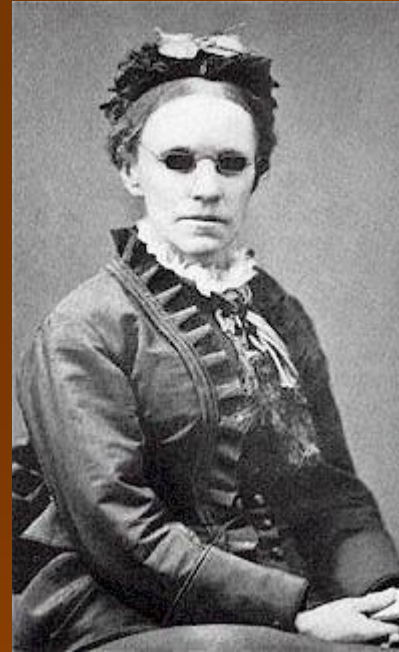


- **Woman who lived from 1820-1915**
- **At six weeks old, she caught a cold, had inflammation in her eyes and went blind**
- **When she was 6 months old, her Father died**
- **She was raised by her mother and grandmother who grounded her in Christian principles**
- **She maintained a positive attitude and considered her blindness a blessing:**
 - **“It seemed intended by the blessed providence of God that I should be blind all my life, and I thank him for the dispensation. If perfect earthly sight were offered me tomorrow I would not accept it. I might not have sung hymns to the praise of God if I had been distracted by the beautiful and interesting things about me”**

- **She memorized five chapters of the Bible each week from age 10 and by age 15, she had memorized the four gospels, the Pentateuch the Book of Proverbs, the Song of Solomon, and many of the Psalms**
- **As a student at the New York Institution for the Blind, she learned to play the piano, organ, harp, and guitar, and became a good soprano singer.**
- **After graduation from the NYIB in 1843, she joined a group of lobbyists in Washington, D.C., arguing for support of education for the blind. She was the first woman to speak in the United States Senate when she read a poem there.**

- She was a prolific writer, penning over 1,000 poems and more than 8,000 hymns
- Many of her hymns emerged from her involvement in the city missions, where she worked for over 30 years helping the poor



Fanny Crosby

- All the Way My Savior Leads Me
- Blessed Assurance
- He Hideth My Soul
- Near the Cross
- Rescue the Perishing
- To God Be the Glory
- Tell Me the Story of Jesus



Role Models

What is a Role Model?

Principled

Righteous

Character

Fortitude

Positive

"Get it right"

Supportive

Reliable

"I want to be like them"

What are the characteristics of a role model?

1. **Integrity:** Demonstrate honesty and ethical behavior
2. **Authentic:** Genuine and do not pretend to be someone they are not
3. **Courageous:** Do what is required in the face of adversity
4. **Sacrifice:** They put the needs of others first
5. **Compassionate:** Show care and concern for others
6. **Inspiring:** Influence others to want to live in the same way
7. **Faithful:** Do what God expects of them at all times

2 Corinthians 5:9 “we make it our aim...to be well pleasing to Him”

Godly Role Models

- **Abigail:** (1 Samuel 25:2-39)

Intervened to prevent David from exacting revenge against her husband Nabal and many innocent men. Her wisdom and diplomacy prevented bloodshed

Lessons for Us

1. Sometimes we may need to intervene for a family member who makes a poor decision that could affect others
2. Have the courage to do what is right, even if it means possible harm to us
3. Be someone that the Lord can use to accomplish His will.
 - **2 Tim 2:21** "...be a vessel for honor, sanctified and useful for the Master, prepared for every good work"

Godly Role Models

- **Shiphrah and Puah:** (Exodus 1:8-21)

Midwives in Egypt defied Pharaoh's orders to kill Hebrew male infants and instead preserved their lives, demonstrating courage and compassion

Lessons for Us

1. Our reverence and “fear” of God should motivate us to do what is right, regardless of the consequences
2. When man’s law conflicts with God’s law, do what God asks
 - **Acts 5:29** “...We ought to obey God rather than men”
3. God blesses those who do His will
 - **Heb 11:6** “...He is a rewarder of those who diligently seek Him”

Godly Role Models

- **Jethro:** (Exodus 18:1-27)

Moses' father-in-law provided wise counsel to Moses, helping him to delegate responsibilities and manage the affairs of the Israelites

Lessons for Us

1. We should rejoice with others when they are blessed by God
 2. There are times where we should proactively offer advice based on our observations
 3. Only offer advice that is consistent with God's will
 4. Teach others to help with the work God has given us to do
- **2 Timothy 2:2** “And the things that you have heard...commit these to faithful men who will be able to teach others also”

Godly Role Models

- Mordecai: Adopted and raised his orphaned cousin Esther, who later became queen and saved the Jewish people from destruction in Persia (Book of Esther)

Lessons for Us

1. Help out when there is a need
2. Do not compromise your integrity in the face of adversity
3. Help others understand the right thing to do and encourage them
4. Make sure your conduct is honorable among men

Esther 10:3 For Mordecai the Jew was second to King Ahasuerus, and was great among the Jews and well received by the multitude of his brethren, seeking the good of his people and speaking peace to all his countrymen.

Goals as Christians

“Exercise” spiritual qualities so we are prepared to do good work for the Lord

- **1 Timothy 4:7** “...exercise yourself toward godliness”
- **Hebrews 5:14** “...those who are of full age, that is, those who by reason of use have their senses exercised to discern both good and evil”

Strive to always be honorable: Realize our conduct makes an impression on people

- **1 Timothy 4:12** “...be an example to the believers in word, in conduct, in love, in spirit, in faith, in purity”
- **James 3:13** Who is wise and understanding among you? Let him show by good conduct that his works are done in the meekness of wisdom



Role Models