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This Study is made available by the contribution of different women for wives of all age group and background.

It is accompanied by short videos. Take time to watch the videos at the beginning of each session of the study, and afterward, discuss it if you are in a group study.

After watching and discussing the video, get into this Bible study. Each session starts with Eve as she tells a little bit of her story as a wife.

This study can be done by an individual or a group of married women. It is suitable for church groups and friends coming together to grow together as wives.

Suggested time frame of study: 20 minutes for the video and 50 minutes for the book study. However, you are at liberty to study at your own time frame.

SESSION ONE

Entrusted With Your Marriage

Dear married woman, I am glad to meet you through this study. I was your great, great, great grandmother. I was the first wife ever.

It was the beginning of creation, and God made all things, and above all, He made me and my husband in His image.

He made my husband first, and afterward, He brought me in by taking me from my husband's rib and entrusted me with my husband's life and destiny.

My husband was given the whole universe to look after, what a great privilege! With this responsibility comes all he will ever need on the earth, and my daily need was fully provided too.

I remember my wedding day, when I was brought out of my husband's rib and God led me to my husband, mine was such a lovely wedding, God was both our Father and Father in law.

My husband was perfectly made, but God deliberately left gaps in him after bringing me out, and He entrusted me with my husband whom God said was good. Also, God deliberately entrusted into my care the deliberate gaps He left in my husband's life.

Oh, it was just like yesterday, when I was given Adam to be His wedded wife, it was a great trust God committed into my hands, God had such great confidence in me because He knew what He made, and that as the woman I am His image bearer, packaged to be His favour to my husband.

The Study

What is the meaning of entrust? The word Entrust means to confer a trust on, to deliver something to you in trust, to commit something to another with confidence.

Just like Eve, many women did not know the position of great privilege God put them in as wives. The first woman was made in the centre of her home and was given the great privilege of God confidently depending on her for the husband He brought her to.

This is still the case for today's married woman, God depends on and trusts the Christian wife with the marriage He brought her into.

i. Read Genesis 2:18

- a. What is it that God said is not good?
- b. What else can you see from the above verse?

ii. Read Genesis 2:20

- a. What do you think helpmeet for him would have meant
- b. Look at Genesis 2:20 from different translations and share your thoughts.

iii. Read Gen 2:22

- a. Discuss how God took deliberate time to put the man to sleep so that He can bring out whom He will entrust the man with.

b. What do you make of the intricacy of your making as a woman whom God entrusts with your marriage?

iv. Read Prov 19:14 from different translations.

- a. What is this verse saying to you?
- b. What is the meaning of the word prudent?

v. Read Prov 18:22

- a. Identify who you are or meant to be in your husband's wife

vi. Read Jeremiah 1:5, 10

- a. When did you think God planned out the man you will marry?
- b. Do you think your life or your marriage is a mistake?
- c. From verse 10, if you agree that God deliberately set you in your marriage, what are the two allegories you think you can compare your marriage or your husband to?
- d. Look at verse 10 again and discuss your assignment as a wife considering the list below, been mindful that you are not to be against your husband, but deal with issues you need to:
 - i. Root out
 - ii. Pulldown
 - iii. Destroy
 - iv. Throw down
 - v. Build
 - vi. Plant
- e. Is there anything you want to discuss in today's study?

Conclusion

This week, you have seen that before your mother conceived you, God knew who your husband will be, He set you apart to be the wife of the man you married.

While there are issues that affect or will affect your marriage, you will be able to deal with such issues, you must first settle this truth in your heart, that you are the right woman for your husband, and as such, you have a role to play in your husband's life. Your husband is a nation entrusted into your hands, therefore, there is a leader. Your marriage is a kingdom entrusted into your hands, therefore, there is a king.

Unfortunately, the enemy has used wives to pull down, destroy, and uproot their husbands. May your response and view of your marriage from henceforth change as you see who you are called to be and that you are assigned to your marriage.

