

STUDY GUIDE

Jesus' Encounters *with* Women

BIBLE-BASED CONVERSATIONS WITH *SEE HEAR LOVE*

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A LETTER TO MINISTRY LEADERS:

This Bible Study was created as a free resource to be used in church programs, small groups or for individuals to grow in their faith and learn from current Bible teachers.

Format:

The video series is accompanied by a study guide. This guide can be printed or used digitally.

Ministries have used the video content in many ways. Some watch the video all the way through and then discuss the questions in the guide. Others pause the video when the panelists ask a question, and they respond to the question and then continue with the video content. Make it your own! The participants of the study will enjoy it more if you add what is relevant to your setting.

FAQ:

What is *See Hear Love*?

See Hear Love is a women's talk show, produced by Crossroads Media.

See Hear Love's mission is to create a safe space of belonging for women. It is a community where we are grounded and guided by our Faith and Hope in Jesus. It is a community where we listen, learn, and grow together through the wisdom, stories and expertise from panelists, guests, and experts. It is a community where we continually remind our viewers and listeners that they are **seen, heard, and loved by God**. To learn more go to seehearlove.com

Who are the teachers in the video? Melinda Estabrooks is the host of *See Hear Love* and facilitates the voices that are on the panel. These voices are trusted Canadian Bible teachers.

Can I invite a friend who is seeking Jesus to this study? YES- absolutely. We use language that is easily understood and the personal stories of transformation are powerful to share with friends who are exploring.

We are praying for you as you create space for people to encounter Jesus through his Word. We pray for you specifically, that the Spirit of God would renew your strength afresh and fill you with knowledge and power.

Melinda Estabrooks and The *See Hear Love* Team
Study Guide: *Jesus' Encounters With Women*

SEE HEAR LOVE STUDY GUIDE: JESUS' ENCOUNTERS WITH WOMEN

The New Testament authors document Jesus' encounters with women. He was counter cultural, some even say revolutionary in these interactions.

In the following study we will focus on 3 encounters: the woman with the issue of blood, the woman with the alabaster jar and the woman at the well. We learn why and how these accounts hold such weight in the gospel narrative. How do these encounters shape Jesus' journey? How do the lives of these women transform during and after they encounter the Saviour, King Jesus?

Join our Host Melinda Estabrooks and Bible Teachers Ann Voskamp, Cheryl Nembhard, and Beth Green as they share each Jesus encounter.

Make sure you watch their conversation on www.seehearlove.com/jesusencountersstudy

Use this as a guide:

- To learn more about context and history.
- To dive deeper into the stories and lives of these women.
- To ask questions.
- To listen to the Holy Spirit.
- To listen to one another.
- To add to the prayers.
- To write down your personal thoughts and learnings.
- To challenge yourself on applications and next steps.

May these encounters inspire you to lean in and experience your own personal encounter with Jesus. May his love and power collide with your present moment as you learn about the lives of 3 women who were never the same after meeting Jesus Christ of Nazareth. Know that like each of these women, you are seen, heard and deeply loved by God.

See Hear Love Team

SEE HEAR LOVE TEACHING PANEL:

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Melinda Estabrooks is the Host and Executive Producer of the Women's Talk show, *See Hear Love* – now in its 10th Season! *See Hear Love* is a show and community that values belonging, storytelling, courage, authenticity, inclusion, and faith in Jesus. Melinda is also the author and curator of the book, *Always Know*, a collection of short stories from *See Hear Love* guests who share their personal experiences of faith, perseverance, and hope. For the past 25 years, Melinda has worked in broadcasting, journalism, PR and marketing, leadership facilitation, advocacy, fundraising and motivational speaking around the world. She loves being a wife to Chris, a stepmom to Nathan and Sophie, travelling, connecting amazing women together and laughing! Her favourite encouragement to women is, *'Today is not your forever!'*

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Ann Voskamp is the four times New York Times best-selling author of *The WayMaker*, *The Broken Way*, *The Greatest Gift*, and the sixty-week New York Times bestseller *One Thousand Gifts: A Dare to Live Fully Right Where You Are*, which has sold more than 1.5 million copies and has been translated into more than twenty languages.

Named by Christianity Today as one of fifty women most shaping culture and the church today, Ann has an M.A in evangelism and leadership from Wheaton, is the mother of 7, and the wife to one fine farmer.

