



Discussion Guide for “Jezebel” *Empathy for the Devil* Week 4

We work to strike a healthy balance between faith, family, work and all the other elements of our lives. But Jezebel's story shows us that God doesn't ask for balance; God asks for allegiance. How can we seek God first - and why is that good for everything else in our lives?

Scriptures for Further Reading

[1 Kings 16:29-31](#)

[1 Kings 18:16-40](#)

[1 Kings 21](#)

[Exodus 20:1-6](#)

[Matthew 6:19-24](#)

Passage for Sacred Reading:

A sacred reading is a method of reading Scripture that invites God to speak to us through the text. If you have never done a sacred reading, here is [a simple step-by-step guide](#). This week's passage is [Matthew 6:19-34](#).

Questions for Discussion

1. Where do you feel you struggle for balance in your daily life? Why is balance so hard to find?
2. Jezebel wanted Israel to worship Ba'al alongside Yahweh. How would this have improved Israel's political standing with neighboring nations?
3. Why is God against idolatry? What does idolatry do to us?
4. Think of God as the one who orders our time, energy and priorities. Who is the god of your 'big moments'? Who is the god of your everyday moments?
5. Read Matthew 6:33-34. What does it look like for you to seek God first this week? What do you need to reprioritize? What might you need to say no to?