

THE SILENCE OF ADAM

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Throughout history, Eve has been blamed for the downfall of the human race. Most people assume that while the serpent tempted Eve, Adam was somewhere else. They suppose that after Eve sinned, she found Adam and tempted him to eat of the forbidden fruit. Often Eve is denounced because she attempted to battle wits with the serpent but in her weakness, succumbed to his craftiness. Many believe that Eve made the first step in sinning against God and that Adam merely followed her example.

But what if that is not true? What if the blame doesn't belong on Eve? What if Adam was the one responsible? What if he was standing right beside her whenever the serpent showed up? What if his disobedience began not in the eating of the fruit but in his refusal to speak up and state the truth to the serpent and to his wife?

Gen 3:1-6 Now the serpent was more subtle than any beast of the field which the LORD God had made. And he said unto the woman, Yea, hath God said, Ye shall not eat of every tree of the garden? And the woman said unto the serpent, We may eat of the fruit of the trees of the garden: But of the fruit of the tree which is in the midst of the garden, God hath said, Ye shall not eat of it, neither shall ye touch it, lest ye die. And the serpent said unto the woman, Ye shall not surely die: For God doth know that in the day ye eat thereof, then your eyes shall be opened, and ye shall be as gods, knowing good and evil. And when the woman saw that the tree was good for food, and that it was pleasant to the eyes, and a tree to be desired to make one wise, she took of the fruit thereof, and did eat, and gave also unto her husband **with her**; and he did eat.

Adam was not somewhere else in the garden whenever Eve was tempted. He was standing right beside her! Instead of him being the man, the leader, that God created him to be, Adam froze. Adam stood speechless and dumfounded.

Adam was like thousands of other men who would come after him, he was physically present but emotionally absent. Instead of standing front and center on the stage, he retreated to the background and left his wife to fight the battle.

Adam's sin began with his silence. He was designed to speak but instead he said nothing. He listened to the serpent, he listened to his wife, he accepted the fruit that was offered to him and he ate.

Men, we cannot afford to remain silent. We cannot call ourselves men of God, if we live passive lives, afraid to do the things that God has called us to do. We must be men in the truest sense of the word. Men who will stand up and speak up and lead our families, our church, and our world, according to the ways of God.