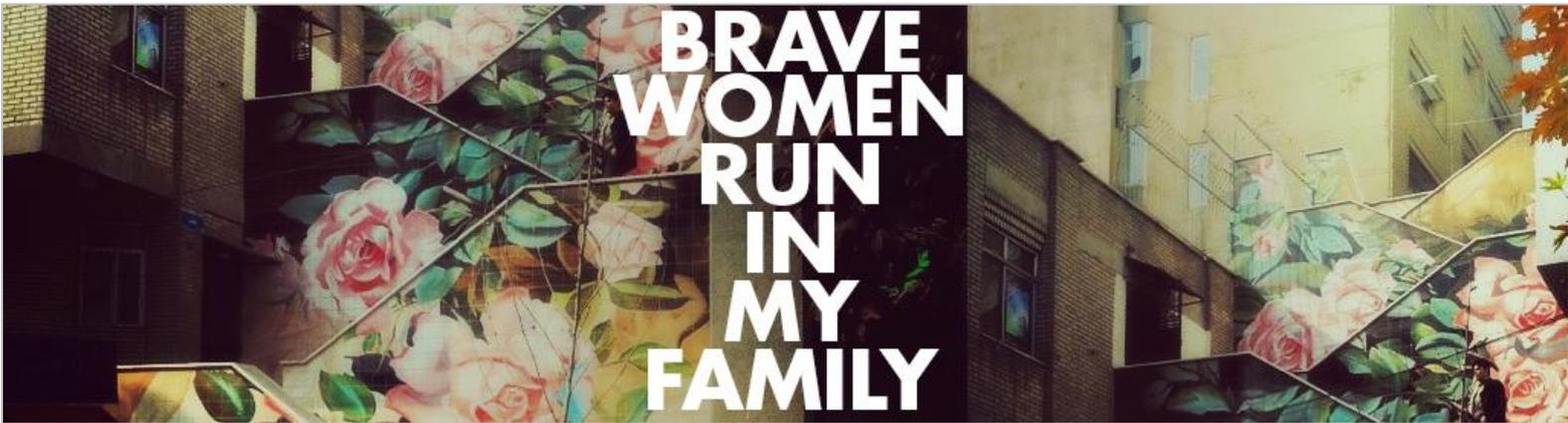


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Connect Study 12

MIRIAM

A THANKFUL WOMAN WHO KNEW HOW TO WORSHIP

*'Then Miriam the prophetess, Aaron's sister, took a tambourine in her hand, and all the women followed her, with tambourines and dancing. Miriam sang to them: "Sing to the Lord, for he is highly exalted. The horse and its rider he has hurled into the sea."
(Exodus 15:20, 21 NIV)*

Miriam was a prophetess and a worshipper but there was another side to her too. Her name means 'rebellious' and there was a tension between the worship-leading prophetess of Exodus 15 and the envious woman who challenged Moses' authority in Numbers 12 or who presumably became involved the idolatrous worship in Exodus 32 since there is no record of her protesting against it. However, despite this she was a recipient of grace and was remembered centuries later as one of those who led Israel out of Egypt (Micah 6:4). What can we learn from Miriam?

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

- **Read Numbers 12:1-15 and Hebrews 13:11,12.**
What did Miriam do wrong and how was she shown grace? Discuss how this compares to our own experience of grace.
- **Read Exodus 32:1-7 and 17, 18 and John 4:23, 24.**
The worship at the bottom of the mountain was idolatrous, carnal and powerless. In what ways can our worship at times fall into those traps? In what ways can we worship our image of God rather than the God of the Bible? In what ways can we be distracted in our worship so that we are not worshipping in Spirit and truth?
- **Read Exodus 15:20, 21 and Hebrews 13:15.**
What do we learn about true worship from Miriam?



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- Miriam was at least 90 at the time of the Exodus but still led the women in worship. Discuss the excuses we make for not worshipping or leading in worship.

Study tip: Names are often significant in the Bible and a good Bible Dictionary will usually give you the meaning of the name. In Miriam's case her name sheds some light on her attitude towards Moses at one point but we must be careful not to read too much into a name or make it the sum total of what we conclude about a person. There was much more to Miriam than rebellion.

PRAY: Pray for each other that you will be true, exuberant, joyful, prophetic worshippers.

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.*

HIGHLIGHTS COMING UP

- Hillsong Foundation Launch: 8th – 10th August
- Heart & Soul Night: with Pastor Brian Tue 12th August
- Sisterhood United Night: with Pastor Bobbie Tue 19th August

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.

