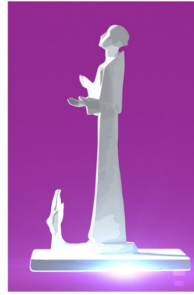


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Theme 6: How the Bible Still Matters

Question 6a. What is your favourite Bible story?

1. What appeals to you about hearing others tell about their favourite Bible story? What do you notice about the way they tell their story?
2. Identify a story or character from the Bible that made an impact on you. What was it about the story that made such an impact?
3. In what ways might you explore that story further? Consider exploring the context out of which the story was written, finding other versions of the story or just reading it several times over to revisit the characters and message.

Jazz Dow

It's a hard question! I have loads of favourite Bible stories! The one that comes to mind today is the story of Shiphrah and Puah, the midwives in the Old Testament. When Pharaoh ordered the killing of child, of male children, they were seditious and powerful in their own way, and subversive and resistant to the powers that be. And saved that baby! That's my favourite. I feel that we should be seditious, powerful, wild women!

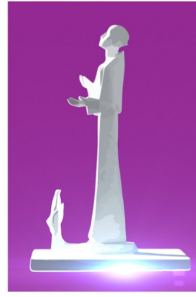
Penny Jones

I love the story of the healing of Jairus's daughter and the healing of the woman with the issue of blood - they are set one within another and that's part of why I love it. I have a background in literature and so, just to see how that story's structured is a delight to me.

But as a woman I love it, because it is the story of two women - one at

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the point of menopause, the other just entering into puberty, each of them in that transitional space, that liminal space which is always the space which God most closely connects with us.

So, I just love that story, it's a story of Jesus bringing healing and wholeness to those on the edges, to those most outcast by the society of the time and such an inspirational story in that way. I love that story, it gives me power it gives me a sense of enablement every time I read it.