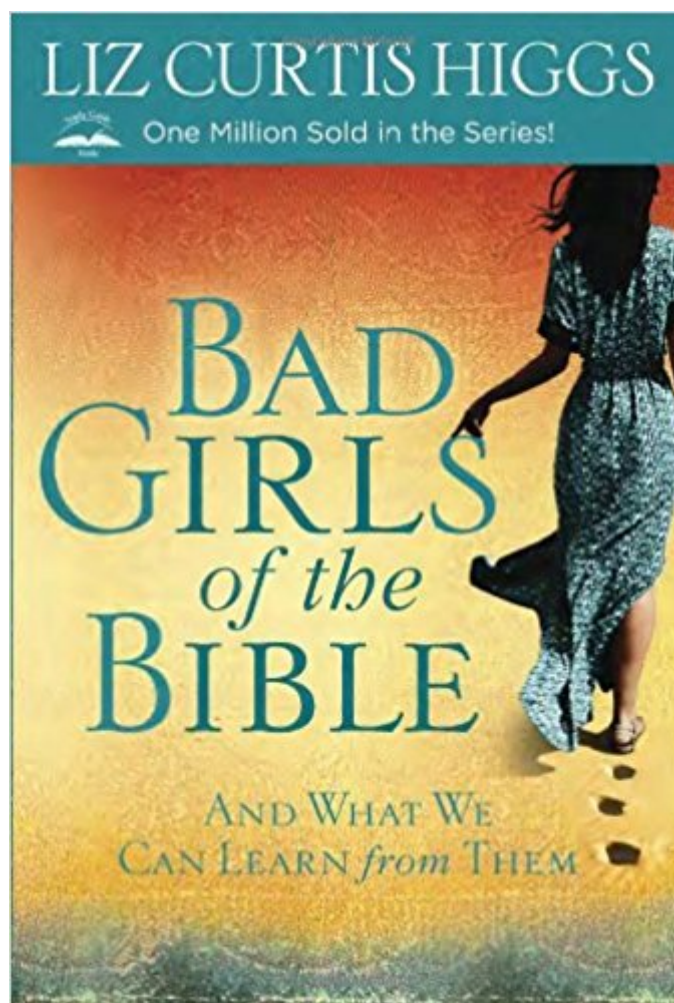


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Bad Girls Of The Bible: And What We Can Learn From Them



Synopsis

Ten of the Bible's best-known femmes fatales parade across the pages of *Bad Girls of the Bible* with situations that sound oh-so-familiar. Eve had food issues. Potiphar's Wife and Delilah had man trouble. Lot's Wife and Michal couldn't let go of the past, Sapphira couldn't let go of money, and Jezebel couldn't let go of anything. Yet the Woman at the Well had her thirst quenched at last, while Rahab and the Sinful Woman left their sordid histories behind. Let these Bad Girls show you why studying the Bible has never been more fun! Includes Discussion Questions and Study Guide

"When she was perfect, beautiful, and innocent, I found no toehold where I could connect with Eve. When she was tempted by her flesh, humbled by her sin, and redeemed by her God, I could sing out, "Oh, sister Eve! Can we talk?"

from *Bad Girls of the Bible*

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Customer Reviews

Jezebel and Delilah have plenty to teach contemporary Christian women, according to *Bad Girls of the Bible* and *What We Can Learn from Them*. In this self-help book, Liz Curtis Higgs tells fictionalized, contemporary stories based on the lives of biblical characters including Eve, Potiphar's Wife, and the Woman at the Well. In verse-by-verse commentary, Higgs summarizes each life's lessons and provides a list of questions for personal consideration or group discussion. The overall message of each chapter is the same: "Good Girls and Bad Girls both need a Savior. The goodness

of your present life can't open the doors of heaven for you. The badness of your past life can't keep you out either." In its effort to turn readers' minds heavenward, *Bad Girls* draws a distinction between fun and joy. Associated with "fleshly pleasures," fun "is temporary at best; it's risky, even dangerous, at worst." Joy, on the other hand, is found in God's "gift of grace." Perhaps the book's greatest weakness is its inability to see that "fun," in many lives, is a holy and necessary means of attaining "joy." --Michael Joseph Gross --This text refers to an out of print or unavailable edition of this title.

Humorist and popular storyteller Higgs (*Help! I'm Laughing and I Can't Get Up*) takes a look at the vamps and tramps of the Bible, searching for the lessons these wicked women have to teach. She acknowledges that as much as she admires Sarah's faithfulness and Mary's innocence, she finds that her own life contains many of the shortcomings of women such as Rahab, Delilah and Lot's wife. When Higgs begins her study of Jezebel, she notes, "I understood her pushy personality, I empathized with her need for control, I tuned into her angry outbursts...but boy did she teach me what not to do in my marriage." She places the ten women in her study into four categories. Eve, she says, was the "First Bad Girl," for badness has to begin somewhere. Potiphar's wife (who tried to seduce Joseph), Delilah and Jezebel, Higgs says, were "Bad to the Bone": these women "sinned with gusto from bad beginning to bitter end." Women who were "Bad for a Moment," and who have forever been characterized by their "life-changing" mistakes, include Sapphira, Michal and Lot's wife (who was turned into a pillar of salt for looking back on her homeland against God's commands). Higgs says that Rahab, the prostitute who helped the Israelites conquer Jericho, the Woman at the Well and the Sinful Woman were "Bad for a Season, but Not Forever": these women "had plenty of sin in their past, but they were also willing to change and be changed." Higgs opens each chapter with a fictional retelling of the biblical story and then proceeds to a verse-by-verse exegesis and commentary on the biblical text. Each chapter closes with four lessons to be learned from the life of the bad girl and eight "thoughts worth considering." Higgs retells these biblical stories with rollicking humor and deep insight as she teaches about the nature of sin and goodness. (Aug.) Copyright 1999 Reed Business Information, Inc. --This text refers to an out of print or unavailable edition of this title.

I am using it for a Bible study with groups which include both men and women. Well received - although I believe Liz takes some "liberties" with some the women in the Bible. Conversation has been great - we dig into Scripture as well. Thought provoking and well written.

The fictional stories in modern day English combined with historical biblical information really gives you insight into the Bad Girls. Very well written and each chapter can be read as a stand alone topic if you don't have much time to read. I loved this book and bought the other two in the Bad Girls series (Slightly Bad Girls and Really Bad Girls). Excellent way to become more familiar with women in the Bible.

This book is not salacious or nasty in any way. It is an informative and page turner of a book on women that we have heard of from the Bible, this author is very intelligent in the history of Biblical characters.

We have used this book along with the video for a women's Bible study. The book adds a modern version of a similar situation for each woman, and most in our study have commented that the author's stories really bring her lessons home.

This book is fantastic because the author is fantastic. If you get her DVD to go along with the book, she will have you in stitches. Fantastic and would recommend to everyone.

I was really disappointed with this book. The author didn't seem to do deep study into all the women before writing the book. Some of her theological points were a little questionable. The culture, context etc. didn't seem to always be taken into account. Ok surface study, great for anyone not wanting to really dig deep.

I am using this as a text book from which to teach in my ladies' Sunday School class, and all the women love it!

I have seen some of the videos about this book and I really like the way she ties today into lessons from the Bible.

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