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Cheryl Nembhard is an international speaker, author, podcaster, TV host, and social justice advocate. She uses her talents in film and theatre to address critical societal issues and is dedicated to community service, supporting at-risk youth, sexual assault survivors, and teenage mothers. As the founder of EMG Education, her educational theatre company has reached over 85,000+ students across 190 Ontario schools. Recognized by CBC as one of the top 150 Women making Canada better, she received the 2017 Harry Jerome Award for Social Advocacy. Cheryl co-hosts *See Hear Love* on YES TV and hosts *On The Path* and *Soulfood to Go* podcasts. She serves on the board of Brave Canada, advocates for marginalized women globally, and is the author of *Brave: This Is Us*. Currently, Cheryl is the Director of the Women Speakers Collective, empowering women's voices worldwide.

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Dr. Beth Green is the Provost and Chief Academic Officer of Tyndale University in Toronto. She is a Fellow of the Royal Society of the Arts, Senior Fellow at the North American think tank Cardus and a graduate of Oxford, Cambridge and London universities. A former high school teacher, Dr. Green is an expert in religious school ethos, teaching and learning and, social theory in education.

WEEK 1

The Woman With the Issue of Blood

Passage: Matthew 9:20-22, Mark 5:25-34, Luke 8:43-48

Teacher: Beth Green

CONTEXT:

What is the context of this passage? Why is it important?

CONNECT:

What surprised you about Jesus in this passage? How do you see Him differently?

What has comforted you from this scripture?

CURIOUS QUESTIONS:

What questions am I asking as I am learning? How have you received the kindness of Jesus throughout your life? What can I learn from the woman with the issue of blood that I can apply to my life?

Heavenly Father,

You are the *Healer, the Comforter, the Restorer* of all things.
Today, I come before You with a heart full of gratitude and faith,
remembering the woman who, in her suffering, reached out to touch the hem
of Your garment and was made whole.

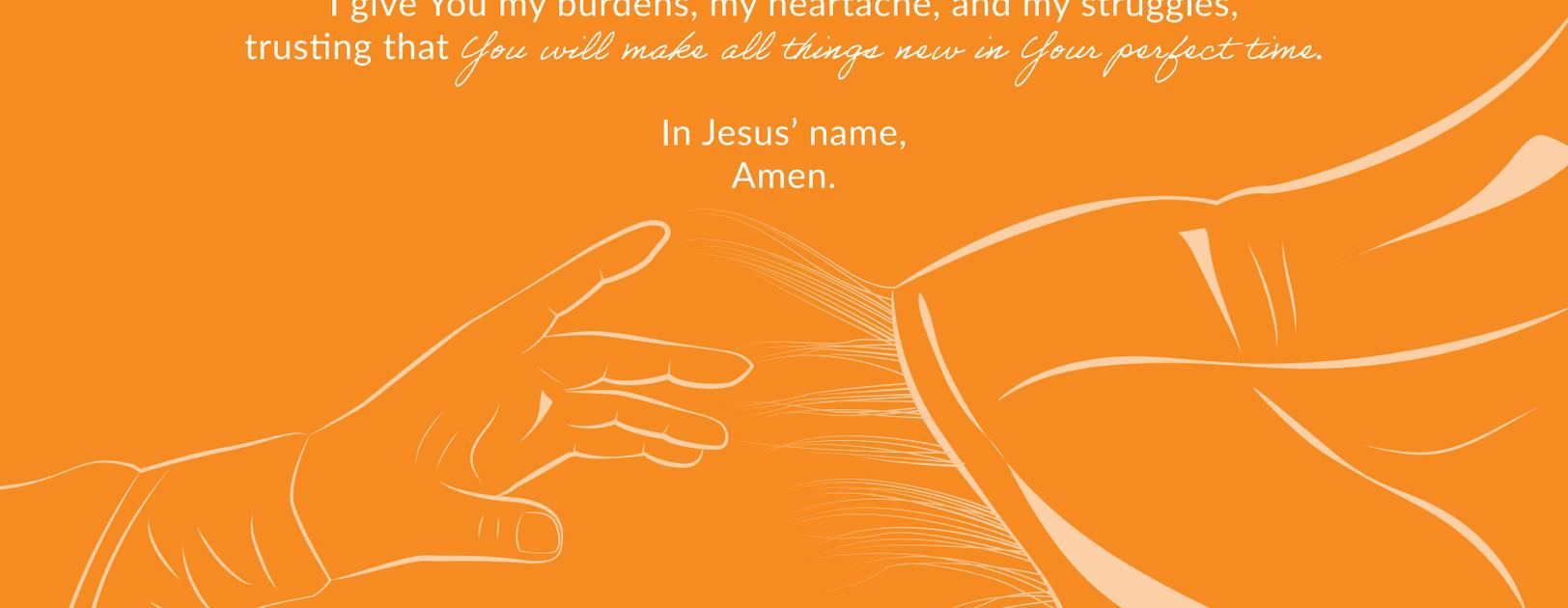
Lord, just as this woman had faith in Your power to heal,
I ask that You strengthen my own faith.
In times when I feel weary or burdened,
when my struggles seem too heavy to bear,
help me remember that
You are always near.
You see me in my pain, my weaknesses, and my brokenness,
and You call me to come to You.

