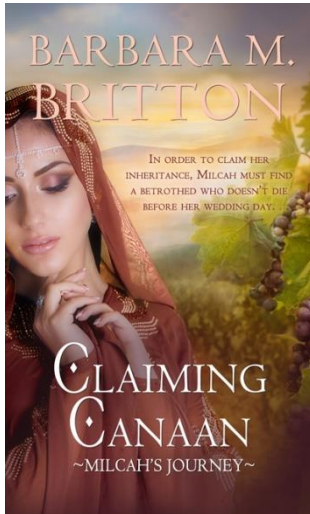


## Discussion Questions

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### **CLAIMING CANAAN: MILCAH'S JOURNEY**

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### **About the Book**

When the tribal elders make marriage a requirement for claiming her land, Milcah bat Zelophehad must find a betrothed straightaway. The only problem in finding a husband is that all her suitors were slain while conquering the land of Canaan. Men avoid her in order to stay alive.

After praying to God to send her a bold suitor, a man from her father's clan plummets from a tree right on top of her. Is this God answering prayer or a foolish antic by Eli, the war-scarred brother from one of her clan's rival families?

Will settling in Canaan sort out Milcah's troubles, or have her woes just begun?

TITLE: Claiming Canaan: Milcah's Journey

Discussion:

Question 1: 1. Have you had a season of life that was difficult for you? How did you handle it?

Answer 1: : Milcah relies on God and the support of her sisters to get through the deaths of her suitors. When going through a tough time, do not go it alone. Have family and friends pray for you. Notify your church family that you need prayer and help. When I had cancer, my church family prayed, brought meals, and I had several offers from people to drive me to doctor appointments. I Peter 5:6-7

Question 2: :2. Milcah receives a vineyard for her inheritance. Have you been placed in charge of something that seemed overwhelming at the time?

Answer 2: When life is overwhelming remember to keep your focus on God and ask Him to give you strength. Prioritize your to-do list. Consult experienced people who have Christian wisdom. How do you eat an elephant? One bite at a time. Philippians 4:10-13

Question 3: 3. Near the daughters' inheritance were cities still clinging to pagan gods. Eventually, some of the Israelites turned their backs on God. What do you see in society today that interferes with our relationship with God?

Answer 3: Our society bombards us with social media posts and news. Time spent on worldly pursuits is time spent away from God. Take time to stay physically, emotionally, mentally, and spiritually healthy. Your worth comes from God and not Facebook. Philippians 4:8

Question 4: 4. Zelophehad and his wife had five daughters. Where are you in the birth order of your family? Do you think birth order matters in personalities? How do you see birth order play out between Zelophehad's daughters?

Answer 4: Answers will vary depending on the reader's family and their favorite sister story.

Question 5: Do you think Tirzah wishes she hadn't changed portions with Milcah? What portion of land would you like to inherit? What would be your dream inheritance?

Answer 5: Milcah and her sisters are a tight-knit family. Tirzah's portion benefits her husband and Hoglah's husband. I think inheriting a vineyard would be fun if there were people who knew how to run it. Inheriting a B&B would be interesting. Or a chocolate factory.

Question 6: Why do you think Eli was perched in a tree? have you ever felt hopeless or depressed? What encourages your heart? What finally encourages Eli's heart?

Answer 6: Eli's acceptance by Milcah and her sisters encourages his spirit and bolsters his confidence. Eli struggled with feelings of being less than his brothers. His poor decisions in life led him astray and farther from God. Our self-worth comes from God and cannot be shaken. Psalm 139:13-14 and I John 1:9.

Question 7: What was your favorite scene from the book? Why did you choose this scene?

Answer 7: Readers will have their own favorite scene. I had to place a grape fight scene in this novel after watching the iconic grape fighting scene in an old "I Love Lucy" episode.

Question 8: Jewelry and other possessions can have special meaning. Milcah cherished her ring from Hanoch. Do you have a favorite piece of jewelry or a token that reminds you of someone special or a special place?

Answer 8: Answers will vary.

Question 9: One of the tag lines I wrote for this book was, "From heartache can come a king's bounty." How does this exemplify Milcah's life? Or your life?

Answer 9 Milcah lost two loves, but she eventually found love again with Eli. We will experience heartache here on earth, but we have the promise of eternal life through Jesus Christ. The Holy Spirit comforts us during difficult times here on earth. Prayer support gives us comfort as well. John 3:16, John 14:25-27, Philippians 4:6-7

Question 10: The theme for the daughters of Zelophehad series is "Go forth with God." How do you see this theme playing out in the lives of Mahlah, Noah, Hoglah, Milcah, and Tirzah. Or perhaps your own life?

Answer 10: The girls follow God's law and pray when times get tough. They seek Godly counsel. In our lives, we should pray, study the Bible, encourage others, attend church, listen to the word of God and spiritual music, partake in the sacraments, share our faith and...what can you add to the list?

