



Reclaiming Eve

“Tucked carefully into the creation story is the key to every woman’s purpose”

Kansas City, MO., February 7, 2014—For centuries the church has taught that women are inferior to men because of Eve’s notorious fall in the Garden of Eden. Now three female theologians, Suzanne Burden, Carla Sunberg and Jamie Wright, are taking a multigenerational look at the story in Genesis to discover exactly how and why God designed Eve and what those implications are for today’s Christian women. *Reclaiming Eve: The Identity and Calling of Women in the Kingdom of God* (Beacon Hill Press, March 1, 2014) provides a scriptural blueprint, helping every daughter of Eve discover where she fits in the Kingdom of God.

Many women in the church are facing an identity crisis, caught in a battle between the feminist movement of the world and the longstanding teachings of the church on the position of women. Burden, Sunberg and Wright believe that God’s original intent for a woman as a “helper” or more accurately an “ezer” (strong power) puts women in partnership with men and not subject to them.

“A few years ago, we set out to find out what the Bible says about every woman’s identity,” say the authors. “What we uncovered led to prayer, tears, laughter, and finally, a women’s Bible study. As we dug into God’s Word, women of every stage in life were set free to become all they can be in God’s kingdom, and our own hearts soared with joy and relief.”

With relatable stories, scriptures and actual examples, these women lay out a case for allowing women to take leadership positions in the church and provide practical advice for women seeking to fulfill their calling. Every woman can find a way to serve in the kingdom.

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