

Blessings in Relationships

Bible Study • Study Guide

Opening Prayer: Lord God, heavenly Father, as we enter this time of reading and reflecting, bless and enlighten us through Your Holy Word. Enable us to provide sisterly love and support to one another as we study together, and draw us ever closer to You through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

There are many relationships described in the Bible. The Lord uses some of them to show us the beauty of relationships and teach us how to live together. Several passages describe relationships involving women who are blessings to each other.

Read Exodus 2:1–10.

How did the relationship between Moses' mother and Pharaoh's daughter develop? _____

What were the immediate blessings that resulted from their relationship? _____

What were the blessings that resulted years later? _____

Read Ruth 1:14–18 and Ruth 2:22–3:1.

How did the relationship between Ruth and Naomi develop? _____

What were the immediate blessings that resulted from their relationship? _____

What were the blessings that developed years later? _____

What characterizes positive and supportive relationships among women? _____

Read the following passages, and discuss how the relationships described resulted in blessings.

Ecclesiastes 4:9–12 _____

Romans 15:1–7 _____

Titus 2:1–5 _____

Hebrews 10:23–25 _____

Read Luke 1:39–45.

How did the relationship between Mary and Elizabeth develop? _____

What were the immediate blessings that resulted from their relationship? _____

What were the blessings that developed years later? Read Mark 1:1–8. _____

The ultimate blessings in our relationships are when we point other people to Christ. Through Him they receive forgiveness and life. May the Holy Spirit enable us to share God's Word so that more people would receive the blessings of our Triune God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

Closing Prayer: Lord God, bless Your Word. May it transform those who do not yet know You, to faith in Christ. Strengthen and protect Your people, and work through us and our relationships that Your Word may lead others to salvation through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

Sing: “Gracious God, You Send Great Blessings” (*LSB* 782).

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