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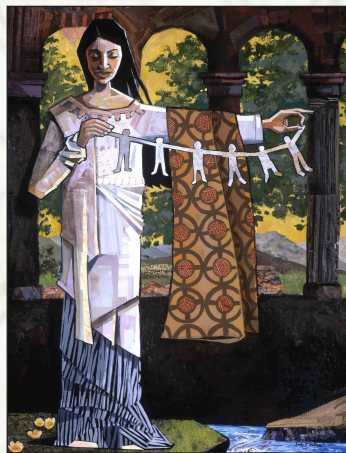
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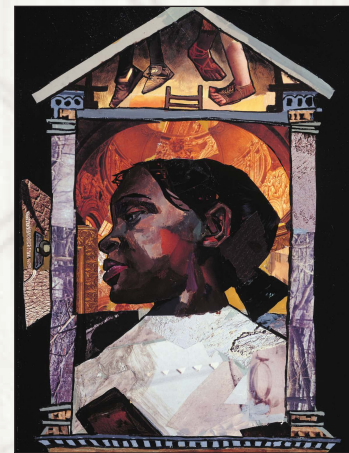
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LESSON ONE
Family Trees



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Tamar



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Rahab

The first chapter of the Gospel of Matthew invites us into the family stories that helped shape Jesus and shape us too. The women in Jesus' family tree have backstories that are exactly the kind of story you can imagine hearing while sitting spellbound as a grandmother reminisces about her early life.

Matthew chose to mention a handful of women: Tamar, Rahab, Ruth, Bathsheba, and Mary.

What can they teach us? Matthew has named these women for a reason. Their stories will lead us into the Gospel, the Good News about Jesus Christ. Having explored their stories together, we will have a richer idea about what the good news is.

About the Authors and Artist

God has gently nudged author **Merryl Blair** in interesting directions throughout her working life (nurse, youth minister, Old Testament lecturer—perhaps not the normal career path). For 25 years she has served as senior lecturer in Old Testament at Stirling Theological College (part of the University of Divinity, Melbourne, Australia). She and her late husband, Graeme, also taught, during sabbaticals, at Northrise University, in northern Zambia.

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Cody F. Miller's paintings have been exhibited in solo and group exhibitions in galleries, art festivals, and museums, and have received numerous awards and honors. See more of his art at www.codyfmiller.com.

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