SESSION TWO

Helper By Design

The lion, the tiger, the hyenas and all the animals enjoyed their life in Eden as my husband gently do the job of caring for them. Sometimes, he spends time looking after the sea animals, and sometimes, he took care of the wildlife or the plants in the Garden of Eden.

My husband will often ask me to come along to look after these creatures that God committed into His care. And as I accompanied him, I thought of the enormous task of been fruitful, multiply, replenish and have dominion, my husband wondered what I was thinking of, I told him I was just thinking of the task of being his wife in view of all God has called him to be and to do. Robbing his hands on my cheek, he said, “sweetheart, hence the reason why God took you out of me and designed you with helping me in His mind.”

Indeed, I was entrusted to Adam as a help. God, the Designer designed me to be a suitable helper to Adam. What was missing in Adam was embedded in me, and I was equipped to help Adam, but as you already know, I failed woefully in that area.

As you sit through this Bible study, I want you to always remember my story, and live with the plan to fulfil your mission in your husband’s life as the help that meets his need. Let nothing destroy nor disrupt this mission in your husband’s life. Do not question why you are the helper, rather ask God how you can best help your husband.

Till we meet again, Mrs. Eve Adam.

The Study

i. **Read Genesis 2:18, 23-24**

- a. In verse 18 what did God say was not good?
- b. And what did God say He will make?
- c. In verse 23, when God finally made the woman, what was the response of the man?
- d. From verse 23, who or what are you to your husband
- e. What do you understand by “leaving and cleaving in verse 24?”
- f. How can you allow the helper design in you to give room for leaving and cleaving in your marriage?
- g. What could be the obstacle to you and your husband accomplishing leaving and cleaving?
- h. What will be the effect of you and your husband leaving and then cleaving to each other?
- i. What will be the result of you helping to see that there is “leaving and cleaving” in your marriage?

ii. **Read Psalms 137:13-14** from different translations

- a. What do you think of this verse and your making as a helper to your husband?
- b. How do you value what God made you to be?
- c. How do you see your womanhood, does your soul know and rejoice in your design as a woman and as a helper?

iii. Read 1 Peter 3:4-5

- a. Where does the helper design start from according to verse 3, is it outward or from your heart?
- b. What is the nature of this helper design, is it corruptible or incorruptible?
- c. What do you understand by incorruptible?
- d. What could make a wife corrupt just like Eve?
- e. How can the helper design operate in you with a meek and quiet spirit?

iv. Read Romans 12:1-2 (From Message)

- a. Now that you are understanding your making, what should happen to your mind?
- b. How would you not allow the world to squeeze you into its mould?
- c. What are the world's moulds for wives?

v. Read Matt 6:33

- a. As the one designed by God to help your husband, what must you first seek?
- b. As the helper, how can you seek God's kingdom in your marriage?
- c. What could seeking righteousness be for you in your marriage?

vi. Read John 16:33

- a. What is the benefit of studying that you are made a helper
- b. What will knowing and walking in this bring to you?

Conclusion

God made women to be helpmeet to their husbands. He wants a woman who fears Him, who has a mouth that is filled with wisdom and kindness and exemplifies the fear of God in her relationship with her husband. Such a woman will operate in the law of kindness, and not a two-edged sword trying to cut down, throw down or destroy her husband and children with her speech.

You must understand that you as a wife is an indispensable helper, this does not mean that you are superior to your husband, rather, it is for you to understand the differences between men and women and how to tap into the uniqueness of who God made you to be. With this understanding, you can influence with your femininity.

You must henceforth know that your identity and ability to fulfil your role as the help to your husband is only found in Christ Jesus and that God loved you so much that He gave His only Son who crushed the Serpent's head at the Cross and took away the keys from death and destroys He who goes about seeking marriage to destroy.

SESSION THREE
Hold Your Marriage Dear

Dear wife, it is lovely to catch up with you again. As I have told you before, I engaged the Serpent in the Garden because I thought I was independent. I knew what my husband knew, we were both made in God's image, but I forgot that He came first, He came into the Garden before I did, and He was given the custody of the Garden ever before I came. Unfortunately, my quest for independence caused me to go ahead and start an intimate friendship with the serpent.

