

Engage360 Episode 168 | Daughters of God: How the Women of the Bible Reveal Our Worth in God

Amy Seiffert

[00:00:16] **Angie Ward:** Hi friends. Welcome to Engage 360 Denver Seminaries podcast. I'm your host, Angie Ward, and I serve here as director of our Doctor of Ministry program and on our faculty. Thank you for joining us for today's conversation. I am honored to have in the studio today a. Amy Seiffert. Amy is this is from her website.

She is an author, speaker, pastor, wife, and co ringmaster to their circus of three kids with her husband. She's from northwest Ohio, great state of Ohio, but she is also a student at Denver Seminary, she's pursuing her master's in Biblical and Theological Studies as a member of one of our women's leadership cohorts.

So I've gotten to know her when she's been on campus for the residency weeks, which coincide with my own students' residency weeks. What we're talking about today. Amy has a new book out as of earlier this year. It's called Your Name is Daughter, what the Unsung Women of the Bible teach us about our worth.

So I'm really looking forward to learning more, and I'm glad for all of you listening in and joining us today. Amy, it's great to have you on the podcast.

[00:01:17] **Amy Seiffert:** Thank you so much. I am honored. I am, yeah. I'm looking forward to this.

[00:01:22] **Angie Ward:** This is gonna be fun. Well, so your book, I'm gonna say it again. Your name is Daughter What? The unsung Women of the Bible teach us about our worth. As an author too, we, we get this question about what led you to write a book, but what led you to write this book?

[00:01:37] **Amy Seiffert:** well, I had a high interest being a woman myself.

[00:01:41] **Angie Ward:** There you go.

[00:01:42] **Amy Seiffert:** My pastor used to joke with me. He, and say, you always, gravitate toward. The stories of Jesus with the women. And I was like, it's

I'm a woman.

[00:01:53] **Angie Ward:** Yeah.

[00:01:54] **Amy Seiffert:** And the so then the more I started to expand and look at the whole Old Testament it became very valuable to me to collect stories of who have, are nameless, have names have been overlooked.

And to see, wait a minute, it matters. To have their stories come forth. It matters for me personally being on a journey to become a pastor and really use my gifts in a way that I'm confident in and just embracing where I am in the body of Christ. It's been a journey to not feel like I was made wrong or

[00:02:31] **Angie Ward:** Mm.

[00:02:31] **Amy Seiffert:** Or too strong, but there are places for all of us, and I was so encouraged to look at all the women in the Bible.

[00:02:37] **Angie Ward:** Yeah, well, you, and you say the unsung women, so I mean, I'm assuming the song Women, which we never only say unsung, we never say the song

[00:02:45] **Amy Seiffert:** Right.

[00:02:46] **Angie Ward:** the, but the song Women, I'm thinking, the ones that came to mind, Ruth, Deborah, Mary, the Mother of Jesus, Mary Magdalene Eve but the unsung, so, and you mentioned the Old Testament.

How did like. Why are they unsung? Like who did you pick and are they just Ultima Testament or some new as well? Like

[00:03:04] **Amy Seiffert:** Yeah.

[00:03:05] **Angie Ward:** Yeah. Who are the song and then you talk about all these unsung with names and without names.

[00:03:11] **Amy Seiffert:** Yeah. Yeah. The song I just as you named classics Esther,

[00:03:15] **Angie Ward:** Oh, yeah.

[00:03:16] **Amy Seiffert:** I

[00:03:16] **Angie Ward:** Yep.

[00:03:17] **Amy Seiffert:** Esther. Explore, let's see, I mean, a lot of your typical ones that usually get a lot like all the Mary's,

[00:03:27] **Angie Ward:** Yeah, that's right. Right.

[00:03:29] **Amy Seiffert:** I do look at, well, I, yeah, I look at Martha quite a bit actually.

[00:03:33] **Angie Ward:** Yeah.

