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Miller, K. C. (2016). *Choices of the heart*. Atlanta, GA: Elk Lake Publishing. 122 pp. \$9.95. ISBN 1942513909

Author and speaker, Kathy Collard Miller, has written over 50 books during her 30 year career. Her works include Bible studies, commentaries and Christian living.

Choices of the heart is an expanded and revised book from her *Daughters Of the King Bible Series* of twelve previously-published volumes. Originally published by David C. Cook, the series sold 100,000 books. This is the first volume in the series originally released in 1984. This updated book is a 10-lesson Bible study. Each chapter pairs the biblical accounts of two women as they address a common choice. For example, the first lesson examines how Rebekah and Rahab faced believing God's sovereignty. The choices faced by Deborah, Naomi, Sarah, Lydia, and the unnamed forgiven, Samaritan, and Shunem women, amongst others, are choices that modern women continue to struggle with and face in our daily lives. Each pair of biblical examples examines issues like trust, obedience, power, prayer, honesty, temptation, jealousy, and discontent. The narrative of each chapter combines the biblical account with scripture citations and questions along with questions for the reader making application to contemporary context and daily life.

These lessons give examples of both good and bad decisions made by these women of the Bible. The author varies her lessons sometimes including fill-ins or tables. The pairings of biblical characters may surprise the reader. We may think of Rebecca, the Israelite, as the good girl and Rahab, the prostitute, as a bad girl. In the context of trusting the sovereignty of God, Rahab sets the example of faith. Each chapter ends with a letter from God, the King, to His princesses and daughters. The theme of each lesson is summarized in this letter format.

Choices of the Heart is suitable for individual or small group Bible study.

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Wilken, R.L. (2014). *The Christian roots of religious freedom*. Milwaukee, WI: Marquette University Press. 55 pp. \$15.00. ISBN 9780874625006

The topic of "religious liberty" has recently inundated socio-political discourse. Although many assume that the notion is rooted in the Enlightenment, this small volume seeks to construct an alternative framework. "In truth the roots of religious freedom in the west are to be found centuries earlier in the writings of Christian