

*Acts:
A Christ-Centered, Spirit-Empowered, Multiethnic Church On
Mission*



Sunday, May 11, 2025

Luke's Treatment of Women in Luke-Acts

A Statement of

Family

The local church is to live as the new family of God on mission as their Triune God demonstrates and their Lord Jesus modeled. Through the Gospel of Jesus, He defined the church as the regenerate and adopted children of God, both men and women, together fulfilling God's redemptive story in the world. Because the church is a new family of God, they will be intentional to be a multiethnic and a multigenerational community of faith, sacrificing for and prioritizing life together on mission.

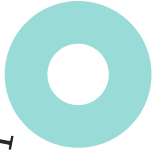


The Big Idea

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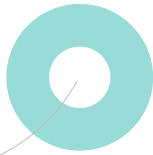




The historical context of 

Women

Gender doubling of



Mary

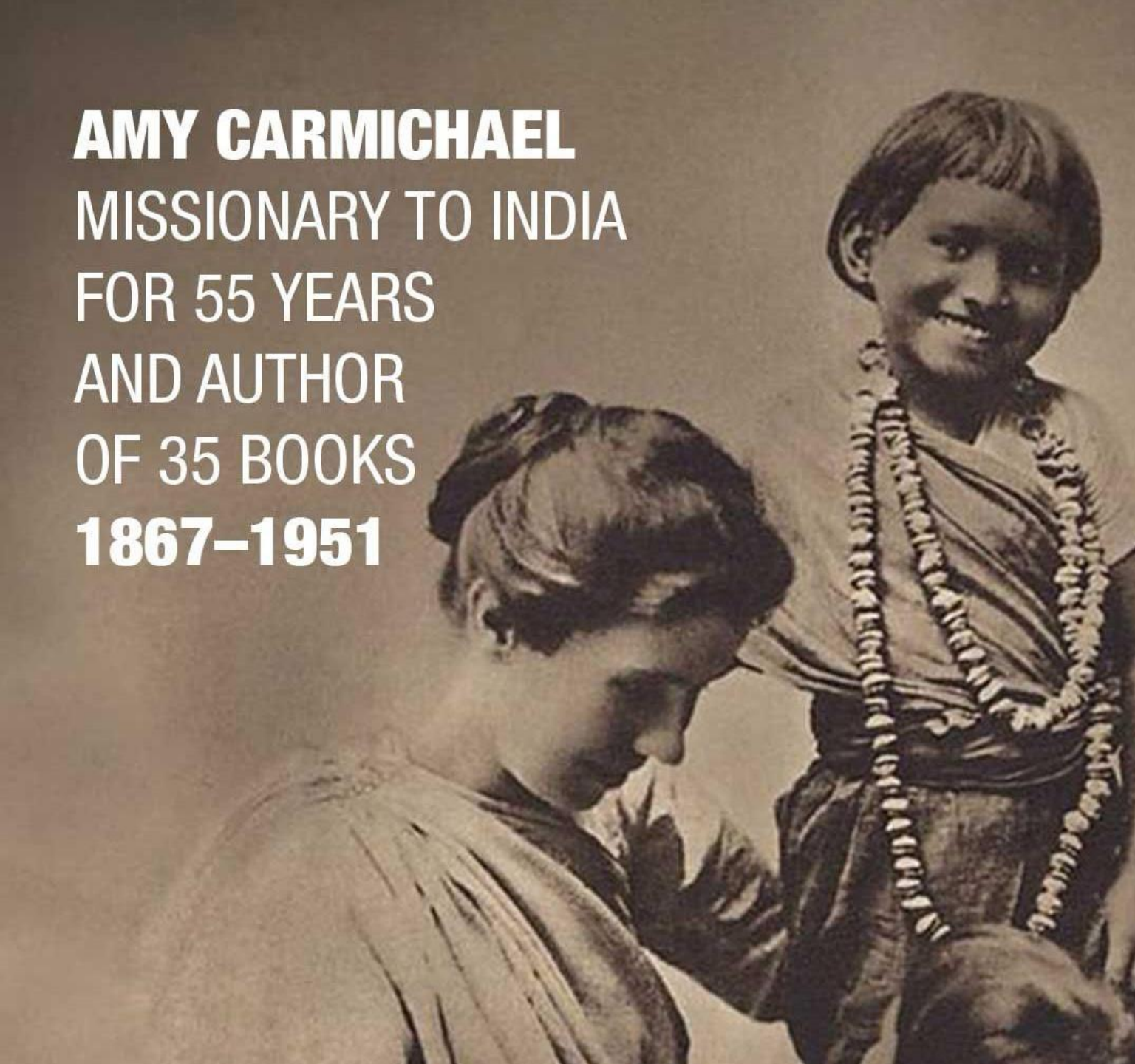
Luke 1:1-58

Zechariah



CHARLOTTE "LOTTIE" MOON
MISSIONARY TO CHINA
1840-1912

AMY CARMICHAEL
MISSIONARY TO INDIA
FOR 55 YEARS
AND AUTHOR
OF 35 BOOKS
1867–1951



Gender doubling of

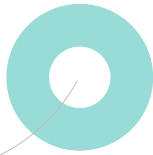


Anna **Luke**
2:25-38
Simeon

Marilyn Laszlo

Missionary for 24 years
in Papua New Guinea
Bible Translator/ Church
Planter

Gender doubling of



**Widow of
Zarepath**

Luke

4:25-27 Naaman





Pandita Ramabai

1858-1922

Bible Translator/ Reformer of India

Gender doubling of



**Peter's
Mother-in-law**

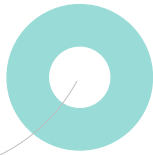
Luke
4:31-39

Demoniac

Heather Hahn

Missionary in Mexico
for over 20 years

Gender doubling of



**Widow of
Nain** Luke

7:1-17 Centurion





Jessica Bryant
Missionary to
Japan

Gender doubling of



Woman who
loved much

Luke
7:36-50
Simon the
Pharisee

Luke 8:1-3 ○

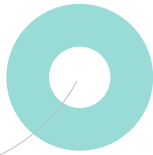