[00:03:34] **Amy Seiffert:** I, and I wanted to look at the unsung women to see like, wait. I guess the more I was looking at just women in general,

[00:03:42] **Angie Ward:** Yeah.

[00:03:42] **Amy Seiffert:** I thought. I think we've glossed over some of these amazing women like Halda, the prophet Halda

I had never heard of until just a few years ago,

[00:03:53] **Angie Ward:** Wow.

[00:03:53] **Amy Seiffert:** mid forties and have been walking with Jesus since I was 16. I was like, who's halda?

What's going on? So, so then I started to think, well, we're, I bet there's a lot of women that other women haven't heard a sermon on a Bible study. I mean, I look at the five women in the beginning of Exodus two that surround Moses and really are part of his

[00:04:16] **Angie Ward:** Yeah.

[00:04:17] **Amy Seiffert:** and becoming the man he was because these five women who rescue him truly. yeah. So I was. I think it's beautiful when you look at unsung women or invisible women, or nameless women and you see how important they were and you're like, that matters. And we don't even know their name,

[00:04:34] **Angie Ward:** Yeah.

[00:04:35] **Amy Seiffert:** was doing something with them and was partnering with them for the greater story

[00:04:41] **Angie Ward:** Yeah.

[00:04:41] **Amy Seiffert:** be told.

And I just, I was so encouraged by that.

[00:04:44] **Angie Ward:** That's great. Do you have kind of a rough count in your head or did you take, keep track? Like how many of those types of women are in the Bible?

[00:04:50] **Amy Seiffert:** Yeah, I, well, I did 21 chapters and each

[00:04:53] **Angie Ward:** Yeah,

[00:04:54] **Amy Seiffert:** different

[00:04:54] **Angie Ward:** sure you didn't even hit all of them, right?

[00:04:57] **Amy Seiffert:** right. I didn't. I mean, only 10% of the names in the Bible are female, so that's not a lot.

[00:05:03] **Angie Ward:** Yeah.

[00:05:04] **Amy Seiffert:** me go on the other side. Well, if they're there, they are gems. Let's see what they're doing

[00:05:09] **Angie Ward:** Yeah.

[00:05:10] **Amy Seiffert:** how, what kind of role they're playing.

But yes, I did not, in the end, at the very end of my Bible study, there's a six week bible study that goes with it. I list other women, Hey, look into these women. We didn't even scratch the service of these names and what they're doing.

[00:05:25] **Angie Ward:** yeah. So was this just on your own kind of study or what did you have to do this for the class or like what led you to just dive into this in the first place? You said you discovered these names, but was this part of your own study?

[00:05:36] **Amy Seiffert:** Yeah, it was it was a journey of like a five year journey. I had

[00:05:40] **Angie Ward:** Wow.

[00:05:41] **Amy Seiffert:** McKnight's book, the Blue Parakeet,

[00:05:44] **Angie Ward:** It's awesome.

[00:05:45] **Amy Seiffert:** oh, I, my, my mind was blown at several points and I thought this book. never handed to me. I'd never seen it. I had dug around and I wanted to take a few of his thoughts, expand on them, and then I just started doing my own research and digging.

And that was all within my first year of the program at Denver.

[00:06:06] **Angie Ward:** Oh wow.

[00:06:07] **Amy Seiffert:** paper topics, I did women so that I could kind of double dip

[00:06:10] **Angie Ward:** Yeah, for sure.

[00:06:11] **Amy Seiffert:** right. Some chapters, which was really fun to see how women how Jesus treated women. And was they were traveling with him, and there, there were just

[00:06:22] **Angie Ward:** Yeah.

[00:06:22] **Amy Seiffert:** seen that I would cry when I would read their

[00:06:27] **Angie Ward:** Hmm.

[00:06:27] **Amy Seiffert:** I have never heard this from the pulpit.

This was never in a Bible study. And I, so I felt pretty determined

[00:06:34] **Angie Ward:** Yeah.

