

2023 GraceLife Conference (Session 7)

Women's Session

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Scripture References:

- Proverbs 31
- Romans 16
- Galatians 3:28
- 1 Corinthians 14:34, 35
- 1 Timothy 2:11, 12
- Ephesians 5: 21, 22

Summary:

*Every woman has been created in God's image to do great things in a hurting world. We must fan the flame of our spiritual gifts; God didn't give us a spirit of fear and timidity, but of power, discipline, and self-control. Women bring moral rescue in all areas of society. God created us not as subordinates, but as equals.*

Notes:

1. As women, we navigate a patriarchal world. Women in the Bible faced some serious obstacles; in the ancient world men were heads of tribes, and accomplishments by women were attributed to the male head of the family. For these women, leadership was a response to God.
2. Esther and Ruth are two examples of strong, courageous women in the Old Testament. Esther challenged her husband, who was a king. Ruth and Naomi traveled to find their redeemer, Boaz. The woman in Proverbs chapter 31 showed exceptional wisdom; her name was celebrated in the gates of Jerusalem.
3. When Adam was created, he couldn't complete his divine commission of taking care of the garden of Eden without Eve, a strong rescuer. She provided the balance and strength Adam needed.
4. When Jesus came, Mary Magdalene and the Samaritan woman played a major part in God's plan. Jesus challenged the status quo of the time, which demeaned women, by having a long conversation with the Samaritan woman and revealing His true identity to her instead of to His male disciples.

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