**Biblical Women Who Shaped Generations**

Legacy and leadership in the Bible are powerfully illustrated through the lives of women whose faith, courage, and obedience to God left a lasting impact on generations. Their stories reveal how spiritual leadership shapes communities and furthers God’s divine plan.

Deborah (Judges 4–5) was a prophetess and judge who led Israel during a time of national crisis. As both a spiritual and political leader, she inspired confidence, delivered wise counsel, and directed Barak into battle. Her legacy is one of courageous, godly leadership that brought peace and order to a troubled nation.

Ruth (Ruth 1–4) demonstrated unwavering loyalty and humility after choosing to remain with her mother-in-law Naomi. Her journey from grief to grace led her to Boaz, and she became the great-grandmother of King David. Ruth’s legacy teaches that servant-hearted faith and relational loyalty are forms of leadership with lasting generational significance.

Esther (Esther 1–10), a Jewish queen in Persia, embodied bold and strategic leadership. Risking her life, she interceded for her people and exposed Haman’s plot to destroy the Jews. Through prayer, wisdom, and timing, Esther’s actions saved a nation. Her legacy lives on as a model of courage and advocacy.

Priscilla (Acts 18:24–26; Romans 16:3) was a knowledgeable teacher in the early Church who, alongside her husband Aquila, discipled Apollos, a gifted preacher. Her leadership in doctrine and discipleship reflects the importance of women in shaping theological understanding and spiritual growth.

Mary, the mother of Jesus (Luke 1–2), accepted her divine calling with faith, nurturing the Savior of the world. Her obedience and strength as a mother and believer laid a foundation for Jesus’ earthly ministry. Her legacy reflects humility, purpose, and trust in God’s plan.

These five women show how legacy and leadership are often birthed through faithfulness, courage, and service to God.

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**The Journey Continues: Legacy and Leadership**

**Mrs. Jo-Ann O. Monroe, Connectional Secretary, Bureau of Supply**

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**Bureau of Supply Prayer Breakfast**

**(Enter Quietly and Prayerfully)**

Call to Prayer

Gracious God, we thank You for the faithful leaders who have paved the way before us and for the legacy of love, service, and sacrifice they leave behind. Inspire us to walk boldly in their footsteps, guided by Your wisdom and filled with the Holy Spirit. May we lead with integrity, nurture future generations, and build upon the foundation of Christ. Amen.

Opening Hymn “Hold to God’s Unchanging Hand”

Legacy and Leadership Responsive Reading

Legacy: Hebrews 13:7 — “Remember your leaders, who spoke the word of God to you. Consider the outcome of their way of life and imitate their faith.”

**Heir: Lord, we thank You for the spiritual giants who came before us. May their faith-filled example inspire us to walk faithfully, lead boldly, and build lives rooted in Your truth and grace.**

Legacy: Mark 10:45 — “For even the Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many.”

**Heir: Jesus, teach us to lead with humility and compassion. Help us to serve without seeking recognition, putting the needs of others before our own, just as You lovingly gave Yourself for us all.**

Legacy: 2 Timothy 2:2 — “And the things you have heard me say… entrust to reliable people who will also be qualified to teach others.”

**Heir: Gracious God, give us willing hearts to mentor with love and patience. Help us invest in future generations, sharing wisdom, nurturing faith, and building strong spiritual foundations for the years to come.**

Legacy: Proverbs 20:7 — “The righteous lead blameless lives; blessed are their children after them.”

**Heir: Father, mold our hearts to reflect Your righteousness. Let our integrity speak louder than words, leaving behind a legacy of faithfulness, blessing, and light that impacts those who follow our path.**

Legacy: 1 Corinthians 3:11 — “For no one can lay any foundation other than the one already laid, which is Jesus Christ.”

**All: Lord, may everything we build be anchored in Christ alone. Strengthen us to serve faithfully, cast vision wisely, and glorify You in all we do, leaving a spiritual legacy that endures.**

Solo or Praise Dance

***Wesleyan Grace***

***Breakfast is Served***

Introduction of Meditation Speaker

Meditation Hymn O Master Let Me Walk With Thee

Morning Meditation

Closing Remarks

Missionary Benediction

God be merciful unto us, and bless us, and cause His face to shine upon us and give us peace. Amen.

