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2026 Congress Theme: United in Christ: Growing Together to Serve God
(Ephesians 4:16 NIV)

Insignificance to Inclusion
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COURSE DESCRIPTION

This class delves into the lives of four of the women featured in the genealogy of Jesus Christ...Tamar, Rahab, Ruth and Bathsheba...as presented in the Gospel of Matthew. It examines God's redemptive plan for humanity, often revealed through unconventional means. Centered on the person of Jesus Christ, the class explores how His plan of salvation unites diverse groups—the marginalized, those considered deceitful, individuals with questionable pasts, idolaters, those who have suffered, those who have lied—into God's family through grace and faith. The curriculum will also highlight how God can bless and utilize outsiders and ordinary people, even amidst challenging circumstances, to fulfill His divine purpose.

OBJECTIVES

- The student will examine biblical passages and discuss how, through God's redemptive actions, highlights that inclusion signifies that everyone, irrespective of their background, can belong to the body of Christ through faith.
- The students will be able to understand and discuss how the light of Christ can still shine through our imperfect and weak lives
- The students will be able to analyze and discuss how God demonstrates His universal love by working through biblical foreigners, the marginalized, and those in morally complex situations to bring about salvation.

SYLLABUS

1. Understand that in the face of desperation and broken promises, in Christ, there is still hope (*Genesis 38*)
2. Observe that in the face of certain judgement, peace with God is available through faith in Christ (*Joshua 2; Joshua 6*)
3. Appreciate that God rewards faithfulness (*Ruth*)
4. Affirm that God will forgive, pardon and restore (*1 Samuel 11 – 12*)
5. Appreciate that the inclusion of these four women in the genealogy of Jesus Christ reflects the gospel of grace to us. It shows us how deep and wide the love of God truly is.

RECOMMENDED READING

- *The Holy Bible*
- *Ultimate Bible Guide* by Holman Bible Publishers
- *Who's Who in the Bible, An Illustrated Biographical Dictionary* by Publications International, LTD
- *Significant - Six Ordinary Women, One Extraordinary God; A Study of Women in Jesus' Genealogy* by Rachel Risner
- *The Faith of the Outsider: Exclusion and Inclusion in the Biblical Story* by Frank Anthony Spina

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