

The Woman in the Arena

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Key Truth:

The biblical vision for womanhood is to reflect the image of God in all the arenas of a woman's life.

Today's Christian Woman finds herself in an Arena of Conflict. She is by no means a passive spectator. She will have her critics, pointing out her flaws, mistakes, and sins. But the Woman in the Arena knows that she is "performing" for a Greater King – an Audience of One, the only One who will judge her successes and failures – Jesus Christ himself. Will today's Christian Woman remain steadfast under trial? Will she resist the world's vision of womanhood? Will she embrace the Biblical Vision, that reflects the image of God back to the world?

DISCUSS

Read **Genesis 1:26-28** in which God gives male and female the mandate to "be fruitful and multiply" in his image. In what ways does the 21st-century Christian woman in an arena of conflict, and how can she reflect God's image in that arena?

DIG IN

In the sermon, we looked at six pictures of women painted for us in the Bible:

1. Helper: (Genesis 2:18)

Read Psalm 54:4: In what ways does God reveal himself as the helper to his people?

In what ways do you think that could encourage the woman in the arena today?

2. Example: (1 Thessalonians 2:7)

Paul uses the example of a "nursing mother" to describe his ministry to the Thessalonians. In what specific ways did Paul demonstrate that among them?

3. Warrior: (Judges 4)

Review the story of Deborah, Barak, and Jael in Judges 4. Do you agree with the assessment that Jael acted the part of a warrior to her people? Why or why not?

In what ways is the Christian woman today in a battle?

4. Lover: (Titus 2:4)

The Bible calls Christian women to love their husbands and children. Does that agree with what women in secular culture are taught today? Why or why not?

5. Peacemaker (1 Samuel 25)

How did Abigail act as a peacemaker between David and Nabal? In what ways do Christian women act as peacemakers in our world?

6. Evangelist (2 Timothy 1:5)

Describe a time when a woman in your life has been an evangelist, either in your family or in the world.

DO

Take this time to share with the group practical ways that you can help your wife or daughter reflect God's image in the arenas of her life.