

## **Getting Real with Our Expectations: Examples from Women of the Bible**

### **TEXT: Stories of Expectations & Waiting in the Bible**

Hannah - 1 Samuel 1:1-27, (Hannah's Prayer 2:1-11)

Sarah - Genesis 16:1-16, 18:1-15

Bleeding Woman - Matthew 9:18-22, Mark 5:25-34, Luke 8:40-48

Woman at the Well - John 4:1-42

Mary & Martha - Luke 10:38-42

### **TRUTH: Read through one or more of the following stories above and ponder/answer these questions:**

What were their disappointments in life?

What were they waiting on?

What expectations or desires were unmet?

What did they do with their expectations, desires, dreams?"

What do you see about the character of God from their stories?

### **TRANSFORMATION:**

What can we learn from their stories about dealing with our own expectations, desires and seasons of waiting?

What encourages about their stories?

What advice/warnings can you heed from their stories?

What examples can you apply to your life in dealing with your expectations, desires and longings? (Think about Pour Out, Step Out, Look Out and Sing Out)