



# Women Of The Word

## Welcome

Easter. For many, the word conjures images of bunnies and chicks. Not so for the Christian. Our thoughts ought to be filled with Jesus' sacrifice and ultimate victory. It is true that the treatment Christ suffered on our behalf was tremendous, and if the story ended there, utterly tragic. But His triumph over Satan and all evil is of far greater significance! May our hearts be humbled, and our souls pierced in contemplation of what our sins wrought— death. Jesus' death. At the same time, may we overflow with joy and thanksgiving at what His crucifixion and resurrection won. This Easter, may we humble ourselves before the Almighty God and praise His name!!

Seeking His glory,  
Melanie Woltje  
Women's Ministry Team Leader

## Mission Statement

FBC Women's Ministry exists to empower our ladies to use their God-given gifts in accordance with God's will.

## Lessons From The Proverbs 31 Woman

As we continue our study through the poem of the virtuous woman found in Proverbs 31, I want to focus next on verse 26: **When she speaks, her words are wise, and she gives instructions with kindness.** I can see three key points to draw out from this one verse.

First, the NLT starts this verse with the word **when**. By stating *when* she speaks, it leads us to believe there is also a time when she does NOT speak. I am the kind of person that appreciates frankness, or a direct approach. My family would say that I am not one for mincing words. So, I appreciate blunt and direct verses like:

*Too much talk leads to sin. Be sensible and keep your mouth shut.*  
Proverbs 10:19

*The tongue can bring death or life; those who love to talk will reap the consequences.* Proverbs 18:21

*Whoever guards his mouth preserves his life; he who opens wide his lips comes to ruin.* Proverbs 13:3

The virtuous woman who is seeking to honor God is wise enough to know that there is a time to speak and there is a time to tame her tongue. May we be wise enough to guard our mouths and use our words to bring life not death! For more on this topic read James chapter 3.

Secondly, this verse states that when she speaks her words are **wise**.

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*The lips of the wise give good advice; the heart of a fool has none to give. Proverbs 15:7*

Where does this wisdom to give good advice come from? *For the Lord grants wisdom! From His mouth come knowledge and understanding* (Proverbs 2:6). It is God's Word that teaches us and imparts to us wisdom and understanding. This is why we must be intimate with God's Word. We must hide God's Word in our hearts and meditate on it day and night. Not only do we benefit personally from time in the Word, we are also able to bless others with wisdom that comes from knowing His ways.

Lastly, when the virtuous woman gives instruction, she does it with **kindness**.

*Gentle words are a tree of life...*Proverbs 15:4

*Kind words are like honey-sweet to the soul and healthy for the body.* Proverbs 16:24

*The words of the godly encourage many...*Proverbs 10:21

*Encourage each other and build each other up...* 1 Thess. 5:11

May we use our words to encourage and build up others, never with the intent to tear down! May we be discerning enough to know when to speak and when not to speak. May we be intimate with God's Word not only for our own sanctification but also for the benefit of others!

In Christ,  
Vanessa



## Bible Studies

Sundays @ 5:00 pm - Church - New Testament Journey Study - This study is open to men and women to discuss our [New Testament Reading Plan](#).

Wednesdays @ 9:30 am - Joan Little's Home - Topic Varies

Tuesdays @ 6:30 pm - Fellowship Hall - Growing In Grace: Knowing and Loving God Through Spiritual Disciplines - Needed to sign up to receive a book.



## Upcoming Events

Coffee & Conversation - March 4 @ 9:30 - Bring your own drink and meet in Fellowship Hall.

Jhett's Lunch - Tuesday, March 14 @ 11:30  
We meet the second Tuesday every month.

Girls' Night Out Game Night- April 28 - Fellowship Hall  
7:00 pm - Be watching for details soon.



## Follow Us

Did you know we have a Women's Ministry Facebook Group? If you are not currently part of the group, we would love for you to be in the group. Look for us as Holton First Baptist Women's Ministry or click <https://www.facebook.com/groups/244260275623062>

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## Woman Of The Bible

Rebekah: Genesis 24-28

Rebekah's story is one mixed with tremendous faith and doubt in God's plan. We meet her as the young woman at the well who is willing to help a stranger. As she draws water for him and his camels, she does not realize that she is forever changing the course of her life. She would marry Isaac and be welcomed into God's grand plan for the nation of Israel.

It would be many years before Rebekah would have a child, but God would eventually bless her with twins who would wrestle in her womb. It was her children who would cause her to doubt the Lord's plan and to try to do things in her own way. She would play a pivotal role in having Esau sell his birthright to her younger son Jacob, who then claims the birthright and blessing of Isaac. These events led to Jacob fleeing home. Instead of trusting the Lord, Rebekah did things her own way, and the consequences included her beloved son being far from her for the rest of her life.

