

AWARENESS.SKILLS.KNOWLEDGE.
Intergenerational Women's Ministry
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This month provides an overview of how her

Spiritual Gifts

Personality (Presence/Perspective)

Experiences (Positions/Protection)

Cares/Passions

Interest

Abilities

Life Talents

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contributes to her special God-given purpose; equipping her to **minister**
to all God's children.



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All Women of the Bible by Herbert Lockyer - Dinah
Pages 45-46

AWARENESS

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“But they replied, ‘Should he have treated our sister like a prostitute?’”
Genesis 34:31 (NIV)

Dinah

- Was the only named female child of Jacob.
- Name means “justice” “one who judges”.
- She is called “an abused woman”, a “seduced” woman.
- The book “The Red Tent” is the story of Dinah.

Blame

- Since she was under the family covenant blessing, she should have been more careful regarding her personal obligation in maintaining the honor of her home and nation.
- Her love for sight seeing set off a train of tragic consequences.
- She left the family campsite to go visit the women in their gorgeous Oriental trappings of the land of Shechem.
- Prince Shechem saw her (lusted after her) and “took her, lay with her and defiled her.” V34:2
- “Took” implies what?
- Had Dinah been content to remain a “keeper of home” a terrible massacre would have been averted.
- Her desire for novelty and forbidden company spelled disaster.

Consequences

- Dinah was sexually assaulted.
- Shechem fell in love with Dinah and offer Jacob reparations (Deuteronomy 22:28-29) so that she would become his wife. *If a man find a damsel that is a virgin, which is not betrothed, and lay hold on her, and lie with her, and they be found; Then the man that lay with her shall give unto the damsel's father fifty shekels of silver, and she shall be his wife; because he hath humbled her, he may not put her away all his days.*
- Jacob accepted the offer with one condition from the brothers, that all male Shechemites “submit to the rite of circumcision – an act of priestly consecration.
- One the 3rd day when pain was high and movement difficult, Simeon and Levi attacked and slew all males in the city, including Prince Shechem.

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Outcomes

- The brothers in their anger declared that a violation of one woman “is an affront to the entire community”.
- For their crime the brothers received a curse instead of a blessing from Jacob their father before he died.
- Jacob makes an altar to God at Bethel.
- Dinah's voice is silent.

Reflection

- The author end asking how many Dinah's are there today who are “captivated by the glitter and glamour of the world, tired of life at home, leave and become lost in the whirl of the big city”.
- “May we never cease to pray for those who try to seek out and restore the lost young womanhood of our day.”
- How would you share Dinah's story with a young woman today?
- What are a few lessons we can learn from Dinah?
- Do you know someone like Dinah?

Have You Seen Her?



**D.C. MISSING GIRLS
COPS SAY THEY'RE
RUNAWAYS
NOT CRIME VICTIMS**

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The Washington D.C. girls who have gone missing are not crime victims ... they've just fled their homes, according to Washington D.C. officials.

There's been a call for an investigation into the disappearances, but a police spokesperson says the numbers are not alarming ... they're in line with missing persons stats.

There are currently 38 open cases of missing persons in D.C. We did some checking ... 12 disappeared in the last 5 months. Nine of the girls are 18 or under. Ten are black and 2 Hispanic.

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SKILL

Step Nine of Twelve: Protection

"I'm happy from the inside out, and from the outside in, I'm firmly formed. You canceled my ticket to hell— that's not my destination! Now You've got my feet on the life path all radiant from the shining of Your face. Ever since You took my hand, I'm on the right way." Psalm 16:10-11

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How do we as Black mothers protect our daughters when we live in a world where we are unsure of how to protect ourselves?

1-800-799-SAFE (7233)

Common signs of abusive behavior in a partner (general):

- ✓ Telling you that you never do anything right.
- ✓ Showing extreme jealousy of your friends time spent away from them.
- ✓ Preventing or discouraging you from spending time with friends, family members, or peers.
- ✓ Insulting, demeaning, or shaming you, especially in front of other people.
- ✓ Preventing you from making your own decisions, including about working or attending school.
- ✓ Controlling finances in the household without discussion, including taking your money or refusing to provide money for necessary expenses.
- ✓ Pressuring you to have sex or perform sexual acts you're not comfortable with.
- ✓ Pressuring you to use drugs or alcohol.
- ✓ Intimidating you through threatening looks or actions.
- ✓ Insulting your parenting or threatening to harm or take away your children or pets.
- ✓ Intimidating you with weapons like guns, knives, bats, or mace.
- ✓ Destroying your belongings or your home.

Note: There are six different types of abuse: Physical. This is the type of **abuse** that many people think of when they hear the word '**abuse**'; Sexual; Verbal/Emotional; Mental/Psychological; Financial/Economic; and, Cultural/Identity.

What is the first thing to do if you are a witness to abuse? _____

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WARNING SIGNS



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Seven or more ways to protect your daughter/child:

1. Never leave your daughter/child alone in a car.
2. Monitor your daughter's/children social media use and check websites for registered sex offenders in your neighborhood.
3. Be sure to teach your daughter/children her/their name, address, important phone numbers, and how and when to dial 911 at an early age.
4. Teach your daughter/children how to run to safety and that it's okay to be rude to an adult if she/they feels unsafe.
5. Discuss the difference between an "okay" secret and a "not okay" secret.
6. Talk to your daughter/children about real-life incidents of sexual abuse, sex trafficking, and kidnapping.
7. Teach your daughter/children to scream, bite, kick, and fight like h--- if someone tries to take or to touch her/them inappropriately.
8. _____

Sample Protection Prayer from Word Ministries, Inc.

Father, in the name of Jesus, I lift up _____ to you and pray a hedge of protection around him/her. I thank You, Father, that You are a wall of fire around about _____ and that You have sent Your angels to encamp around about him/her.

I thank You, Father, that _____ dwells in the secret place of the Most High and abides under the shadow of the Almighty. I say of You, Lord, that You are his/her refuge and fortress: his/her God; in You will he/she trust. You cover _____ with Your feathers, and under Your wings shall he/she trust. Your truth shall be his/her shield and buckler.

_____ shall not be afraid of the terror by night, nor of the arrow that flies by day. Only with his/her eyes will he/she behold and see the reward of the wicked.

Because _____ has made You, Lord, his/her refuge and habitation, no evil shall befall him/her—no accident will overtake him/her—neither shall any plague or calamity come near him/her. For You will give Your angels charge over him/her, to keep him/her in all Your ways.

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Father, because _____ has set his/her love upon You, therefore will You deliver him/her. He/she shall call upon You, and You will answer him/her.

You will be with _____ in trouble; You will deliver him/her and will satisfy him/her with long life and show him/her Your salvation.

In Jesus' name I pray, amen.

Scripture References:

Job 1:10 Psalm 91:4,5
Zechariah 2:5 Psalm 91:8-11
Psalm 34:7 Psalm 91:14-16
Psalm 91:1,2

Dear (insert your name) _____;

Today I engaged in a conversation on protection and what that means as God moves me from where I am to where He wants me to be. Because of what I heard, shared, learned, witnessed, thought about, I want to remember most



Blessings Overflow,

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