[00:06:35] **Amy Seiffert:** us that there's so many more women doing so many more things.

[00:06:38] **Angie Ward:** Yeah. Are there one or two in particular that have just really moved you or been inspiring to you? Just to you personally?

[00:06:45] **Amy Seiffert:** Yeah. Yeah. Well, I have an Old Testament and a New Testament one Halda, like I mentioned in the Old Testament.

[00:06:51] **Angie Ward:** So where is she mentioned

[00:06:53] **Amy Seiffert:** yeah. So she

[00:06:54] **Angie Ward:** I.

[00:06:54] **Amy Seiffert:** in, she's twice, she's in Second Kings 22 and she's also in I believe second Chronicles 34.

[00:07:00] **Angie Ward:** Where they, and are they similar accounts, because some of that is overlap. Yeah. Yep.

[00:07:04] **Amy Seiffert:** accounts. Second Kings give us a little bit more, but man, her, so King Josiah discovers, I mean, he's cleaning out the temple and he's getting rid of all the idols and he's doing all the things, and someone discovers the book of the law and

[00:07:20] **Angie Ward:** Yeah.

[00:07:20] **Amy Seiffert:** him,

[00:07:21] **Angie Ward:** And he's eight, right? Isn't he like,

[00:07:23] **Amy Seiffert:** little.

[00:07:24] **Angie Ward:** Yeah.

[00:07:25] **Amy Seiffert:** I think this is when he is in his twenties actually. But he

[00:07:27] **Angie Ward:** Okay.

[00:07:27] **Amy Seiffert:** at eight

[00:07:28] **Angie Ward:** Yeah.

[00:07:28] **Amy Seiffert:** then when he was doing some clearing, I think it was a little bit later, but still young

[00:07:32] **Angie Ward:** Yeah.

[00:07:33] **Amy Seiffert:** and finds the book of the law reads it. His clothes

And he wants to authentic. He's like this is the word of God.

Now what? And so he decides five. He sends five men. This is fascinating to me. He takes five men from his palace and he sends them to Halda. He doesn't bring a prophet in, he doesn't bring halda. And there were some other, I believe Jeremiah was a contemporary, Halda. He goes, five men knock on her door from the king's palace. I can't imagine if the president of the United

[00:08:07] **Angie Ward:** Right,

[00:08:08] **Amy Seiffert:** Sends five

[00:08:09] **Angie Ward:** right.

[00:08:09] **Amy Seiffert:** we have a word Amy? Like just intimidating. So she, opens that door and she share, she. Says, yeah, this is like, God is not happy. You have not been

[00:08:21] **Angie Ward:** Yeah.

[00:08:22] **Amy Seiffert:** of this. But you'll be blessed King Josiah, and from her word. Goes back to King Josiah, and it is like a 180 everything. He institutes all the things. They read the word, they have a party, they, they come back to God in a major way. But Halda was significant. And I think about I honestly think about Halda. I chanter my inner halda when I have to be maybe the only female in the room, or I have to be bold and brave and say a thing that's hard.

And I'm like, okay, Halda did it. Like she was bold. She said what needed to be said, and her confidence was in God, like the Lord was her confidence. And because of that there was major change. So it's powerful for women to use their voices that they've been given for a reason,

The Kingdom of God.

So she has become one of my favorites. I wish I had more about her. I know her husband was the keeper of the King's wardrobe.

[00:09:19] **Angie Ward:** Wow.

[00:09:20] **Amy Seiffert:** Yeah. So whatever that means. I'm assuming Armor not necessarily like the next coolest,

[00:09:25] **Angie Ward:** Right. Yeah. The closet. Yeah. Yeah.

Wow. So that's your Old Testament one?

[00:09:31] **Amy Seiffert:** yeah,

[00:09:32] **Angie Ward:** Yeah. Name a few other Old Testament ones. Just name them that we may have, may or may not have heard of. I.

