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God's Voice Series 7
Celebrating Women in Politics: Continuing God's Redemptive Story
"Hearing God's Voice — Becoming a Voice for Others"

Text: Philippians 3:20

Introduction: Every person lives within a community, shaped by its values, loyalties, and responsibilities. Yet the Apostle Paul reminds believers in Philippi that our deepest identity is not defined by any earthly nation or culture. "Our citizenship is in heaven." The Greek word *politeuma* refers to a civic identity—a commonwealth to which one belongs. Though we live and serve within earthly communities, our guiding values come from God's kingdom. This indicates participation in public life becomes more than civic duty—it becomes a moral responsibility shaped by God's purposes. Women's History Month- Celebrating Women in Politics provides an opportunity to reflect not only on cultural contributions but also on the meaningful role women have played in **God's redemptive story**.

From the beginning, God created humanity **male and female in His image**, to share in His purposes (Genesis 1:27). Throughout scripture women are attentive to God's voice and courageous participants in His redemptive work. God has raised women who listened to His voice and helped shape the direction of communities and nations.

1. Women who heard the Voice of God.

- Scripture presents a relational God who speaks and calls people into His purposes (Genesis 3:8). Miriam led Israel in worship after deliverance (Exodus 15:20–21). Deborah served as prophet and judge over Israel (Judges 4:4–9). Huldah delivered God's word during a national crisis (2 Kings 22:14–20). Mary, the mother of Jesus, surrendered to God's plan saying, "*Let it be to me according to your word*" (Luke 1:38).
- Before anyone becomes a voice for others, **they must first hear the voice of God**.

2. Women who became a voice for the voiceless.

- Those who hear God's voice often become advocates for justice and mercy. The Hebrew midwives **Shiphrah and Puah** protected vulnerable infants (Exodus 1:15–21). **Esther** used her royal position to save her people (Esther 4:14–16; 7:3–6). **Abigail** intervened with wisdom to prevent bloodshed (1 Samuel 25:23–33), and the **Syrophenician woman** boldly appealed to Jesus for mercy for her daughter (Mark 7:24–30). Their lives reflect the call of Micah 6:8—to do justice, love mercy, and walk humbly with God—and Proverbs 31:8–9: to speak up for those who cannot speak for themselves. When people hear God's voice, they often become voices for the voiceless.

3. Women who helped sustain God's mission in society.

- Women not only listened and advocated; they also helped sustain God's mission. Luke records that **Mary Magdalene, Joanna, and Susanna**, along with many others, supported Jesus' ministry (Luke 8:1–3). Some were named, "**many were not**," yet all contributed to God's unfolding work.

These accounts show that God places women in positions of influence—including public leadership—to promote justice, preserve communities, and serve the common good.

Whenever someone listens to God and becomes a voice for justice, mercy, and humility—living out **Micah 6:8—God's redemptive story continues**.

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