

BECOMING A WOMAN OF EXTRAORDINARY FAITH

SESSION 1: Extraordinary Hope (Julie Clinton)

Watch video (20mins): <https://www.rightnow.org/Content/Series/977#1>

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

- 1 Have you ever had an experience where you felt hopeless? What did you do?
- 2 Read Romans 15:13. How can we choose to have hope?
- 3 Linda talked about how she had to choose to claim the promises of God. What kind of promises of God can you claim on certain areas of your life?
- 4 As women, we are consistently fighting a battle of lies entering our minds to make us to feel hopeless. What are some ways we can stand strong and have hope when we feel attacked?
- 5 Have you ever had a situation where your beliefs were put to a test? What were your hopes during this test?
- 6 Prayer, God's Word and worship are all key remedies when you feel hopeless. What does incorporating these remedies into your everyday life look like?
- 7 Read Psalms 33:20-21. Do you find waiting and trusting in the Lord an easy or difficult thing to do?
- 8 What is your main takeaway from our study that you can implement in your life this week?

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SESSION 2: Extraordinary Beauty (Julie Clinton)

Watch video (16mins): <https://www.rightnow.org/Content/Series/977#2>

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

- 1 What makes you feel beautiful?
- 2 Do you feel that women today are pressured from society to look or act a certain way? How?
- 3 What, or who, influenced you as a young woman in regards to beauty?
- 4 As women, we've been given comments or teased about our outward appearances. How do you deal with this?
- 5 As this next generation of girls is being raised, how can we encourage them as Godly women?
- 6 Read Proverbs 31:30. What makes us as women beautiful in God's eyes? How is that different from what society perceive as beauty?
- 7 Linda mentioned that we are all made in God's image and we reflect his beauty. What do you think this means? (think character!)Where should our confidence come from? From God? Our looks? Both?
- 8 What is your main takeaway from our study that you can implement in your life this week?

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SESSION 3: Extraordinary Healing (Julie Clinton)

Watch video (20mins): <https://www.rightnow.org/Content/Series/977#3>

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. If someone hurts you, how do you usually process it?
2. As women (and mothers), we are the fixers and healers of the family. Sometimes it can be tough to give hurt over to God for Him to heal us. Do you find it a challenge to give hurt over to God? Why or why not?
3. Georgia mentioned that emotions are contagious, and that she had to distance herself from some negative people. Do you agree or disagree with this? Have you ever had to distance yourself from people with negative emotions?
4. Can you relate to Georgia when she felt angry/sad at God? What happened?
5. If you are physically sick, what do you usually do to get better? How can one get better if they are emotionally or spiritually "sick"?
6. Do you know of anyone, or yourself, who has experienced healing (physically, emotionally, spiritually)? What, or who, contributed to the healing?
7. Read Psalms 34:18. How can we encourage other women who are going through a dark time?

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SESSION 4: Extraordinary Forgiveness (Julie Clinton)

Watch video (18mins): <https://www.rightnow.org/Content/Series/977#4>

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. Have you ever been in a situation where you found it difficult to forgive someone?
2. As women that are a part of the church body, how can we prevent shame and labels from entering God's house/our community?
3. It can be difficult to forgive especially when there are ongoing offences in a relationship. Do you think forgiving is an ongoing action? Do you find consistently forgiving others easy or difficult?
4. Read Matthew 5:44. Loving and praying for your enemies can be a challenging thing to do. How can we take the first step in loving or praying for our enemies?
5. Have you ever been around a bitter woman? What are their characteristics like? How did you respond to it?
6. Forgiving is a process and a journey. Is there someone in your life you are having to intentionally and continually having to forgive?

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SESSION 5: Extraordinary Me (Stormie Omartian)

Watch video (23mins): <https://www.rightnow.org/Content/Series/977#5>

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. What two words would you use to describe yourself?
2. Listening to Stormie's story, are you able to relate to any part of her life journey?
3. When we feel insignificant, what are some things that we can do to see ourselves as significant women of God?
4. Read 2 Corinthians 3:17. We can be set free in the presence of God. Have you ever felt set free in God's presence?
5. Do you have anyone that can pray and encourage you when you are feeling insignificant? Are you that person to another woman?
6. Julie gave the example of Esther in the Bible and how she found significance first in God, which led to finding favour with the king. How can we find our self worth in Christ, and how does that position us to find favour with others?

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SESSION 6: Extraordinary Love (Julie Clinton)

Watch video (17mins): <https://www.rightnow.org/Content/Series/977#6>

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. What is your favourite love story?
2. Can you relate to Michelle's angst towards God in being single? If you are married or in a relationship, did you experience angst or anger while you were single?
3. Michelle says loneliness is a gap in our heart that only God can fill. Do you think you are at a place where you have allowed God to fill that gap?
4. "Get your spiritual life in order, then your natural life will come together." Do you agree or disagree with this statement? How have you experienced this in your own life?
5. What are some of the ways that we can "get over ourselves" (stop thinking about what's wrong or missing from our lives)?
6. Read 1 John 3:16. How can we practically lay down our lives for our friends and family to show them love?
7. How do you show your love for God? What haven't you seen before about God's love?

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SESSION 7: Extraordinary Dreams (Lysa TerKeurst)

Watch video (19mins): <https://www.rightnow.org/Content/Series/977#7>

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. What was a big dream for you when you were a little girl?
2. Lysa talked about her struggle of finding love and significance in her surroundings. Are you able to relate to her?
3. How do you handle insecurity about your dreams?
4. What are some of the ways that we can encourage other women to not be defined by their external circumstances?
5. Have you ever questioned God in the direction He is taking you? What did you do?
6. Read Jeremiah 29:11-13. Do you feel that as we seek God, He will reveal His plans for you? Why or why not?
7. What does it look like to have God fulfill your dreams? What does it mean to commit our dreams to Him?

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SESSION 8: Extraordinary Connections (Thelma Wells)

Watch video (21mins): <https://www.rightnow.org/Content/Series/977#8>

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. Where do you find most of your deep connections? At work? Home? Church?
2. How can we build wholesome relationships in our lives?
3. What are some important relationship characteristics to you?
4. Thelma mentioned that we need to change our expectations of people in our relationships because we cannot change them. Are there people in your life that you have had to change your expectations of them?
5. When you have negative thoughts about yourself, what do you do? Are you able to look at yourself in a broader picture?
6. Read 1 John 1:7. What does it look like to you to walk in the light and have fellowship with one another?