

LISTENER GUIDE

From Him, Through Him, To Him

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No human being can fathom the _____ and the _____ of God.

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These are _____ questions—the answer is no one.

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This is the heart of the matter

- It's a call for a God-centered life and perspective.
- If you don't have that, you will be set adrift on a sea of shifting emotions and wild ways of thinking.
- To _____ or to _____ your circumstances is ultimately to resent and resist God Himself.

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The response is, we put God in the spotlight where He belongs. We praise Him and give Him glory. We submit our lives to God’s holy, eternal purposes.

What does this have to do with being a true woman?

1) *A true woman lives a _____ - _____ life.*

- She lives for His glory and His pleasure and not her own.
- She can embrace the purpose for which she was created.
- It means having a God-centered perspective.

2) *A true woman _____ God.*

- She accepts God’s plan, His design, His will, and His ways as good.
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- She trusts that her past failures are not beyond the reach of God’s redeeming grace.
- She doesn’t have to strive or be afraid. She can relinquish control.

3) *A true woman says, “Yes, Lord.”*

- She recognizes that her life is not her own. She lives for the glory of God.
- She lives _____.
- She’s willing to make personal sacrifices for the sake of the glory of God.
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 - whining
 - complaining
 - pining
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- But it means to say, “Yes,” to
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 - serving
 - embracing God’s choices for our lives
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