

# PHOEBE

*The Deacon & Trusted Leader*

**SCRIPTURE:** (Romans 16:1–2)

## PRIMARY SCRIPTURE

- **Romans 16:1–2** – Paul commends Phoebe as a *diakonos* (deacon/minister) of the church in Cenchreae and urges believers to receive her with honor.

## CONTEXT

- Phoebe wasn't a quiet background character; she likely carried Paul's letter to the Romans, which means she was trusted with doctrine, discipleship, and delivering messages to the early church. "Deacon" here is the same word used for male deacons. She served, led, gave, and represented the gospel with spiritual authority.

## KEY THEMES

- Servant leadership
- Spiritual authority for women
- Integrity and trustworthiness
- Resourcing the Kingdom

## REFLECTION QUESTIONS

- What does Phoebe's leadership reveal about how God uses women in ministry?
- What areas of leadership has God trusted me with?
- Am I walking with the same integrity and courage?

## APPLICATION

- Step into your assignments without shrinking.
- Serve with excellence—your consistency is your credibility.
- Use your resources (time, gifts, influence) to strengthen the body of Christ.

## PRAYER

*Lord, make me trustworthy like Phoebe—faithful, bold, and ready to serve wherever You send me.*

# JUNIA

*Outstanding Among the Apostles*

**SCRIPTURE:** (Romans 16:7)

## PRIMARY SCRIPTURE

- **Romans 16:7** – Paul calls Junia “outstanding among the apostles” and praises her ministry.

## CONTEXT

- Junia was a woman apostle—yes, Paul said it, not culture. Early church fathers fully embraced her as a female apostle for nearly a thousand years before her name was masculinized in later manuscripts. Junia preached, planted, and endured persecution for the gospel.

## KEY THEMES

- Apostolic calling
- Spiritual authority not limited by gender
- Enduring persecution
- High-impact ministry

## REFLECTION QUESTIONS

- What does Junia’s recognition teach me about God’s view of women in leadership?
- Where do I see apostolic traits (pioneering, building, discipling) in myself?
- How do I handle resistance when walking in my calling?

## APPLICATION

- Walk confidently in your spiritual calling.
- Don’t shrink from big assignments—Junia didn’t.
- Remember that honor comes from God, not people.

## PRAYER

*Father, give me Junia’s courage to pioneer, to build, and to stand firm under pressure.*

# PRISCILLA

*The Teacher Who Corrected a Male Preacher*

**SCRIPTURE:** (Acts 18:24–26)

## PRIMARY SCRIPTURE

- **Acts 18:26** – Priscilla (listed before her husband Aquila) took Apollos aside and taught him the gospel more accurately.

## CONTEXT

- Priscilla and Aquila were powerhouse teachers, but scripture consistently places Priscilla's name first, indicating her leadership and skill. She wasn't loud or arrogant—she was accurate, well-studied, Spirit-led, and secure enough to teach a respected preacher.

## KEY THEMES

- Biblical teaching by women
- Sound doctrine
- Humble correction
- Ministry partnership

## REFLECTION QUESTIONS

- What does Priscilla show me about women teaching and leading with authority?
- Am I willing to correct or guide with humility?
- Am I cultivating my knowledge of scripture?

## APPLICATION

- Study deeply—accuracy matters.
- Lead with humility, not insecurity.
- Use your voice to bring clarity and truth.

## PRAYER

*Lord, give me Priscilla's wisdom to teach truth boldly and humbly.*

# PHILIP'S DAUGHTERS

*The Prophets*

**SCRIPTURE:** (Acts 21:8–9)

## PRIMARY SCRIPTURE

- **Acts 21:9** – Philip the evangelist had four unmarried daughters who prophesied.

## CONTEXT

- These daughters were known not for marriage, motherhood, or domesticity—but for prophecy. This highlights a NT norm: women flowed in spiritual gifts and ministered publicly. Their prophetic voice helped shape the early church.

## KEY THEMES

- Prophetic ministry
- Generational legacy
- Women operating in spiritual gifts
- Purity of calling

## REFLECTION QUESTIONS

- What does their prophetic voice teach me about God speaking through women?
- How am I training myself to hear and steward God's voice?
- What spiritual legacy am I building?

## APPLICATION

- Strengthen your prophetic listening (prayer, fasting, scripture).
- Speak what God gives you—don't silence your voice.
- Create space for the next generation to prophesy.

## PRAYER

*Holy Spirit, open my ears and sharpen my prophetic sensitivity like Philip's daughters.*

# DEBORAH

*Judge, Prophet, and Military Leader*

**SCRIPTURE:** (Judges 4-5)

## PRIMARY SCRIPTURE

- **Judges 4:4-7** – Deborah leads Israel as judge, gives prophetic instructions, and guides Barak into victory.

## CONTEXT

- Deborah wasn't a sidekick; she was the national leader of Israel. She governed, prophesied, strategized, and even commanded generals. Barak trusted her deeply and refused to go to war without her because the presence of God rested on her.

## KEY THEMES

- Women in high leadership
- Prophetic wisdom
- Courage in spiritual warfare
- God raising women for national impact

## REFLECTION QUESTIONS

- Where is God calling me to lead with more courage?
- How do I balance wisdom, strength, and gentleness like Deborah?
- What battles require my spiritual authority?

## APPLICATION

- Step boldly into leadership without apology.
- Trust the wisdom God places in you.
- Become a woman of strategy and prayer.

## PRAYER

*God, raise up the Deborah in me—wise, courageous, prophetic, and unafraid.*