Jesus, You said to her, "*Daughter, your faith has made you whole.*"
I pray today that I, too, would experience Your healing touch.
Whether my wounds are physical, emotional, or spiritual,
I trust that You are the Great Physician who can restore me completely.

I pray for the courage to push through the crowds of doubt, fear,
and uncertainty to reach out to You,
knowing that You will never turn away from those who seek You in faith.
May my heart, like hers, find peace in Your presence,
knowing that You are with me, always ready to heal and renew.

Thank You, Lord, for Your infinite mercy and grace.
I give You my burdens, my heartache, and my struggles,
trusting that *You will make all things new in Your perfect time.*

In Jesus' name,
Amen.



WEEK 2

The Woman With the Alabaster Jar

Passage: Matthew 26:7, Mark 14:3, Luke 7:37

Teacher: Ann Voskamp

CONTEXT:

What is the context of this passage? Why is it important?

CONNECT:

What surprised you about Jesus in this passage? How do you see Him differently?

What has comforted you from this scripture?

CURIOUS QUESTIONS:

What questions am I asking as I am learning? How have you received the kindness of Jesus throughout your life? What can I learn from the woman with the alabaster jar that I can apply to my life?

Gracious Lord,

I come before You with a humble heart,
remembering the woman who poured out
her costly alabaster jar at Your feet.
She gave all she had in an act of
love, reverence, and devotion to You,
recognizing You as
her Savior, her Redeemer, her King.

Lord, just as this woman broke the jar
to pour out its precious contents,
I ask You to help me break open my heart,
that I might offer all of myself to You—
without reservation or hesitation.
Teach me to give You the best of
my time, my resources, my gifts, and my love.

In her act of worship,
she did not count the cost,
but saw only the beauty of Your presence.
Help me to lay down any pride, shame, or fear,
and to worship You with a pure heart,
not concerned with the opinions of others,
but focused solely on honoring You.
**May my life, like her jar,
be an offering poured out for Your glory.**

Lord, I confess that I sometimes hold back,
fearing the sacrifice or the vulnerability
that true devotion requires.
Yet, You are worthy of everything I have,
and You desire my whole heart.
Let me not cling to the things of this world,
but may I, like the woman,
place my most precious possessions in Your hands,
trusting that You are the One
who **transforms and redeems.**

Thank You, Jesus, for Your boundless love and grace.
May I continually seek to love You more,
worship You more fully, and offer all that I am to You,
knowing that in doing so,
I find my true purpose and fulfillment.

In Jesus' name,
Amen.



WEEK 3

The Woman at the Well

Passage: John 4

Teacher: Cheryl Nembhard

CONTEXT:

What is the context of this passage? Why is it important?

CONNECT:

What surprised you about Jesus in this passage? How do you see Him differently?

What has comforted you from this scripture?

CURIOUS QUESTIONS:

What questions am I asking as I am learning? How have you received the kindness of Jesus throughout your life? What can I learn from the woman at the well that I can apply to my life?

A WOMAN'S DAILY EXAMEN

Gratitude

THANK GOD FOR HIS BLESSINGS TODAY.
WHAT MOMENTS BROUGHT YOU JOY?

Awareness

ASK THE HOLY SPIRIT TO GUIDE YOUR REFLECTION.
WHERE DID YOU FEEL GOD'S PRESENCE IN YOUR ROLES
AS A WOMAN, MOTHER, WIFE, FRIEND, OR PROFESSIONAL?

Review

EXAMINE YOUR DAY.
HOW DID YOU SHOW CHRIST'S LOVE TO OTHERS?
WHERE DID YOU FALL SHORT IN YOUR RELATIONSHIPS
OR RESPONSIBILITIES?

Reflection

CONSIDER ONE MOMENT THAT STANDS OUT.
HOW DID IT IMPACT YOUR FAITH JOURNEY?
WHAT CAN YOU LEARN FROM IT?

Looking Forward

ASK GOD FOR GUIDANCE IN TOMORROW'S CHALLENGES.
HOW CAN YOU BETTER SERVE YOUR FAMILY,
COMMUNITY, OR CHURCH?



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