It all started one afternoon, as I stood in Eden's Garden and enjoyed the extensive talk between me and the serpent, and then took to the Serpent's suggestion and never bothered to defer to my husband. This became the beginning of the trouble in my marriage.

I held the word of the serpent dearly and above what my husband told me God told him. How I wish I cherished my time with my husband more than the time with the Serpent, how I wish I cherish my time with my husband than the time with the Serpent. And as I look at your generation, you are bombarded with too much that takes your attention and thereby lose that which is meant to be dear to you.

My attitude to my marriage and my husband was not held with gratitude and respect, hence the reason why I enjoyed my leisure time with the Serpent. I could have shown that I held my marriage dearly as I respect him through my decisions and acquaintances.

As I look back, I wish I had held my husband with deeper respect. But here am I meeting you through this Bible study, do you respect your husband? How do you see his instruction and decisions? Do your action and speech offer your husband respect?

The Study

i. **Read 1Peter 3:1-2 {Amplified version}**

- a. Looking at the verses from the Amplified, how does it show you to hold your marriage dear? (Think of each of the amplified words).
- b. What is the gift of respect this verse ask you to offer your husband?
- c. How can subjecting yourself to your husband show that you are holding your marriage dear?
- d. How can subjection to your husband also shows that you are not holding your marriage dear (e.g when you do any sinful request from your husband).
- e. What does winning your husband without word means to you?
- f. How have you tried to win your husband?
- g. Sheila mentioned in the video a few things she did in order to win her husband, how have you done this or similar things too?
- h. How can your life speak more to your husband than your words?
- i. How can a wife's speech disrespect her husband?
- j. How can you win your husband as a woman who holds her marriage dear?

- k. How can a woman who lacked the fear of God dishonour her husband?
- l. What were you doing before that shows you do not hold your marriage dearly?

ii. Read Ephesians 5:33 {Amplified version}

- a. How can you in particular love your own husband?
- b. How can comparing your husband to another man show that you do not hold your own marriage dearly?
- c. How can you reverence and admire your husband exceedingly?
- d. What do you think is one major thing that your husband desire from you?

iii. Read 1 Corinthians 13: 1-5

- a. Discuss all the characteristics of love that stands out for you in the above verses.
- b. How have you seen Jesus show you this love in your own life?
- c. How can you trust God to implement this same love in your home?
- d. Is there anything you want to discuss in today's study?

Conclusion

Your conduct as a wife must be with your reverence for your husband; you are to feel for him all that reverence includes, and these are to respect, defer to, honour, esteem, appreciate, prized, adore, admire, praise, be devoted to, deeply love, and enjoy your husband.

No ordinary wife can accomplish this, it is a wife that has submitted her life to the lordship of Christ, as she allows the Holy Spirit to daily equip her to carry this out.

Every husband desires to have a wife that gives them respect, sometimes, even husbands that are seemingly irresponsible expects respect from their wives, and as such wives yield their lives to Christ and give their husbands respect, God takes it like a seed that grows and germinates which may eventually bring their husband to the Lord or maturity in the Lord and becoming responsible in their homes.

SESSION FOUR

Deferring to your husband

How can I ever forget that afternoon in the Garden, when I was having a conversation with a friend who was seemingly fulfilling my longing for companionship? All I wanted was to talk, and the Serpent knew what I want and he engaged me really well.

While our conversation went on, he pointed to me the beautiful fruit God told my husband that we must not eat from, the serpent asked and talked me into reasons why eating that fruit will be the right thing and the best choice I ever made. And by the time he finished showing me all the reasons for eating this fruit, all I desired to do was to eat from the tree.

Though my husband was by my side, I did not acknowledge that he was there any longer, nor did I hold strongly to what he told me God told him about the tree, neither did I reason with him or communicate with him, nor seek his opinion before accepting nor eating the fruit presented to me by the serpent.