[00:09:38] **Amy Seiffert:** Shifra and Puah are an Exodus two, and they are these Hebrew midwives that Pharaoh asks to. killing Hebrew boy, baby boys.

[00:09:49] **Angie Ward:** right.

[00:09:50] **Amy Seiffert:** they refuse.

[00:09:51] **Angie Ward:** Yeah,

[00:09:52] **Amy Seiffert:** And I don't know how many they saved, but they were

[00:09:55] **Angie Ward:** yeah,

[00:09:55] **Amy Seiffert:** The, the

The Hebrew women are so vigorous, they're giving birth

[00:09:58] **Angie Ward:** yeah, too. Yeah. Yeah. We, yeah. Yep. It's not us. Yeah. Yeah.

[00:10:01] **Amy Seiffert:** amazing.

[00:10:02] **Angie Ward:** Yeah.

[00:10:03] **Amy Seiffert:** And Pharaoh's like, fine, I'm gonna then make a decree across the whole land, so she was amazing. And then I think about the princess in that story, like Pharaoh's daughter's the one who rescued Moses out of the water, but also Miriam is there, she's there in that moment and pops up and she's like, hi, I know someone who could nurse this baby boy

[00:10:22] **Angie Ward:** Yeah.

[00:10:23] **Amy Seiffert:** So she takes her

[00:10:24] **Angie Ward:** Yeah.

[00:10:24] **Amy Seiffert:** To joke bed her mom. So Moses' mother is maybe Yoko bed is how you would say it in the Hebrew. But yeah, she, and she was amazing. She made a tiny little arc to save her baby boy.

[00:10:36] **Angie Ward:** Yeah.

[00:10:38] **Amy Seiffert:** I talk about her. I can't imagine putting your kid in the

[00:10:40] **Angie Ward:** Yeah,

[00:10:41] **Amy Seiffert:** And taking your hands off the basket.

And we all know that feeling like letting go and trusting that God's hands are good 'cause your hands aren't there anymore. You know?

[00:10:49] **Angie Ward:** yeah,

[00:10:50] **Amy Seiffert:** So those women, let's see. I talk about Deborah 'cause I

[00:10:53] **Angie Ward:** yeah. Yep.

A female judge. Yeah,

[00:10:57] **Amy Seiffert:** Judge and one of the good ones, the few and.

[00:11:01] **Angie Ward:** Yeah. In an era when it says each did, everyone did what was right in their own eyes. Yeah.

[00:11:06] **Amy Seiffert:** in that story too, I talk about JL who took a tent peg and some warm

[00:11:12] **Angie Ward:** Yep.

[00:11:12] **Amy Seiffert:** the enemy

[00:11:13] **Angie Ward:** Yeah.

[00:11:13] **Amy Seiffert:** and even what is talked about her, like she is blessed for this.

[00:11:19] **Angie Ward:** Yeah.

[00:11:20] **Amy Seiffert:** so those two, I don't even know if Deborah and J all met, but they're right there in the thick of all the things.

[00:11:25] **Angie Ward:** They are. Yeah.

[00:11:27] **Amy Seiffert:** Definitely Halda. I do talk about Eve in the beginning and the fact that they were Adam and Eve before the fall were both blessed and commissioned together,

To cultivate Eden and then everything unraveled, but

[00:11:41] **Angie Ward:** yeah. What about new? So who's your New Testament person?

[00:11:45] **Amy Seiffert:** Yeah. So, look at Martha, but I look at the other side of her because I think Martha has been typecast

[00:11:52] **Angie Ward:** Yeah. She got a bad rap .

[00:11:53] **Amy Seiffert:** Yeah. Martha,

[00:11:54] **Angie Ward:** Help me. Help me. Come on people. Chop, chop.

