

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

**S**piritual Gifts

**P**ersonality (Presence/Perspective)

**E**xperiences (Positions/Protection)

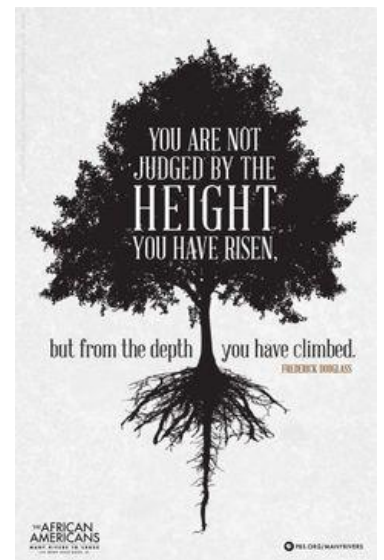
**C**ares/Passions

**I**nterest

**A**bilities

**L**ife Talents

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 – Mary Magdalene**  
**Pages 99-103**

## **AWARENESS**

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Mary Magdalene went to the disciples with the news: "I have seen the Lord!" And she told them that He had said these things to her.

John 20:18 (NIV)

### **Magdalene**

- Name means tower or castle, is mentioned 14 times in the Gospels.
- All 4 gospels not she was among the witnesses of Christ resurrection.
- Indicated her place of birth just as Jesus as called "The Nazarene".
- She was not without means, enabling her to serve the Lord with her substance.

### **Family Connection**

- She was free to follow Jesus in His journeyings suggest that she had no home obligations.
- The idea that Mary was a prostitute has no genuine evidence to suggest such a reputation.
- The Roman Catholic Church was guilty of fastening this slander upon Magdalene in 1324 when it established "Magdalen House" for the rescue and maintenance of fallen women.
- Mary was a sinner in the same since that we all are, having been born in sin and shaped in iniquity, we "all have sinned and fallen short of the glory of God."

### **In Demonic Bondage**

- Although Mary was a woman of high standing and comfortable circumstances she suffered from the malady of periodic insanity.
- She had 7 demons, not 7 devils as that is only one devil, implying she suffered severely.
- Her demonic possession did not affect her morals, only her mind.
- We do not know the weakness she had that made it easy for demons to enter her but we do know they met the Master, He who came to destroy the works of the devil.

### **A Liberated Soul**

- The moment Jesus' compassionate eyes saw the wild-eyed and cringing woman of Magdala, He saw in her the ministering angel who would be a blessing to His own heart and others.
- Jesus commanded the demons out and now "clothed in her right mind" Mary was ready to become one of the most devoted women disciples of Him to whom she owed so much.
- Saved from hell she gave of her best to Him who fully emancipated her.

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**In Journeyings Oft**

- Delivered, Mary became a disciple, who along with other women who had been healed, greatly aided Jesus in His missionary activities as He went from place to place preaching and teaching the message.
- Since there is no record of Jesus ever asking for money, it is believed Mary and the other women were so richly blessed of the Lord, she willingly gave her substance to help meet His needs.

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**At the Cross**

- Mary followed Jesus from Galilee to Jerusalem and stayed with Him even after so of His intimate friends forsook Him.
- She listened to Pontius Pilate pronounce the crucifixion sentence, saw Him be ill treated and spat upon, saw Him let out to Calvary's fatal mount to be nailed to a tree, she was there when the Roman soldier pierced His side and declared Him dead.
- Mary was there when Joseph and Nicodemus took His body away, prepared it for burial and placed it in a new tomb in the garden.

**In the Garden**

- The last at the cross, where Jesus died as the Lamb of God, Mary was also the first at the garden tomb to witness the most important event in world history and the pivotal truth of Christianity, the Resurrection of Jesus Christ.
- Upon hearing Him call her name she automatically wanted to clasp His feet but He said, "touch me not." Her earthly affection needed to be elevated into a heavenly love.
- Then Jesus commissioned Mary to become the first herald of His resurrection.

**Application Today – Two Lessons**

- In Mary we are able to see what Christ can do for a woman, for women.
- In Mary we are able to see what a woman, women can do for Christ.
- Can we love and serve Jesus to the limit of our capacity, daily witnessing to the power of His Resurrection?

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### **SKILL**

#### **Twelve of Twelve: Peace**

*For, after all, the important thing for us as Christians is not what we eat or drink but stirring up goodness and peace and joy from the Holy Spirit. If you let Christ be Lord in these affairs, God will be glad; and so will others. In this way aim for harmony in the church, and try to build each other up.*

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Romans 14:17-19 (TLB)

Peace means \_\_\_\_\_

Peace to me is \_\_\_\_\_

Peace inspires me to \_\_\_\_\_

Peace in my assignment as a woman in ministry means:

God \_\_\_\_\_

My family \_\_\_\_\_

My church \_\_\_\_\_

My community \_\_\_\_\_

I am at peace with my gift as a \_\_\_\_\_

Peace with my gift allows me to \_\_\_\_\_

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Dear (insert your name) \_\_\_\_\_;

Today I engaged in a conversation on peace 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

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Blessings Overflow,

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