

# Women of the Bible

## Lesson 1: EVE “Discerning the Voice of God”

**Objective:** For you to better distinguish the voice of God in daily life situations, with the aim of developing a closer relationship with God.

### **Introduction:**

Today’s lesson raises the question: Why is it so hard to listen to the voice of God?

Based on Eve, the first woman in the Bible, why was it difficult for her to follow the voice of God?

If God is our moral compass and He is the director of our lives, something is wrong because we do not listen to God. If we know God and we believe in God, then:

1. Why don’t we listen to God?
2. What prevents us from recognizing the voice of God?
3. Do we even want to know that it is God speaking?

Our lives need improvement in this area...would you agree?

### **Scripture Lesson:**

Read Genesis 3:1-7

When you read Genesis 2, God created the perfect life for Adam and Eve to live. If they had followed God, they would not have wanted for anything for the rest of their lives because God had provided it all for them.

God told them to live in the garden and in God’s design they would have lived in peace. In the garden of Eden, God had only one rule - “but from the tree of the knowledge of good and evil, you shall not eat, for in the day that you eat from it you will surely die.” God clearly spoke to Adam and His instructions were precise and clear. Then, why did Eve have a hard time following God’s precise and clear and instructions?

**Question:** Is our problem hearing God, or is our problem, knowing that it’s God’s voice?

Let’s say it’s knowing God’s voice. Read Ecclesiastes 5:1-2

Today, let’s improve on our hearing of God’s Voice

### **I. Failure to Adhere to God’s Word, vs. 1-2**

Eve had a moral problem. Morality may be the issue that gets us into trouble. Maybe our problem is we have trouble doing the right thing.

The Issues with Eve’s Morality:

1. Personal Application of God’s Word – In order for God’s Word to be true we have to personally apply it to our lives.
2. Impatience – Life has to have a rhythm where one is patient with God before a decision is made.
3. Meditate on the Word – God’s word requires meditating on its TRUTH. Meditate on the Word, think on the Word in order to absorb the truth.

Eve failed with these three issues.

Let’s see what questions you have of God about life decisions and how you can better discern God’s voice.

1. Do I accept a new position?
2. Do I marry this person?

3. Do I stock up on food?
4. Do I participate in this activity?
5. What decisions do I make about my health?

**Read Ezekiel 3:10.** Write what this verse explains for you to do:

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I believe the best way to improve is to listen, take the time to listen. We barely listen to others when they are talking. Let's learn to listen, because **we are not listening**.

## **II. Worship God, vs. 2**

Another reason Eve failed the listening test, is because she was not worshipping God. In other words, her focus was not on God. Once God blessed her with a man and marriage, she stopped listening to God.

Your life requires worship, focus, concentration and attentiveness to God.

How do we know Eve was not worshipping? vs. 2 ... She entertained the serpent

- The woman said to the serpent, "From the fruit of the trees of the garden..."
- She had no business, no reason to talk to the serpent. Parents always say to their children do not talk to strangers, yet Eve entertained a conversation with the serpent.

## **Read Matthew 4:12**

How did Jesus handle a conversation with the serpent? He used the Word in His conversation.

In order to improve your hearing from God and knowing God's voice, use the His Word.

Revisit the first question: Do I accept a new position? How do you know it's God's voice?

1. Jeremiah 29:11 – Ask God what is your plan
2. Psalm 119:133 – Ask God to order your steps
3. I Chronicles 4:10 – Ask God to increase your territory
4. Matthew 6:33 – Is the decision based on God or man, flesh, fleshy desire?

Discerning God's voice is based upon the right thing to do as it relates to accepting a new position. Ask yourself what is right about accepting this position?

## **III. Adhere to Truth, vs. 5**

Eve had the opportunity to let truth govern her decision. However, she dropped the ball of truth. If you are to make good decisions in your life, you should abide by the truth.

1. Ephesians 6:14 - Put on the belt of truth
2. John 14:6 - Jesus said He is truth
3. John 8:32 – Says the truth shall set you free

The question you should ask yourself -- is my decision based on truth? If so, what truth -- God's truth or man's truth? Eve could have saved she and Adam a lot of heart attack and trouble, if she had listened to the truth of God's Word.

## **Conclusion:**

You are to work on discerning the voice of God. God does speak and He wants you to hear his voice. However, you should:

1. Abide in God's truth which is based on the Word.
2. Worship God with more of your heart, soul, body and spirit.
3. Meditate more on the Word. the word speaks life and truth. Concentrate on what the scripture is saying.