



Genesis 3: All about Eve

Genesis 3:2-3 “The woman said to the serpent, “We may eat fruit from the trees in the garden, 3 but God did say, ‘You must not eat fruit from the tree that is in the middle of the garden, and you must not touch it, or you will die.’”

There women and then there are women. Eve was the strongest woman in her time. Ok, to be fair she was the only woman. Yet, we have so little writing in the first few chapters of Genesis. We know almost nothing about these two people. There is probably more know about Cain and Abel. Here stands Eve. The first woman. She has only three speaking lines in the Bible. All three are super controversial. Isn't it just like a woman to stir the pot.

Eve looks at the fruit on the tree and finds it desirable to eat. She was told by God not to eat the fruit. I find woman must have the last word. I'm sure that's not true, but Eve expands God's command. She says even if we touch it we will die. Maybe she is also the first drama queen. God never said that. However, the serpent picks up on it. He twists the words by creating doubt. “You surely won't die” he says. What I find interesting is the passive husband. He is there. She decides to eat of it and passes some to her man. It says he just eats it.

The look from a woman. It's the most terrifying thing in the world. Adam says nothing because he knows the look would certainly kill him. Then comes her second line. She tells God that the serpent tricked her. Just before that passive husband throws her under the bus by saying she did it. There are no pretty lines by Eve or Adam. Actually, Adam says so little too. They are clearly dysfunctional. What I like is Eve's forwardness in her words. We know so little about her but she is a strong woman. She is willing to confront the serpent and God. She never talks directly to her husband.

Her last line is controversial too. God mentions in her punishment for eating the fruit that she will bear a child that will crush the serpent. There is not much here to read, but I see something. She says that her first born Cain will be that child. She is so strong willed. Revenge on the serpent? The leader of the house? She clearly wears the pants in the family. Yet, again she is wrong. God's promise does not happen for thousands of years in Jesus.

Eve is interesting. The Bible never accounts for her life or death. What happened to Eve? We know that Adam died. However; Eve? She is only mentioned in the New Testament as being deceived. I think she was super strong willed. I feel that Adam followed her. Is it Eves fault we fell from grace? I don't know. Is it the serpents fault Eve ate of the tree? What I do know is the Eve never backed down and asked for forgiveness. I do feel she felt entitled? Glad she had no credit card. Eve was cool.