

GraceLife Conference 2023  
Women's Session  
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Scriptures:

- Proverbs 31:1-31
- Romans 16:1-27
- Galatians 3:28
- 1 Corinthians 14:34, 35
- 1 Timothy 2:11, 12
- Ephesians 5:21

Summary:

*Women have been created in God's image to do great things in a hurting world, and we must fan into flame the spiritual gifts that we have. We live in a male-oriented world, but the entire Bible is filled with women who provided extraordinary examples of leadership. Some of the women who refused to fit into a predetermined mold included Esther, Ruth, Miriam, Deborah, Rahab, Mary Magdalene, Priscilla, and Lydia. Jesus had to come to earth to restore the gender equality that sin destroyed. Women were among the believers who received the Holy Spirit during the first Pentecost. We must read the Bible carefully and in the proper context so as not to misinterpret what God says about women.*

Notes:

1. Every woman has been created in God's image to do great things in a hurting world, and we must fan into flame the spiritual gifts that we have. God didn't give us a spirit of fear and timidity, but of power, discipline, and self-control.
2. As women, we navigate a patriarchal world. 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 responsiveness to God.
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 the strength he needed. This remains true today.
4. The women in the Old Testament operated in a male-dominated world yet provided strong leadership. As prophets, they declared God's moral decisions to the priests and the kings.
5. 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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