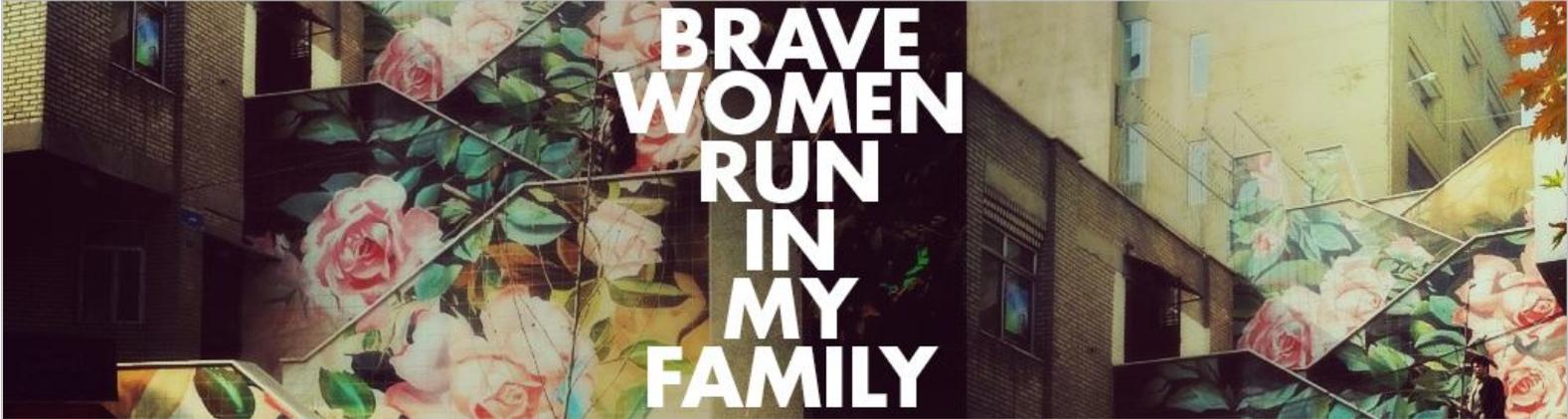


# SISTERHOOD CONNECT GROUP STUDY



**BRAVE  
WOMEN  
RUN  
IN  
MY  
FAMILY**

Connect Study 17

## **MANOAH'S WIFE**

*The angel of the Lord answered, "Your wife must do all that I have told her." (Judges 13:13)*

**MANOAH'S WIFE:** *An obedient woman who responded to the supernatural.*

Manoah's wife was visited by an angel of God at a time when Israel was under Philistine oppression because of their disobedience. Manoah and his wife were a childless couple who were both godly and obedient and God responded to that obedience by giving them a son, Samson, the last of the judges. The greatest lesson we can learn from Manoah's wife is to live a life of obedience.

### **Bobbie gave 6 keys to living an obedient life:**

- Obedience is not a #thy kingdom come option
- Obedience is strategy in motion
- Obedience is a battle stance and a game changer
- Obedience is the first commandment with a promise and the key through many doors
- Obedience is not always comfortable, but it is safer than the alternative
- Obedience lifts you from the natural into the supernatural

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

### **Read Matthew 6:9-13 and Revelation 2:11.**

Praying "Thy Kingdom come" expresses obedience to God's will.  
In what part of your life are you being challenged to be obedient?

### **Read John 5:19, 30, John 12:49, 50 and Romans 5:19.**

Jesus set the perfect example of obedience. Discuss what you think that looked like for him when he was on earth.

### **Read Proverbs 3:12 and 5:1.**

We need to be open to truth, wisdom and correction.  
Share a time when you were corrected and how you responded.



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## Read 1 Samuel 15:22 and 2 Timothy 2:2:4, 5.

What does it look like to be obedient to your calling?

How often are you tempted to be independent and do things your way?

## Read Ephesians 6:1-3 and Judges 13.

Discuss Manoah and his wife's obedience and the blessing it brought. Share an experience when you were obedient to God and saw supernatural blessing in your life.

**Activity:** Make praying the Lord's Prayer a daily habit. Why not take a phrase each day and reflect on it and pray around it. E.g. Sunday: 'Our Father in heaven' – What does it mean to us that God is our Father? Do we tend to pray 'God' rather than 'Father'? What does it mean to you that he is 'our' father and that we are part of a great family of believers? Give thanks for this intimate relationship that we can have with our Father in heaven.

**Pray:** Pray together that you may always be obedient to truth, wisdom, and correction.

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## NATION BUILDERS

- *One of the best ways we can make a difference as a connect is to regularly PRAY for the Nation*
- *Builder's 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.

