



DISCIPLESHIP MASTERCLASS

STRANGE THINGS Pt. 2

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Pastor's Wives



What society thinks I do.



What my parents think I do.



What the congregation thinks I do.



What my husband thinks I do.



What I think I do.



What I actually do.



HUSH WOMEN

1 Corinthians 14:34-35: Let your women keep silence in the churches; for it is not permitted unto them to speak ... If they will learn any thing, let them ask their husbands at home

**THIS FEMALE PASTOR
SOUNDS LIKE A HERETIC**



WELL SHE'S A FEMALE PASTOR SO....

1 Timothy 2:11-12

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Ephesians 5:22-23

"Wives, be subject to your husbands, as to the Lord. For the husband is the head of the wife."

In Genesis 1:27 it says, “so God created mankind in his own image, in the image of God he created them: male and female he created them.

God blessed them
and said to them,
'be fruitful and
increase in number
fill the earth and
subdue it.

Genesis 2:18

"It is not good for man to be alone. I will make a helper suitable for him."

Psalm 33:20

“We wait in hope for the Lord; he is our help and our shield”.

In Gen 3:16-19 God describes the consequences of their choices. Their original purpose was to be fruitful and multiply but now the woman's childbearing will be accompanied with great pain. God had commanded them to subdue the earth, but now man's work would be accompanied by painful toil, thorns and thistles.

We also see a shift in their equality here too. We read that corruption now changes the man and woman's relationship. God tells the woman, "Your desire will be for your husband, and he will rule over you," thus beginning the messy struggle for power and control. They continue to drift away from equality and into a patriarchal culture from here onward. This was never God's plan. This was our sin.

Miriam

Micah 6:4 affirms: I brought you up out of Egypt and redeemed you from the land of slavery. I sent Moses to Lead you, also Aaron and Miriam.

Deborah

Judges, Chapter 4

Huldah

2 Kings 22

“Huldah is not chosen because no men were available. She is chosen because she is truly exceptional among the prophets.”

Huldah

Huldah took the scriptures and taught... to men... and the nation of Israel what they meant. She prophesied and her prophecy was fulfilled 35 years later. Huldah spoke on God's behalf. Prophets were seen as Gods' mouthpieces for God, so this shows that God was not placing women in subservient roles. In Isaiah 8:3 we also see Isaiah's wife listed as a prophet.

Joel's prophecy

Joel 2:28-29 And afterward, I will pour out my Spirit on all people. Your sons and daughters will prophesy, your old men will dream dreams, your young men will see visions. Even on my servants, both men and women, I will pour out my Spirit in those days.

“Praise be to God that he has not created me a Gentile (a non-Jew)! Praise be to God that he has not created me a woman! Praise be to God that he has not created me to be an ignoramus!

Josephus, the first-century historian, wrote, “The woman... is in all things inferior to the man.”

Other rabbinical writings at the time of Jesus say, “four equalities are ascribed to women; they are gluttonous, eavesdroppers, lazy and jealous.”

Jewish wisdom literature says that “He that talks much with womankind brings evil upon himself and neglects the study of the Law and at the last will inherit Gehenna (hell).

John 4:27

“His disciples returned and were surprised to find him talking with a woman. But no one asked, ‘what do you want?’ or ‘Why are you talking with her?’”

Jesus appeared to women first after his resurrection.

Romans 16:2

"She has been the benefactor of many people, including me."

Phoebe in Romans 16:1 “I commend to you our sister Phoebe, a deacon of the church in Cenchreae. I ask you to receive her in the Lord in a way worthy of his people and to give her any help she may need from you, for she has been the benefactor of many people, including me.”

Pricilla and her husband, Aquila

In Acts 18:26, we read that while still in Ephesus, they invited Apollos to their home, where they “explained to him the way of God more adequately.”

Junia

In Romans 16:6-7 there is a unique passage that says "Greet Mary, who worked very hard for you. Greet Andronicus and Junia, my fellow Jews who have been in prison with me. They are outstanding among the apostles, and they were in Christ before I was."

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caused crazy
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The temple of Artemis, whom the Romans called Diana, was an all-female religion with castrated men serving as priests. Artemis was a fertility cult where worship involved sexual rites, including prostitution practices that would shock people today. But the people of Ephesus and many others at that time believed these practices were the way to worship a god.

When we read these verses telling women to be silent, we should read them in the context of all the other things that Paul has said.

Paul can't literally mean that women should be totally silent, because just a few chapters earlier in the same letter to Corinth, he acknowledges ... with no sense of disapproval... that women prophesied and prayed aloud in the church.

When you look back at the culture and words of Romans and Greeks, specific instruction about a temporary silencing was normal in that culture.

1. A common custom during that time period was that when you had not been educated on a topic, it was disrespectful to interrupt the teacher and ask questions.

Isocrates, a popular Greek orator and teacher, required his students to remain silent when he taught.

Rabbi Akiba, who was a contemporary of Paul and Philo, was a first-century Jewish leader, also commended silence during the teaching.

Many scholars believe Paul was having to counterbalance the female-dominated religious culture of Ephesus.

Paul's two comments about silence are actually consistent, then, with the story and plot of the Bible. Women who have always been gifted by God to speak for God and lead God's people were doing those things in Paul's churches. But women who had not yet learned Bible or theology or had not yet learned to live a Christian life were not to become teachers until they had learned orthodox theology. What drives 1 Corinthians 14 and 1 Timothy 2 is a principle that much of the church tradition has nearly smothered when it comes to women: "learning precedes teaching."

Option 2

Separate seating.

Here is a key principle for interpreting the Bible. When scripture seems unclear or to be conflicting... look at more scripture on the subject to clarify.

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MEN: We must never use a correct principle of spiritual authority and submission to a sinful extreme in the church or home.

MEN: We must NOT manipulate, control or abuse the females who are a **gift** from God in every church body.

In Philippians 4:3 Paul clearly highlights two women who “worked hard with him telling others the good news”

Rodney Stark, A socialist, writes in his book *The Rise of Christianity* "that Christianity was unusually appealing to women because within the Christian subculture, women enjoyed far higher status than did the women in the greco roman world at large." He notes that the early church attracted an unusual number of high-status women.

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ANY QUESTIONS?

