

Bible Study Topic: Women of the Bible Eve - Earthly vs Eternal



Suggested Timeline:

Welcome.

1 min

*Open with **Prayer.***

1 min

*Suggest **Feedback** on answered prayer.*

5-10 min

*Time of Bible **Study.***

40 min

Questions.

10 min



Reading: Genesis 2 v 15 – 25; Gen 3

Genesis 2:16-17 "You may freely eat the fruit of every tree in the garden - except the tree of the knowledge of good and evil. If you eat it's fruit, you are sure to die"

Gen 3 v 8,9 Then the man and his wife heard the sound of the Lord God as he was walking in the garden in the cool of the day, and they hid from the Lord God among the trees of the garden. ⁹ But the Lord God called to the man, "Where are you?"

'Eve' means 'Life' or 'Living'.

Eve's story:

Literally the First Lady of the world. She seems to have had everything in her life, a beautiful home, no need to worry about what to wear, and food on her doorstep, her veggie garden had no weeds with the most nutritious food ever. No dishes, hardship, responsibility, and a perfect body.....

Spiritual life:

Eve and Adam had a special relationship walking with God in the Garden. Peace, no hardship at all. Until the snake had spoken to her, she probably had ignored the trees. and yet she was tempted by a new being in her life. Had she known about God's command? The Bible doesn't say explicitly, but most probably Adam had told her about the Trees in the middle of the garden which were to be left alone. What made her choose to believe the snake, instead of the One she walked with everyday? Do I wait for life to be more comfortable, my bank balance to look better, my health to improve before I listen to God?

Sometimes, we get sidetracked, and instead of seeing all the blessings we do have, (Eve could eat from ANY tree in the garden), we see the one thing we can't have, and focus on this, robbing us of more than we could ever have imagined.

Good qualities: Eve was the first mother, the first to give birth.



Let's consider:

Adam was given a mandate by God, but it was **EVE** who was tempted, and who knew what God had said, as it applied to both of them. The serpent came in with a statement implying distrust in God. He asked her if God had REALLY said, and then a subtle note that God was being underhanded.

What do you think Eve should have done when she encountered the serpent?

Adam could have stood up with her and stopped her from eating the fruit. He should have protected her, and backed her up.

How does this translate into your own life?

Take some time to think about, and fill in these questions.

- *Do you have an experience yourself or of someone else who has been disappointed by a man*

- *Can you think of an incident where a woman took the lead where a man was the responsible person, whether good or bad? What was the outcome?*

- *How could we handle passivity rather than acting on the person's behalf?*

- *Whose responsibility was it not to eat of the fruit?* _____

It might **feel** that men around us wait passively in the way Adam did. Perhaps he was too busy naming the animals, yet he forever carried the curse of sin as a responsible party. When being passive is used to escape responsibility, is it ineffective.

Discuss what way that this event ideally should have played out between Adam and Eve. Women might feel the responsibility to take over. What do you think God would like us to do when we feel we want to step in and it is difficult to support.

Prayer is powerful, what is impossible for man/woman, is possible for God, although answers might be different to what we expect.

Does this make it easier for us to fall into something we know isn't right?

- Stepping in and taking over, can lead to bitterness, shame, reputational damage, hurt and broken relationships.
- Stepping out and letting God, will lead to peace and faith in a God who is constantly working.
- Being passive when we should speak up has consequences.
- When we step up, it is as important HOW we speak and act, as the words we want to pass on.
- How are we passive regarding what God wants us to do when we should be listening.

Prayer: Dear Lord, thank you for creating me as I need to be, that you never leave or forsake me, and love me immeasurably. Please give me wisdom when people are passive around me, help me to know what my responsibility is to carry, and what is not. Help me to forgive those men who have stood by



passively, instead of protecting me against danger. I repent of the times where I was impatient waiting for a person and taking over, instead of trusting you.

I praise and worship you, for you are Elohim, the most powerful God, my Abba Father, who is gentle with His child.

In Jesus Name, Amen

My Notes
