## Women in Leadership

As women increasingly live out their calling as leaders, we face practical struggles such as confidence and finding the balance of family and ministry. How can we battle our insecurity and ongoing comparison to other leaders? How can we delegate wisely and move beyond people pleasing to biblical leadership? How can we achieve a healthy balance and even make time to rest? How can we learn to trust God more fully? Join us as we explore these issues and find a way forward to lead as Christ-following women.

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I.	Introduction to three major obstacles for women in leadership: limited opportunities, personal limitations, and balance of work and family life
II.	Women in leadership: The Challenge and the Call  A. "Biblical male only leadership" or "Biblical gender equality"
	B. Portrait of a woman used by God

C. Good woman or a good leader

## III. Confidence trap

- A. Exposing the myth of the Superwomen
- B. People pleasing: Not being everything to everyone
- C. How to lead others well
- IV. How to Balance the Demands of Ministry and Family
  - A. Some helpful tips

B. What does rest in the Lord really mean?

## Suggested Readings:

Halee Gray Scott, *Dare Mighty Things: Mapping the Challenges of Leadership for Christian Women* (Zondervan, 2014)

Jill Briscoe, 8 Choices that Will Change a Women's Life, (Howards books, 2004)

Nancy Leigh DeMoss, Biblical Womenhood in the Home (Crossway books, 2002)

John Piper and Wayne Grudem, *Recovering Biblical Manhood & Womanhood* (Crossway books, 1991)

Alan F. Johnson, *How I Changed My Mind about Women in Leadership*, Zondervan 2010 Joanna Weaver, *Having a Mary Heart in a Martha World*, WaterBrook Press, 2000 <a href="https://www.barna.org/culture-articles/579-christian-women-today-part-1-of-4-what-women-think-of-faith-leadership-and-their-role-in-the-church">https://www.barna.org/culture-articles/579-christian-women-today-part-1-of-4-what-women-think-of-faith-leadership-and-their-role-in-the-church</a>