As I took a bite from the fruit of the knowledge of good and evil, it tasted so delicious and I influenced my husband to eat along with me, and he did eat.

Ever since that day, each time I looked back into that fateful day that I only took a bite, I regretted not deferring to my husband. I regretted not talking this matter over with him, I regretted not allowing what God told him to prevail over our relationship.

How I wish I submitted to his leadership, after all, he was in the Garden before I came, and deferring to him was for my benefit, unfortunately, I failed in deferring to my husband.

Before I leave you to do your study for today, let me quickly ask you, in your relationship with your husband, how is the matter of deferring to your husband, how do you view submission?

The Study

i. Read Ephesians 5:8-24

- a. Look at verse 8, and discuss when did the human race come into darkness?
- b. In that same verse 8, how did we come into Light?
- c. In verse 9, what should your life be filled with now as a wife in the Light.
- d. If your life is filled with the fruit of the Spirit according to verse 9, what will be the effect according to verse 10 ?
- e. Look at verses 11 to 13 and discuss if your life reflects light or darkness as you think of submission in your relationship with your husband.
- f. If you have struggled with submission in your marital relationship, what is verse 14 asking you to do now?
- g. Verse 14 says if you awake Christ shall give you light, what does this mean in relation to submission?
- h. Look at verses 16 to 20 and discuss the practicality of these verses in your awakening to God's view of submission.
- i. Look at verse 21, what should you and your husband do for each other as brethren in Christ, and how should it be done ?
- j. What is verse 22 saying you should do as the wife?
- k. What do you think about the word "your own husband"?

- l. In verse 22, what or who should your submission to your husband point to?
- m. Read verse 23 and discuss why the wife should submit to her husband?
- n. Looking at verse 24, how do you see your submission to your husband in relation to the church and Jesus Christ
- o. If you live in submission in your relationship with your husband, what effect will that have upon the present-day church?

ii. Read Romans 12:1-2

- a. Look at the above verses, what must you present for effective submission?
- b. Who do you present yourself as according to verse 1 ?
- c. What does it mean to present yourself as a living sacrifice?
- d. What is your reasonable service?

iii. Read Proverbs 21:1

- a. If the situation in your husband's life makes submission difficult, what do you see in proverbs 21:1?
- b. In whose hand is your husband's heart?
- c. What can God do with your husband's heart?
- d. Is there anything you want to discuss in today's study?

Conclusion

How far and wide is our Saviour's love for us as women, and as we understand the magnitude of this love, we should show the same as we live in submission with our husbands. In submitting, you're not saying yes to everything he says even when it is sinful.

The world has taken "wives submit to your husbands" and made something really ugly with it – We don't have to agree with everything they say but sometimes we can silently take it to the Lord and ask Him to turn the heart of the king (in this situation, your husband).

Also, in submitting to your husband, you are actually equipping and helping him to love you, you are encouraging him to make you holy by allowing him to point out your mistakes instead of arguing with him.

To grow daily in submission, you need to come to the Word of God daily to be filled up, that is where your mind is renewed.

May the Lord renew your mind regarding what it really means to submit to your husband so that you can see it's 100% for God's glory, and for your benefit!

SESSION FIVE

Building when your husband is unfaithful

Hmm, what a life mine was, my relationship with my husband became that of unfaithfulness. I say unfaithfulness because unfaithfulness is wide and broad, it goes beyond infidelity. By the time you read about me and my husband in Genesis 3 from verse 7, you will see unfaithfulness in the relationship between myself and my husband. The way my husband talked to me and about me changed, he became unfaithful in the way he addressed me, I was no longer addressed as the bone of his bone, nor the flesh of his flesh, and instead, he addressed me as the woman that was given to be with him. How sadden my heart was to hear my husband addressed me in such a manner.

To make matter worse he gave me a new name, Eve, saying I am the mother of living, as if my relevance in his life will only be as I produce children that will carry on the name of Adam.

