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Lessons in Leadership from
Women of the Bible

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“Do not read the Bible through the lens of one verse, read the verse through the lens of the whole Bible.” SPJ

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Genesis 1:26-28

Then God said, “Let us make mankind in our image, in our likeness, so that they may rule over the fish in the sea and the birds in the sky, over the livestock and all the wild animals,^[a] and over all the creatures that move along the ground.” So God created mankind in his own image, in the image of God he created them; male and female he created them. God blessed them and said to them, “Be fruitful and increase in number; fill the earth and subdue it. Rule over the fish in the sea and the birds in the sky and over every living creature that moves on the ground.”

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Genesis 2:18-25

The LORD God said, "It is not good for the man to be alone. I will make a helper suitable for him." Now the LORD God had formed out of the ground all the wild animals and all the birds in the sky. He brought them to the man to see what he would name them; and whatever the man called each living creature, that was its name. So the man gave names to all the livestock, the birds in the sky and all the wild animals. But for Adam no suitable helper was found. ²¹ So the LORD God caused the man to fall into a deep sleep; and while he was sleeping, he took one of the man's ribs and then closed up the place with flesh. ²² Then the LORD God made a woman from the rib he had taken out of the man, and he brought her to the man. The man said, "This is now bone of my bones and flesh of my flesh; she shall be called 'woman,' for she was taken out of man." That is why a man leaves his father and mother and is united to his wife, and they become one flesh. Adam and his wife were both naked, and they felt no shame.

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Shared identity, shared authority, shared dominion

Radah רָדָה

To rule, to have dominion, to reign, to prevail against

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Equality in Creation

Ezer עֵזֶר

A helper, a rescuer

Psalm 118:7 “The LORD is on my side as my ezer.”

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Equality in Creation

Knegdu כְּנֶגְדּוֹ

Suitable,

One who stands boldly to another

Face to face, eye to eye

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Equality lost at the Fall

Genesis 3:16b

Your desire will be for your husband,
and he will rule over you.

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Live to bring heaven to earth

Matthew 6:10

Our Father in heaven,
hallowed be your name,
your kingdom come,
your will be done,
on earth as it is in heaven.

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What about the tricky verses?

1 Timothy 2:12

I do not permit a woman to teach or to assume authority over a man; she must be quiet.

1 Corinthians 14:34

Women should remain silent in the churches. They are not allowed to speak, but must be in submission, as the law says.

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Authority?

Authenteo ἀθεντέω

Control, domineer, usurp power

lit. unilaterally take up arms

act as self appointed

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“Some of my best men are women” William Booth



