wouldn't have the opportunity to become better human beings.



Every act of kindness and compassion towards others is multiplied when they, in turn, pass it on. One by one, the world becomes a better place. Service is indeed the gift that keeps on giving.



HOW CAN YOU BE OF SERVICE?



The Women of the Bible are the perfect companions to give encouragement, inspiration, and hope on our feminine journey of service.

***They have led the way,
now we must follow.***



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