[00:11:57] **Amy Seiffert:** Yeah. Yeah. Coming to Jesus, tell my sister Mary help me, and he's like, Martha,

[00:12:04] **Angie Ward:** Right.

[00:12:05] **Amy Seiffert:** and bothered about so many things. Now here's what I was looking into. When a name is called twice, it happens seven times. Abraham, Abraham Moses, Moses, Martha, Martha,, it is a call that pivots their life. Like, and so he's having a moment with her. But that's all I, that's what I focus on with Martha, but I did not. Put two and two together that in John 11 when Mary Martha's brother Lazarus dies and Jesus stays put and doesn't come, and then she hears, he finally comes. It is Martha who gets up. Mary is sad and stays put. Martha gets up, goes straight to Jesus, and she says, if you would've been here, my brother would not have died and goes right at him. And she's like, but even now, like I've heard what you've taught in my house when I was in the kitchen, I know the theology. Even now, if you ask, God will give you whatever you ask.

And they have this one-on one moment he says, do you believe I'm the resurrection and the life? We quote Jesus saying this, but it was a one-on-one conversation with Martha, the theologian

[00:13:11] **Angie Ward:** Yeah.

[00:13:12] **Amy Seiffert:** this pivotal confession. That sounds a lot like Peter's. I'm like, I wrote, it's Martha's Confession at the top of my Bible in John 11.

[00:13:19] **Angie Ward:** Yeah. Yeah.

[00:13:20] **Amy Seiffert:** so just looking at the other side, because I think women can often feel like, oh, I'm just so, I'm anxious. I'm a worry warrior. I'm like, that's not just, we are well-rounded. We are thinkers.

We are so many. Things we're complex, and so let's not flatten ourselves the way we've done to some women in the Bible.

[00:13:36] **Angie Ward:** Yeah. And Mary's the doer. And at one time it's like, well, you just sit and listen, but. But also when like the, like you said, the story of Lazarus, it's a different take on the doing this and it's like, okay, you can still do it. Come on, let's go, let's raise, let's raise Lazarus.

[00:13:52] **Amy Seiffert:** I know who you

[00:13:53] **Angie Ward:** Let's go. Yeah.

[00:13:54] **Amy Seiffert:** Yeah. She's full of action. She comes right to

[00:13:57] **Angie Ward:** Yes.

[00:13:58] **Amy Seiffert:** And I appreciate

[00:13:59] **Angie Ward:** Yeah.

[00:13:59] **Amy Seiffert:** her. And we need women who are like this.

[00:14:02] **Angie Ward:** Yeah. What are some, I mean, you said there's some unnamed what are some unnamed women in the Bible, one or one or two that have stood out to you that we don't even know their names?

[00:14:12] **Amy Seiffert:** Yeah. Well, we call her the bleeding woman. Um,

[00:14:16] **Angie Ward:** Jesus cloak,

[00:14:18] **Amy Seiffert:** exactly. Touches

[00:14:19] **Angie Ward:** who had an issue of blood? Yeah.

[00:14:21] **Amy Seiffert:** it issue of blood. I think it's so interesting that we call her by her condition, her

The bleeding woman, but she's the only woman that Jesus calls daughter, and that's where I, that's where the book came from.

Your

[00:14:39] **Angie Ward:** Mm-hmm.

[00:14:40] **Amy Seiffert:** '

Cause When, she reached out to. Cure her physical need, which created a social ostracism. She was socially ostracized, but when she reached out and he turned around and he calls her daughter, I mean, he healed something deeper, I think. I think

[00:14:59] **Angie Ward:** Hmm

[00:14:59] **Amy Seiffert:** Daughter. Restored something in her.

I mean, it put her back into society,

[00:15:04] **Angie Ward:** Yeah.

[00:15:04] **Amy Seiffert:** it's Jesus also saying, Hey, let me take you to my father. You belong in my father's house.

[00:15:11] **Angie Ward:** Yeah.

