

What the Bible Says

... About Women

From the beginning, women have been the backbone of the church. It was a group of women who were first identified as Jesus' financial backers. After his resurrection, Jesus first appeared to women and he entrusted them to spread the good news. But within just a few years, the role of women in the church was relegated from commissioned church leaders to passive church members. The question is, what does the Bible actually say about women?

Romans 16:1–16

1. The _____ is finished. According to Hebrews 8:13 It's _____.
2. Nonetheless, women were created _____.
3. In the early church, women served as: _____

_____.
4. _____ is _____ for the success of the church's mission.

My Count Me In! Commitments

- I'll be here next Sunday
- I'll invite a friend
- I'll explore my gifts and passions for the church (<http://FreeShapeTest.com>)
- I want to use my skills in the church by: _____
- Tell Us Your Story: I made a difference in Raytown this week by:

Additional Notes

Digging Deeper, Going Further

Monday

Read: Ezekiel 10

1. What were the results when the man put the coals (embers) over the city?
2. What were the four faces of the cherubim?

Reflect: What do you think the vision of the coming and the departing of God's presence in the Temple may mean?

Tuesday

Read: Ezekiel 11

1. What are some of the evils the 25 men had done?
2. From where will the the people of Israel come when they return to Jerusalem?

Reflect: How would you explain this vision to the exiles who needed words of hope and encouragement?

Wednesday

Read: Ezekiel 12

1. Why did God say the people of Israel had eyes that couldn't see and ears that couldn't hear?
2. If the people asked what Ezekiel was doing, what was his response supposed to be?

Reflect: Why do you think God asked Ezekiel to be a living object lesson?

Thursday

Read: Ezekiel 13

1. What was the source of the false prophets' messages? (v. 2–3)
2. What were the daughters doing that God found detestable? (v. 17–19)

Reflect: What do you think was behind the "power" of the magic charms – and why was God so opposed to these charms?

Friday

Read: Ezekiel 14

1. What kind of things do you think the men worshipped in their hearts?
2. How does God respond to those who "seek him" via the prophets even while they are worshipping the idols of their hearts?

Reflect: God suggests that Ezekiel would understand the depths of God's anger because of the practices of the survivors. Why do you think these survivors would not change their ways, even after God has brought disaster to their homes and to their city?

Saturday: *Who will you invite to worship with you tomorrow?*