I look at generations of wives after me, and I can see that many wives do not know that unfaithfulness in marriage begins as a man become unfaithful to God. I was unfaithful to what my husband told me that God told him, and my husband in return became unfaithful to God by disobeying God's instruction, and that unfaithfulness spiralled down into all of our lives, the ground became unfaithful to us, our bodies became unfaithful to us, even our children became unfaithful to us and each other.

As I leave you to quickly get into your study, I want you to know that the way to deal with unfaithfulness in your marriage, is for you to be first faithful to God.

The Study

i. Read Gen 2:22-25

- a. On whose faithfulness was the first marriage brought into existence?
- b. What was the faithful response of Adam to the faithfulness of God?
- c. What do you understand by “leaving and cleaving” in order to enhance faithfulness in marriage?
- d. What are the things and people you need to leave, and how do you need to leave?
- e. What areas of your relationship with your husband can you say there is no cleaving?
- f. Did you see that leaving and cleaving in marriage releases the fruit of oneness, which is a by-product of faithfulness?
- g. Did you see the verse addressing openness and transparency as another by-product of faithfulness?
- h. How can wives promote openness and transparency in their marriage?
- i. What are the areas that usually promote a lack of openness and transparency? {E.g. finance, friendships}

ii. Read Genesis 3:1-4, 7-12

- a. In verses 1-4, there was someone who came to introduce unfaithfulness in the first marriage, who was he, and did you see how he brought in sin to the wife?
- b. How can wives be on the guard against this unfaithful fellow?
- c. Who do you see the devil attacked in introducing the wife to unfaithfulness?
- d. Where does unfaithfulness start from in a Christian marriage?
- e. Has sin brought a distance between your marriage and God?
- f. Is there any unconfessed sin in your heart?
- g. Which place must you as a wife give God and His Word in your home?
- h. How committed are you to spending time with God?
- i. Do you need help in this area?

iii. Read Isaiah 14:24{Basic English Bible}

- a. What did God say shall stand?
- b. God's design for marriage is to see faithfulness on both sides, as a wife dealing with unfaithfulness in your marriage, how can you trust God to bring about this design of faithfulness?

iv. Read Ephesians 2:10

- a. Whose workmanship are you and your marriage?

- b. The verse mentioned recreation, why do think recreation took place?
- c. The first marriage messed up, therefore, God did a recreation in Christ' death at the Cross, what is your understanding of the Cross?
- d. The verse also mentioned good works, how can a wife bring forth good works in her marriage even though there is unfaithfulness?

vi. Read Ezekiel 22:30-31

- a. What is this verse saying to you?
- b. Who is God seeking for?
- c. How can you be that wife that is standing before God to restore faithfulness to your marriage?
- d. What happens when God finds no one standing in the gap in a marriage where there is unfaithfulness of any kind?
- e. What do you think could happen to an unfaithful husband if God finds a faithful partnership with the wife?
- f. Is there anything you want to discuss in today's study?

Conclusion

Unfaithfulness in marriage start as one or both of the couple starts to be unfaithful to the Lord. What a wife spends her time with proves whose faithfulness she is devoted to. Eve de-

voted herself and her time to discuss with the Serpent and as time went on, she tried out the Serpent's suggestion and thereby became unfaithful to the Lord and her husband.

The unfaithfulness of a husband must first be seen as an issue in his faithfulness to God. No man that is faithful in his walk with God will choose to be an irresponsible father to his children, or an irresponsible husband to his wife, nor engage in extramarital affairs.

Such behaviours show that there is a crack in the husband's relationship with God. Your role as the wife is to make sure your relationship with God is intact and you should be standing in the gap with your husband.

Christ was faithful to God, to humans and to the institution of marriage despite the unfaithfulness of the first couple. He showed faithfulness in that He laid down His life to terminate the life that allows unfaithfulness to grow in marriage, the life of sin. As God finds you as a woman who reflects what Christ did in His death on the Cross, you can be God's powerful agent to restore faithfulness to your marriage.

