

July 09 | Sunday
Rebels & Roses: Hidden Figures
Read [Galatians 6:9-10](#)



10 | Mon – It is not always the flashy folks... | Read [Matthew 5:16](#) and [Peter 2:12](#)

The recent movie, *Hidden Figures...* “is an inspirational exercise in understated activism. The women here do not ignore the racism that colors their lives. But they resist it, not with violence or protest, but with skill and persistence. Yes, they ask for the rights that are theirs. But they do so with a sense of grace, humility and patience. They don’t trust the system. But they find a way to work within it to achieve their goals. And they change a lot of minds along the way” (quote from reviewer). This week you will look at several characters in the Bible who were ‘hidden figures’ but their trust in God helped change the world around them. Are there hidden figures you know who are quietly making a difference?

11 | Tue – Trusting God in spite of circumstances | Read [2 Kings 5:1-15](#)

Just a little girl when she was taken captive to a foreign country, this unnamed ‘hidden figure’ did not let the injustice destroy her trust in God. And God was honored. Her attitude must have impressed her master, the general of the foreign army, because he listened when she pointed him to Yahweh’s prophet for healing of leprosy. What impact do you think this miracle had on Naaman’s life, his family, his king, the men who served under him?

12 | Wed – World changer? | Read [Exodus 3:1-10](#)

You’d think that being adopted into Pharaoh’s family and raised in the palace would have given Moses the power to ultimately deliver his people from slavery. His heart was in the right place but he totally blew it, and the next 40 years were spent being hidden in the desert. Have you ever failed so badly you thought there was no return? Don’t count yourself out. God does important work in the hidden times of life, if you will let Him.

13 | Thu – You never know where your actions today will lead... | Read [Matthew 1:6, 7, 16](#)

Ruth was the foreign daughter-in-law of Naomi, a Jew. You find her story in the book of Ruth. After famine and the death of their husbands, Naomi returned home to Bethlehem where Ruth’s quiet character and care for Naomi captured the attention of the whole community. This snapshot list of her descendants shows the long term results of her faithfulness. She did not know the millions of people she would bless. What about you?

14 | Fri – Unseen but not forgotten | Read [Galatians 6:9](#)

Sometimes you get tired. The good that you are doing is either unseen or unappreciated. And it is hard work! God’s word tells us - don’t give up. The future will reveal the value of your efforts so persevere in doing what is right. He sees your work, and more is happening than you can see right now. Does it help to know you are not alone in this venture?

15 | Sat – Looking beyond the obvious | Read [Galatians 6:10](#)

God challenges us to do good to *all* people, not just the ones we like. The crabby neighbor who can’t keep her dog out of your yard? Her 30 year marriage is falling apart and she doesn’t know what to do. The guy who cut you off in traffic? He’s racing to the hospital - his son has only a few hours to live. And that clumsy cashier might be dealing with a recent cancer diagnosis. Ask God to help you be more discerning with the irritating people you meet. Your grace-filled reaction might open the door for a God-directed encounter.