[00:15:11] **Amy Seiffert:** on the outside with this of blood. So now, instead of being known by her condition, now known by her position

[00:15:20] **Angie Ward:** Yeah.

[00:15:21] **Amy Seiffert:** the daughter of the most high king and so's.

Such a restorative. Moment to be replaced and called Daughter. It's so tender.

[00:15:29] **Angie Ward:** Yeah. That's great. Wow. Yeah, I think of Martha and I've, I've always viewed it as a, I've tended to view it as a scolding thing. Martha. Martha, but it's like, what if it's this tender, like you said, and this compassionate, oh, Martha.

[00:15:45] **Amy Seiffert:** Yes, yes,

[00:15:47] **Angie Ward:** Drawing in.

[00:15:48] **Amy Seiffert:** If we could read it with compassion and have a hermeneutic of love, if you will, as,

[00:15:53] **Angie Ward:** Yeah.

[00:15:54] **Amy Seiffert:** I learned in seminary a couple weeks ago, but just that idea of like to see Jesus as full of compassion and tenderness because he knows the full story and he knows women have been on the edges in a lot of spaces.

[00:16:09] **Angie Ward:** Yeah.

[00:16:10] **Amy Seiffert:** restoring them to their position in his father's house.

[00:16:14] **Angie Ward:** Yeah. How, you talk about just how that identity of daughter mattered when Jesus spoke it to the bleeding woman. And just how important that is. Like how does you know someone listening or a woman how do we live into that identity? I mean, I can go, yeah, how Jesus says that I'm his daughter, but how do we embrace that?

[00:16:34] **Amy Seiffert:** Yeah I think for the listener it can be complicated. 'cause if we had, if we have a hard relationship with our own father, then that can be really hard to reconcile. I think one of the beautiful things about God being our father, and reframing that is knowing that there is a. There is a protection and a provision, that is just what we were saying full of compassion. Um, Sees all of our needs. Almost like a good shepherd would shepherd his flock and take care of them and make sure they have water and a safe place to rest and be refreshed. Sue takes care of their soul. But to be a daughter that is a. Title or a position that you can't lose. think about if you're a CEO or you're an author, or you any title you have that could be taken from you in a minute that depending on your condition or your circumstances, things can change quickly. That title, that physician daughter that will never change his love guarantees your mine and

You're not going anywhere.

Nothing can separate you from my love. A father claiming his daughter. A sense of pride there. She's mine. Yeah. Leaning into that, I think seeing these women, what I try to do in my book is to add up all the women who occupy that position of daughter, and we could step into that as well

[00:18:07] **Angie Ward:** Yeah.

[00:18:08] **Amy Seiffert:** and to say, yeah, there's nothing I, there's nothing I cannot do if my father calls me to it because he's the king he has things for me to partner with him to do.

[00:18:18] **Angie Ward:** Yeah. Yeah. You talked about how you know Jesus with the woman calls her, his daughter, and there's so many other examples in the New Testament how Jesus is just acts. Completely counterculture with women, sees them, you know, are there any examples that stand out to you anew as you were writing this or, you've been working through this book and people doing the study and coming to you about the impact.

[00:18:41] **Amy Seiffert:** Yeah. The adulterous women I've heard hmm. before, and I look at that um, for sure there's no name. Mm-hmm. And the mm-hmm. That he gives her is phenomenal. And the way that he shifts the conversation away from her to him, I think is beautiful. But I was also struck by some little things Jesus touching women who were sick or dead, which I thought this is. Like they were unclean. So he touches Peter's mother's hand

[00:19:09] **Angie Ward:** Mm-hmm.

[00:19:10] **Amy Seiffert:** He didn't have to, but it's such a gesture of tenderness and races her up. And I even think Peter starts to travel with him. And so he is like, am going to heal her. She's going to play a part in sustaining Peter's family as Peter's on the road with me, like an act of mercy and compassion in that way. or when the bleeding woman. interrupts the Jarris who has come to say, my daughter

[00:19:37] **Angie Ward:** Yeah.

