



BRAVE WOMEN RUN IN MY FAMILY

Connect Study 10

JOCHEBED – A NECESSARY VILLAGE

'These were all commended for their faith, yet none of them received what had been promised. God had planned something better for us so that only together with us would they be made perfect. Therefore, since we are surrounded by such a great cloud of witnesses, let us throw off everything that hinders and the sin that so easily entangles, and let us run with perseverance the race marked out for us. (Hebrews 11:39-12:1)

JOCHEBED: *A courageous woman whose children were used by God*

Moses could not have reached his potential without the village that brought him up. Jochebed and Amram were part of his genealogy (Exodus 6:16-20) and they were on the list of faith-filled people in Hebrews (Hebrews 11:23). We cannot fulfill our destiny without community because we are made in God's image and therefore made for relationship.

We need the generations in our village:

- We can't run our race without the testimony of elders (Hebrews 11:40)
- We can't run our race without the cloud of witnesses (Hebrews 12:1)
- We can't run our race without the investment into sons (Hebrews 12:1)

Activity: Ask one of the connect group to name six people who have influenced her life. Two need to be from an older generation and may no longer be alive (e.g. mother or teacher); two need to be peers (e.g. friend, sibling) and two need to be younger (e.g. child, student). She then needs to choose six members of the connect group to play those roles and place them in relation to herself (e.g. some closer and some further away). Then she needs to describe how each relationship makes her feel bearing in mind that not every relationship is equally positive in a person's life. In what ways has each person contributed to her village?

Take some time to consider the following questions in relation to your own life:

- **Read Hebrews 11:40; 11:1,2 and Isaiah 59:21**
Describe some investments that have been made into your life by the older generation. What difference did they make to your life? What have you learned?
- **Read Hebrews 12:1 and 10:25**
In what ways are you encouraging and cheering on your peers?



- **Read Hebrews 12:7**

Discuss the concept of raising up the next generation.

Pray: Pray for each other that you will identify the people in your necessary village.

NATION BUILDERS

- *One of the best ways we can make a difference as a connect is to regularly PRAY for the Nation*
- *Builders causes we support, and regularly inspire your group to receive your Nation Builders offering.*
- *Your giving makes a massive difference in helping us 'reach and influencing the world'.*
- *Hillsong Church, Kiev & Moscow*
- *Please take the time in your group to pray for our church in Kiev and Moscow at this time of global*
- *uncertainty. Let's pray for peace in this region and for wisdom for the governments involved. Please*
- *pray for our Pastors and our people in both Moscow and Kiev, that they will continue to focus on*
- *Jesus and that the church will go from strength to strength in these challenging times.*

PASTORAL CARE

- We have a pastoral care team at church to walk alongside people in your group who may be going through a tough time.
- Please contact the church office Sydney 02 8853 5353, Melbourne 03 9720 2099, Brisbane 07 3422 8500 or Newcastle 02 4927 1888 to let us know of anybody in your group (with their permission) who have sickness, death of a loved one, marriage challenges, surgeries.

