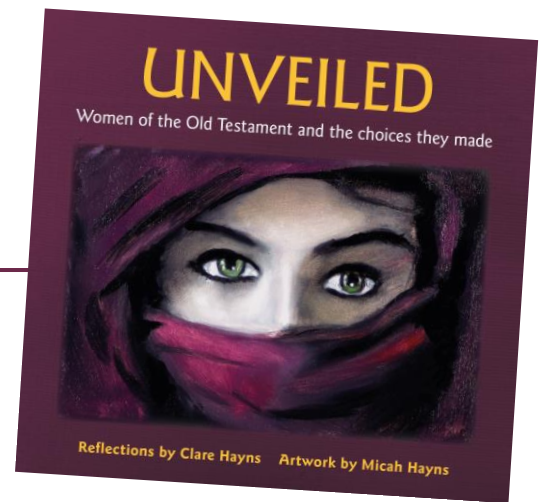


Unveiled

Women of the Old Testament and the choices they made



Discussion and reflection questions

The daughters of Zelophehad: girl power!

Recommended reading

- Numbers 27:1–11 Speaking up
- Numbers 36:1–13 The rules are changed

Questions

1. The five women faced injustice which had been built into the patriarchal system that meant men and women faced very different opportunities. In what ways is this still the case today?
2. The daughters of Zelophehad went to the tent of the elders to speak up about land rights. Why did Moses listen to them?
3. In Numbers 27:7, the text says that when Moses prayed, he heard the Lord say:

What Zelophehad's daughters are saying is right.

How do you react to this?

4. Groups often have more power than individual voices when speaking up about injustice. Can you give any examples, perhaps from your own experience?
5. What issues are there today that you would like to speak up about? You could take these to God in prayer by naming the situations out loud. Are there any groups you could join or people you could gather with to speak up about this?
6. Micah's image depicts five women holding hands. What does this remind you of?

Prayer

God of wisdom and boldness,
we give you thanks for those in every age
who have rejected what was expected of them,
to fight for their own life and for the future of
those in need. Teach us to discern where our
voices are needed and let us be people of
courage and bringers of hope. Amen
(Revd Philippa White)