[00:19:38] **Amy Seiffert:** and then she dies

While they're having this conversation, while he stops for this woman. Jesus still goes, he, she's dead at this point. He touches her hand.

[00:19:48] **Angie Ward:** Which is, let's talk about, just point out to listeners just how unacceptable that was in that. I mean it, how weird it would be for anybody, but how that makes you unclean

And here the savior is touching something that's unclean

[00:20:02] **Amy Seiffert:** yes.

[00:20:03] **Angie Ward:** and bringing it back to life.

[00:20:05] **Amy Seiffert:** yes.

[00:20:06] **Angie Ward:** Yeah.

[00:20:06] **Amy Seiffert:** reversal, right?

[00:20:07] **Angie Ward:** Yeah,

[00:20:08] **Amy Seiffert:** he doesn't become unclean. He makes things clean. It's fascinating. And in that moment when he is in there, and as he's going in there, he brings Peter, James and John with him. And he also brings the father of the daughter who had come to him, and he

[00:20:24] **Angie Ward:** Mm-hmm.

[00:20:24] **Amy Seiffert:** Mother that says, come in here.

So the only woman this. Sick and now dad's, daughter's mom. And that seems important that Jesus was, I want you here to see this miracle. This is important. You're gonna tell this story. You're part of all of this. I want you in this room.

[00:20:43] **Angie Ward:** Yeah,

[00:20:44] **Amy Seiffert:** her up and says, get her some breakfast. Let's go.

[00:20:46] **Angie Ward:** Yeah. I was like, what? Yeah, let's go. Come on. Yeah. Yeah.

[00:20:49] **Amy Seiffert:** But so sweet to see all the women in all these different spaces. And I was like, man, he didn't have to. He didn't have to. He didn't have to. And he chose to

[00:20:56] **Angie Ward:** Yeah.

[00:20:57] **Amy Seiffert:** and over.

[00:20:58] **Angie Ward:** Yeah. Wow. Were there any that just, it sounds like you were just surprised by the overall how many women and these details and in particular that just were stunning to you.

[00:21:09] **Amy Seiffert:** Yeah. So, there's this she's an enslaved. Girl is taken to serve Naaman's wife, she's not given a name. I think she's in First Kings and she catches wind that Naiman is sick she offers like, I wish you knew. Prophet who knows my God, she is enslaved. She's been taken from her family, removed from her culture, her nation.

She is, she's her compassion and mercy on the one that she is working for. As a girl humbling to me,

[00:21:52] **Angie Ward:** Yeah.

[00:21:53] **Amy Seiffert:** teaches us how to have compassion, our enemies, how to

[00:21:56] **Angie Ward:** Yeah,

[00:21:57] **Amy Seiffert:** Because of that, he finds healing and worships God. I am struck by her and her youth and her kindness in her situation.

[00:22:06] **Angie Ward:** yeah. Wow. Wow. Yeah, this makes me wanna reread. I'm reading through the Bible right now and it makes me wanna reread with, new eyes for just for that, for the women,

[00:22:16] **Amy Seiffert:** yeah,

[00:22:16] **Angie Ward:** you know,

[00:22:17] **Amy Seiffert:** yeah,

[00:22:17] **Angie Ward:** Through the Bible. Yeah, that's great. What do you hope readers, take away from like when they read this book and encounter these women?

[00:22:26] **Amy Seiffert:** Yeah. For women, I have hope. I hope I have hopes for men and women.

[00:22:31] **Angie Ward:** Yeah. Yeah. Tell me that. Yeah.

[00:22:33] **Amy Seiffert:** Women have been recommending it to their pastors or male pastors, like, you need to read this, which is really fun. And then I thought, oh yes, this is great. So for women, I really do hope they see their temperament, their personality, their giftings. they will, in one of the women that we explore,

[00:22:49] **Angie Ward:** Yeah.

