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IN THE COMPANY OF WOMEN: CREATIVE ENCOUNTERS

PRESENTER: ELIZABETH LEE

FIVE STAND-ALONE WEEKENDS



✦ 4-6 MARCH
Woman at the Wedding



✦ 22-24 APRIL
Woman at the Well



✦ 22-24 JULY
Woman with the Haemorrhage



✦ 7-9 OCTOBER
Woman at the Tomb



✦ 25-27 NOVEMBER
Woman with an Angel

May you find the practices that offer you a doorway into the heart of God. ~ Jan Richardson

Praying with scripture is one way to let the stories of the biblical women intersect with our own stories. These women then become models for our own survival, growth and flourishing.

Can we lift these familiar stories of women such that they offer new sources of identity and inspiration, breaking free of prevailing patriarchal motifs?

We are invited to cultivate two attitudes: an openness to hearing what we have not heard before, and willingness to let biblical women speak with their own voices, voices long muffled by layers of interpretation we may have learned since childhood. Such prayer is founded on suspicion of conventional interpretations.

Praying the stories of biblical women can take any of many paths: meditation, active reflection on a passage, contemplating or receiving the Word in love, imaginative prayer, dance or journaling.

(Modified from Kathleen Fisher "Woman at the Well." 1989. p 94-5)

Each weekend is an opportunity for us all, women and men, to hear and see the Good News through the words and the lives of named and unnamed women in the Gospels and allow these women to speak into your life.

There will be the opportunity to enter and explore each story through Lectio Divina, poetry, Visio Divina, photography, labyrinth walks, art, midrash and silence. Spiritual accompaniment will also be available with the retreat team.

Elizabeth Lee is a Spiritual Director, Retreat Facilitator and Pastoral Supervisor. To find out more go to visionanadaction.com.au

- *The wine ran out...*
John 2:3
- *If only you recognised God's gift...* John 4:10
- *She came up behind Jesus...*
Luke 8:44
- *Mary stood weeping...*
John 20:11
- *They were filled with the Holy Spirit.* Acts 2:4
- *Anything and everything are possible in a story.*
John O'Donohue
- *A painting is not about an experience. It is an experience.*
Mark Rotho

COST:

Weekend \$310
\$50 deposit confirms the booking.
All tariffs are negotiable

Applications Forms can be downloaded directly from our website:
<https://bit.ly/towersforms>

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