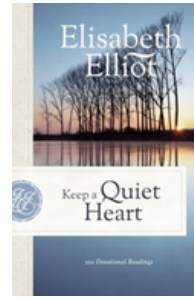
And yet through it all, we can see how God used Rebekah. She would be an important matriarch in the lineage of Israel. Though she was an imperfect woman with faith that sometimes wavered, she was used by the God who had called her out of her father's house and into the beautiful adventure that He had set before her.

Her life reminds us that God uses imperfect women to fulfill His plan. Rebekah made mistakes and tried to do things her own way. She struggled to trust that God's plan was really what would be best for her and her family, and yet God used her. We are imperfect women, and yet God in His rich love and mercy will use us as well.



## Book Recommendations

### Non-Fiction



*Keep A Quiet Heart* - Elisabeth Elliot

Where can you turn when you long for a quiet refuge when life gets too busy, too impersonal, or too much to handle? To the comforting arms of our omnipotent and infinitely loving heavenly Father. In *Keep a Quiet Heart*, beloved author Elisabeth Elliot shares more than 100 short passages that help you learn to know, trust, and walk with God in a world that does everything in its power to distract us.

### Fiction



*Sinners and the Sea* - Rebecca Kanner

The young heroine in *Sinners and the Sea* is destined for greatness. Known only as "wife" in the Bible and cursed with a birthmark that many think is the brand of a demon, this unnamed woman lives anew through Rebecca Kanner. The author gives this virtuous woman the perfect voice to make one of the Old Testament's stories come alive like never before.

Desperate to keep her safe, the woman's father gives her to the righteous Noah, who weds her and takes her to the town of Sorum, a haven for outcasts. Alone in her new life, Noah's wife gives him three sons. But living in this wicked and perverse town with an aloof husband who speaks more to God than to her takes its toll. She tries to make friends with the violent and dissolute people of Sorum while raising a brood that, despite its pious upbringing, develops some sinful tendencies of its own. While Noah carries out the Lord's commands, she tries to hide her mark and her shame as she weathers the scorn and taunts of the townspeople.

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## Online Resources

### *Well-Watered Women*

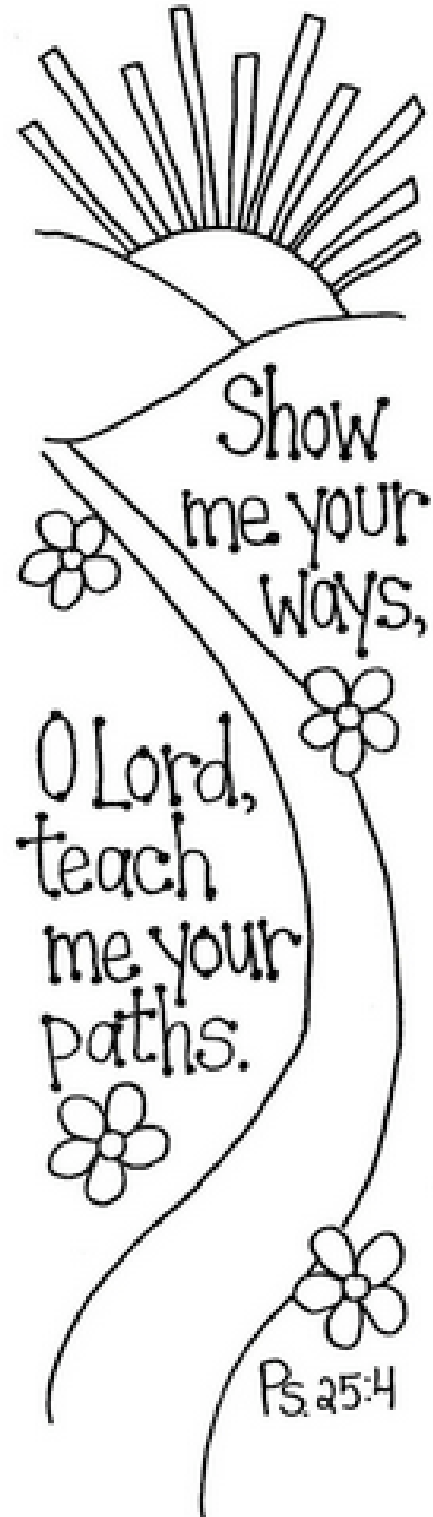
We believe that only Jesus will satisfy the longings of our hearts, and only He can rescue and redeem us.

<https://wellwateredwomen.com/about>

### *Revelation Wellness*

Mission: Helping People Love God, Get Healthy, Be Whole, and Love Others

<https://www.revelationwellness.org/>



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