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Subject: [exsa_usa] WAYO MADAMs, MAMMYs & SHOW BEEPs in DA GOOD BOOK!

Usually, when “Sango Pasto” brings up a biblical character he would like the ladies in his congregation to emulate, we expect him to mention women like Mary, Mother of our Lord, (C’mon now!), Esther, the Queen whose boldness saved her people from total annihilation, Ruth, whose compassion for and loyalty to her mother-in-law Naomi is exemplary, and also my favorites, Lois and Eunice - Timothy’s grandmother and mother who made sure their little “Timmy’s” heart and soul were in the right place “from infancy”, way before the Apostle Paul ever met him!

That said, there are also some total “Hélélé”, “Kata-kata” and “wuru-wuru”, kinds of “Marrams” in da Book of all books whose deeds and exploits simply “pass mark”! I don’t know why I have been drawn to give them a closer look lately but I suspect it is because they make the flawed wife, mother, sister, teacher and woman that I am feel like “ah bettah yaah” compared to them! If you don’t mind, let me attempt to share just some of the things that amaze me about these women.

1. **“Manyi” Rebekah, Mother of the twins Jacob and Esau & wife of Isaac (Genesis 27):** I would say she invented “patchah” and wins the “kondoh” for “Disgraceful Mothering Tactics”! How she could so blatantly favor Jacob over Esau to the point of devising such a devious “beef stew cooking scheme” to help Jaky steal Esau’s blessing is a real “Pahplé” matter!! She should also be credited for raising the world’s first “Mama’s Boy” on record because that is exactly what her dear “Jay-Jay” really was! As a wife, DIShonesty was clearly her best policy and that is precisely why, compared to her, you shouldn’t feel quite so bad about telling Oga that your “goggles” cost 50 dollars when they really cost 100!
2. **Rachel, Jacob’s wife, a.k.a “Mammy Cunny” (Genesis 31):** She clearly paved the way for all future shop lifters and smugglers when she stole her father Laban’s household idols and then claimed when Laban started to “charch” (search) everybody and everything in sight that she had her “kongo” and could not get off her camel!!!! CHEI!!!! Even Mexican border patrol no for fit catch dis madam oh!! After witnessing this kind of “cunny” why should any of you feel bad for OCCAISIONALLY feigning a “headac he” when Oga shows up from work with flowers, compliments you for a WONDERFUL micro-waved meal, tells you you’ve lost 10 pounds, dims the lights and puts on his Marvin Gaye CD??
3. **Delilah, Samson’s Wife, alias “Baby Sweet Mop” (Judges 16):** No doubt, Samson carries a lot of blame for being an incorrigible “Woman Lappa” but Chick Delilah too no

be easy oh! Talk about “signing die” behind someone!! She teased, begged and cajoled until “Sammy” could take it no more and divulged the “sécéré” to his incredible strength. I guess “Ms D” proves that nagging sometimes pays off but if I were you, I would not count on it since the same Bible says (in Proverbs 19:13) that “a quarrelsome wife is like a constant dripping”! (Those of us who have lived in house where “small hole be dey for zinc” and we had to listen as the water dripped through the ceiling into the enamel basin strategically placed to “catch” the drops know how aggravating this can be!)

4. **Madam Potiphar, “mammy lie-lie” (Genesis 39):** Nobody better personifies the saying “hell hath no fury like a woman scorned” than this woman does!! She is clearly the role=2 0model for those annoying (and spoiled) Middle/High School girls who accuse a poor, innocent, straight-out-of-college, “galant bobé” teacher of “inappropriate touching” and “taking indecent liberties” because the dude doesn’t “have their time” or “pick their height”! Come to think of it, Mme P. might fare better than they will on Judgment Day since in her day, Moses had not yet come down de mountain with “Thou shalt not bear false witness” in his arms.

5. **Jezebel, wife of King Ahab (“Threatener” of Elijah’s Life) & Madam Herod Antipas, (Demander of John the Baptist’s head on a platter) (1 Kings 17&18; Mark 6):** These two Drama Queen “tities” take bracket 1st for “Bad heart” and wickedness!! Because of them, I am seriously wondering whether we shouldn’t have an “anti-thesis” for the “behind every successful man ...” quote which would read: “behind every horrible man who “sucks” at his job, there is OFTEN a “numéro” of a woman egging him on”! (Ever heard of Marie Antoinette of France and Imelda Marcos of The Philippines?)

6. **Mrs. Job:** I don’t reall y think very badly of her; I just think that, in light of her “why don’t you curse God and die” statement which she made to her ailing, suffering husband, she is the kind of woman who should never be allowed within at least 5 miles of any Nursing Home or Hospital. The “kwata to ...” patients in there just don’t need that kind of negativity around them!

After “dissing” all these Old Testament women, I think that, in the interest of fairness, I should mention at least one Old Testament woman who, I believe did a great job, and throw in one New Testament Mammy who “messed up” big time – just for good measure!

1. **Mrs. Noah, Mother of Shem, Ham & Japheth (Genesis 6 – 9):** In my book, she exemplifies the “Stand By Your Man” principle better than anybody! How can anyone stay married to a man who, at a time when no one drop wata had ever fallen from the sky, gets up and declares that God is going to destroy “di whole werld” with a flood! To make

matters worse, he picks up his=2 Onails, saw and hammer and starts building a huge boat (the size of one and a half American Football fields and the height of a four storey building), in preparation for this “flood”! After seeing pictures of the Titanic and witnessing Katrina, this may not seem so awkward to us but I bet you Noah must have been the laughing stock back then in “Three Corners” Eden “Kwaters”!! I know Ma Noah couldn’t “run marret” during the 40 days and 40 nights when the rain was pouring down because who side e for go? I can imagine her “tying heart” as all the 2 by 2 animals (from the mami & papa Hippos to the man & woman duck fawuls) pooped all over the place but the amazing thing is that she was right there for her man even after!!! I guess you don’t just up and leave a 600 year old man any how!

2. **Mrs. Salome Zebedee, mother of the Apostles James and John: (Matthew 20:20,21)**
This Ma certainly makes all over zealous, over bearing, pushy soccer and beauty pageant moms look like bashful, tame choir girls! Poor Jesus was virtually on His way to the cross with the full brunt of His earthly mission weighing heavily on his heart but did Mammy Zee notice? No-oh! She was only out to make sure both her sons had choice positions in Jesus’ coming kingdom: One directly to His left, and the other to H is right! What kind of “big heart”! - or is it big liver is that biko??!! Anyway, she’s far better than Rebekah because she, at least, was looking out for **BOTH** her sons, instead of favoring one to the detriment of the other!

Well, my dear sisters, the DESIDERATA poem warns us not to compare ourselves to others “lest” we become vain and bitter, because there will always be better and worse people than ourselves. I guess our best option then, is to be the best we can be – God being our helper!
Blessings,
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