[1] Soon afterward he went on through cities and villages, proclaiming and bringing the good news of the kingdom of God. And the twelve were with him, [2] and also some women who had been healed of evil spirits and infirmities: Mary, called Magdalene, from whom seven demons had gone out, [3] and Joanna, the wife of Chuza, Herod's household manager, and Susanna, and many others, who provided for them out of their means.

Elisabeth Elliot

1926-2015

Missionary / Author

Gender doubling of



**Woman
with bleed**

Luke

8:26-56

Gerasene
Demoniac





Gladys Alward
1902-1970
Missionary to
China

Gender doubling of



Mary
Luke 10:29-42
Lawyer

Gender Doubling of Luke

Luke 11:31-32

Queen of the South/Men of Nineveh

Luke 13:10-17, 14:1-6

Crippled Woman/Crippled Man

Luke 13:18-21

Woman with Yeast/Man with Seed

Luke 15:4-10

Woman with Coins/Man with Sheep

Luke 17:34-35

2 Women Milling/2 Men Sleeping

Luke 18:1-14

Praying Widow/Praying Pharisee

Luke 20:45-21:4

Widow gave all/Scribes live luxuriously

Luke 23:50-56

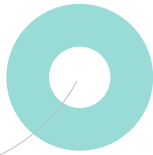
Women from Galilee/Joseph of Arimathea

Mary Slessor

1848-1915

Missionary to
Nigeria

Gender doubling of



**Women at
the tomb**

Luke

24:1-35

Emmaus
Disciples



[17] “And in the last days it shall be, God declares, that I will pour out my Spirit on all flesh, and your Sons and your daughters shall prophesy, and your young men shall see visions, and your old men shall dream dreams; [18] even on my male servants and female servants in those days I will pour out my Spirit, and they shall prophesy.

Acts 2:17-18



Women in Acts

Acts 1:14

Participants in Prayer

Acts 2:17-18 (21:9)

Prophecy

Acts 5:14

Participants in community life

Acts 8:3 (9:2; 22:4)

Persecuted

Acts 8:12 (16:14-15)

Baptized

Acts 9:36-42 (17:4,12,34)

Women Disciples

Acts 12:12-13 (16:15)

Church hosts

Acts 16:1 (2 Tim. 1:5)

Disciplers of faith

Acts 18:19, 26 (1 Cor. 16:19)

Church Planters

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