[00:22:50] **Amy Seiffert:** They will identify in some way. And I hope that they feel seen, feel loved, feel known, but also then feel confident in how God has created them specifically, to partner with God in the kingdom of God and to just be loved by God,

Plain and simple to own our belovedness. So that's my hope is being loved and being confident in our giftings to offer to the world.

[00:23:14] **Angie Ward:** Yeah.

[00:23:15] **Amy Seiffert:** sometimes women don't know what to do with some of their stronger teaching, preaching, leading gifts in the church.

[00:23:20] **Angie Ward:** Yeah.

[00:23:21] **Amy Seiffert:** For years.

And

[00:23:22] **Angie Ward:** yeah.

[00:23:23] **Amy Seiffert:** For men reading it, that they would also think I, that their eyes would be open, that they would have a blast. They would laugh and they would just see, oh my gosh, women co-create a co-equal co-called Cocom. We need women. The call is side by side and it's

[00:23:41] **Angie Ward:** Yeah.

[00:23:41] **Amy Seiffert:** ' cause we co image God together and just have a fresh vision for men and women as brothers and sisters in the kingdom of God.

[00:23:50] **Angie Ward:** Yeah. That's great. Wow. Well, so how can listeners find, well the book, I mean I'm sure it's available on anywhere you buy, find books.

[00:23:59] **Amy Seiffert:** Yes, it is.

[00:24:00] **Angie Ward:** Yeah. And then where else can people find what other stuff you, you do, I mean, 'cause you've had this book come out, but your author, speaker, pastor, wife, co ring, ringmaster.

So where can people find out about all those other things? What's your regular work?

[00:24:12] **Amy Seiffert:** Yes, you can find me juggling all my kids' stuff, dropping many balls all the

[00:24:16] **Angie Ward:** That's right.

[00:24:17] **Amy Seiffert:** At my website is amyseiffert.com. You can find books and free printables that I have hand drawn, little watercolors you can print.

[00:24:25] **Angie Ward:** Great.

[00:24:25] **Amy Seiffert:** but my books and Bible studies are there if you. Need a speaker for an event or a conference, you can check out how to find that there.

And then I love being on Instagram. I think it's fun over there. So I'm at Amy Seiffert on the Gram.

[00:24:39] **Angie Ward:** That's great. That's great. Any sneak peek? Anything else? You got simmering on the, in the back burner there right now?

[00:24:45] **Amy Seiffert:** am just trying to finish school,

[00:24:47] **Angie Ward:** That's, well, that's true. That's true. Before we hit record, we were talking about the papers you have due. So yeah. You're scheduled to graduate in the one more year.

[00:24:56] **Amy Seiffert:** Yes, it's, we're getting there. But yeah, and I preach pretty regular at my church,

[00:25:00] **Angie Ward:** Yeah.

[00:25:01] **Amy Seiffert:** between making sermons and papers, I'm like, I cannot add, have bible studies and books in the back of my head, but nothing yet.

[00:25:08] **Angie Ward:** Yeah. Yeah. Well, yeah. Yeah. At some point you'll get to read regular books again and not just school books. Yeah. Yeah.

[00:25:14] **Amy Seiffert:** I'm gonna take that. I'm gonna, that's a

[00:25:16] **Angie Ward:** You will, you won't want to for a little bit, but then you will. So yeah, it comes back eventually. Yeah. Yeah. Yeah. Well, Amy, thanks for being on the podcast, sharing about your book and just your heart for these unsung women daughters of the King in the Bible.

And yeah, blessings on you and your ministry and your schoolwork as you finish up here

[00:25:35] **Amy Seiffert:** Thank

[00:25:36] **Angie Ward:** Denver Seminary. So, yeah,

[00:25:38] **Amy Seiffert:** Thanks for

[00:25:38] **Angie Ward:** thanks.