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Created in God's Image

Read the beginning of Eve's story in Genesis 1:1-31.

Eve: the first woman. Made in the image of God. What exactly does that mean? It means that Eve was created as a reflection of God's glory. She had the ability to love, to be faithful, to show kindness, and to do many of the other things God does. It doesn't mean she physically resembled God, although God did design her and create her in a way that he said was very good (Genesis 1:31).

Many times people overlook how special Eve was as one of God's first creations, but God had a special plan for her. She was the first woman and the first mother. When God created Adam and Eve, he told them to have children and to fill the earth with people all created in his image. What an important job!

God gave Eve all she needed to fulfill his plan for her. And God has given you all you need to fulfill the wonderful plan he has for you. You may not know yet what you'll do in your adult life, but be assured, God has something special for you—then and now. You have been individually designed and specially made by God. There is no one on earth who has your same combination of looks, personality, talents, and abilities. Ephesians 2:10 says, "We are God's handiwork, created in Christ Jesus to do good works, which God prepared in advance for us to do" (NIV). God already knows his plan for you and created you to be just who you need to be in order to live out that plan. So determine now that you will go ahead and bravely be what God created you to be—a talented, still growing, still maturing young woman made to reflect God's glory.

Pray: Thank God for creating you and making your talents part of his plan for you.

God created human beings in his own image. In the image of God he created them; male and female he created them.

GENESIS 1:27

Making the Right Choice

Read about Eve's choice in Genesis 3:1-24.

God said, "You can have it all but this one thing."
Satan, speaking through the serpent, said, "God just doesn't want you to have something good."

Eve made the wrong choice to eat from the tree that God said not to eat from, and because of that one choice, sin entered the world. God could have put up an electric fence or a Do Not Touch sign, but he wanted Adam and Eve to choose obedience.

What could Eve have done differently when the serpent came along? She might have asked God about what the serpent said. What would have happened if Eve had said to the serpent, "Let me ask God about this when I talk with him in a little while"? Would the serpent have left and returned later to try again? Would it just have made up more lies that sounded true? We'll never know what might have happened. Eve made her choice, and the result is that we are all born with the tendency to disobey God.

You may not be visited by a serpent, but you will still be tempted to sin and face the decision every day whether to do what God says is right. But with every temptation, God will give you a way out. Ask God to give you the courage to obey his rules, and trust him to give you the rich and satisfying life he promises.

Pray: Ask the Holy Spirit to guide you and help you make right choices.

The instructions of the LORD are perfect, reviving the soul. The decrees of the LORD are trustworthy, making wise the simple.

PSALM 19:7

Quiz Time

In the first devotion, we talked about the talents that God has given each of us. Not sure of your talent? Take the quiz below.

1. It's party time. What do you do?
 - A. Design posters and decorations
 - B. Teach everyone some cool new games
 - C. Choose the music
 - D. Make sure everyone is having fun
 - E. Organize people to get jobs done
 - F. Figure out how to set up cool disco lights
 - G. Write a catchy invitation to get everyone to attend
 - H. Figure out the party cost and make sure there is enough money
 - I. Prepare the food

2. It's time to plan the family vacation. What do you want to do?
 - A. Sketch scenery
 - B. Horseback ride, ski, or surf
 - C. Find a quiet place to play your guitar
 - D. Meet new people
 - E. Tour the White House or Senate
 - F. Explore the Museum of Science and Technology
 - G. Visit the home of a famous author
 - H. Plan the route
 - I. Help make your rustic cabin more like home

3. Which school elective would you choose?
 - A. Art
 - B. Physical education or cheerleading
 - C. Chorus or drama
 - D. Mentoring program (being a good role model)
 - E. Speech
 - F. Computer lab
 - G. School newspaper or yearbook
 - H. Math team
 - I. Home economics (cooking, sewing, etc.)

4. What do you see yourself doing in fifteen years?
 - A. Working in an art studio
 - B. Coaching basketball
 - C. Teaching music and drama at a high school
 - D. Counseling people

- E. Running a business or being mayor of my town
- F. Working in a lab or teaching science
- G. Writing mysteries or poetry
- H. Working as an accountant or math teacher
- I. Being an interior decorator or cake decorator

How many of each letter did you circle?

A ___ B ___ C ___ D ___ E ___ F ___ G ___ H ___ I ___

It's okay if you circled several different letters. You are still exploring all your talents and deciding what you like the most.

Mostly:

- A: You have an eye for art. Whether it's drawing, ceramics, or watercolor, your artistic ability shines through.
- B: You have good coordination. Sports and physical activities come easily for you.
- C: You have an ear for music or a flair for the dramatic. Expressing yourself in music or words is important to you.
- D: You have a way with people. Whether it's classmates, children, or older adults, you relate to people and understand their feelings.
- E: You have leadership ability. You can get people organized and motivated to work.
- F: You have a good understanding of science and technology. New gadgets and concepts fascinate you.
- G: You have a way with words. Whether it's reading or writing, you love the way words come together to form poems, stories, and ideas.
- H: You reason and make good deductions. You are gifted with numbers and see the patterns in the world others might miss.
- I: You like to cook, sew, and do other domestic things. You may design costumes, decorate cakes, or cook for a living.