Adesuwa mentioned the need to connect with faithful godly women with whom you can both walk the road together. Make sure you find a faithful godly woman to walk the road together.

SESSION SIX

Praying for your husband

My relationship with my husband was such a lovely relationship when my husband and I used to have that sweet fellowship with God in the cool of the day, but as I began to have frequent conversations with the serpent, the desire for communion with God diminished.

And that lack of communication with God, which you call prayer is still the big reason why many wives are not finding the strength to deal with the enemy in their marriage.

As you know my husband and I relocated from the Garden of Eden, therefore, I diminished further in my communion with God, praying for my children also became a task, it was in that state that I began to have children, and years down the line, you met my family in Genesis chapter 4, my first son murdered my second son, and in my home came the first murder. Meanwhile, a woman who prays keeps the devil at bay over her home.

Looking at you in your generation with the many distractions, my candid counsel is to make praying for your husband a very big aspect of your life as a wife. I cannot overemphasise the power of praying for your husband and praying with Him.

When God came down in the cool of the day, it was such a great privilege to share my heart with God and to receive His view and counsel. It was such a privilege to see God take charge of my home, and therefore there was no room for the devil to strike in my home.

My home and my relationship with my husband started crumbling the moment I kept away from communing with God, particularly praying for my husband.

As I leave you to finish your Study, my final admonition to you is that you should make effort to strengthen your prayer life and to pray for your husband both in season and out of season.

The Study

i. Read Isaiah 55:10-11

- a. What is the Word of God compared to in verse 10?
- b. How can praying the Word of God for your husband be as rain?
- c. In your notebook, write down areas in your husband's life that you will begin to water with the Word of God in the place of prayer.
- d. Christelle gave examples of ways she watered her husband's life with the Word of God as she prays, are there scriptures you can pray too for your husband?
- e. When you are short of your own words to pray for your husband, do you think you can pick a verse of the Bible to pray for him?

ii. Read Ephesians 1:17-18

- a. Verse 17 mentioned wisdom and revelation in the knowledge of God, how can you get to know God better as a wife?
- b. Verse 18 tells you the result of you knowing God, what are they?
- c. As a wife, how important is it to know the hope of your calling to be a wife as you seek to pray for your husband
- d. How important also is the joy of you knowing the riches of the glory of this inheritance called marriage?

iii. Read Psalms 62:5

- a. What does this verse mean to you?
- b. How can a wife quieten her soul according to this verse?
- c. What will quietness mean for you after you have been praying for your husband, yet seeing no change?

iv. Read James 5:16

- a. In praying for your marriage, how important is the need to confess?
- b. Are there things you need to confess to God and to your husband?
- c. Do you need help in confessing these things?
- d. What could praying for one another mean to you as a wife?
- e. How useful is having a community of praying people?
- f. According to the verse, what type of prayer avails much
- g. What does effectual, fervent prayer means to you as a wife?
- h. What does it mean to be righteous?
- i. Christelle mentioned praying the Word of God over your husband, how can you do that?
- j. She also mentioned being silent or quiet, or wait patiently having prayed, how can you do this and why?

Conclusion

As a wife that is entrusted with your marriage, one of the resources God made available for you is that of prayer. God is inviting you to come to Him the Living water. The ability to make your home a success for the Lord can only come as you learn to bend towards God who assigned you your marriage as your lot. Your presence in your husband's life is not a mistake, you are a stakeholder in his life, and that begins on your knees.

Marriage is a treasure God commits to married couples, and prayer is a key component of a faithful wife and a successful marriage.

Despite all the expectations you may have as a wife over your marriage, God expects you to turn to Him to meet those expectations. Do not allow your unmet or unfulfilled expectations make you stand against your husband, he cannot fulfil your longing, only God can, hence the reason why you must pray, and pray without ceasing. And having prayed, expect that your prayer will come to pass.

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