

Valentine's Day this Friday

Next section of Luke - Jesus and women - unique emphasis:

Virgin Mary, Elizabeth, Anna, Mary Magdalene , Martha, woman searching for lost coin, persistent widow

Little asked WHY - woman created after man - KNEW WHY  
God made man and said "Not bad but I can do better next time"

### 1. Equality before God

Quran, Sura 4 "Women" - "Men have authority over women because Allah made the one superior to the other...As for those from whom you fear disobedience, admonish them and send them to beds apart and beat them"

Gandhi's Autobiography "A Hindu husband regards himself as lord and master of his wife, who must ever dance attendance upon him."

Western Society - Pornography / Advertizing - Male Dominance, Abuse and Violence //  
Pornography in Communities and Rapes

a. Father - Created GOD IS NOT A MAN - MALE REFERENCES - Father

FEMININE REFERENCES TOO -

Deuteronomy 32:18 You deserted the Rock who fathered you; you forgot the God who gave you birth.

CHRISTIAN WOMAN

"I don't relate to God as Father! I need God's motherly love too"

Isaiah 49:15 "Can a mother forget the baby at her breast and have no compassion on the child she has borne? Though she may forget, I will not forget you!

Isaiah 66:13 As a mother comforts her child, so will I comfort and you will be comforted over Jerusalem."

Luke 15:8 "Or suppose a woman has ten silver coins and loses one. Does she not light a lamp, sweep the house and search carefully until she finds it?"

## b. Son - Redeemed

Luke's Story of Jesus - UNIQUE FOCUS ON Mary "blessed one"

Luke 13:34 "O Jerusalem... how often I have longed to gather your children together, as a [hen] gathers her chicks under her wings,

### FORGAVE SINFUL WOMAN NOT THE SELF-RIGHTEOUS SIMON

Luke 7:47,48 Therefore, I tell you, her many sins have been - forgiven-for she loved much. But he who has been forgiven little loves little." Then Jesus said to her, "Your sins are forgiven."

Jewish Male forbidden to talk to woman on the street even wife or daughter

### SAMARITAN WOMAN AT THE WELL

John 4:39 Many of the Samaritans from that town believed in him because of the woman's testimony, "He told me everything I ever did."

Talmud - It was regarded as impious to teach a woman the Law; it would be better for the words of the Law to be burned than that they should be entrusted to a woman

Luke 10:39,42 She had a sister called Mary, who sat at the Lord's feet listening to what he said.. Mary has chosen what is better, and it will not be taken away from her."

Galatians 3:28 There is neither Jew nor Greek, slave nor free, male nor female, for you are all one in Christ Jesus.

## c. Spirit - Filled

### ANGEL GABRIEL TO MARY -

Luke 1:35 "The Holy Spirit will come upon you, and the power of the Most High will overshadow you."

Luke 1:41 Elizabeth was filled with the Holy Spirit.

Acts 2:17,18 "In the last days, God says, I will pour out my Spirit on all people. Your sons and daughters will prophesy...Even on my servants, both men and women, I will pour out my Spirit

1 Corinthians 12:13 For we were all baptized by one Spirit into one body

## 2. Diversity in Creation

Men and women EQUAL, but NOT THE SAME

"Equality of worth is not identity of role"

IDEA ANGERS FEMINISTS - male attempt to fit women in predetermined roles

a. Example of Jesus - Equal yet Different

1 Corinthians 11:3 the head of every man is Christ, and the head of the woman is man, and the head of Christ is God.

John 5:19 "I tell you the truth, the Son can do nothing by himself; he can do only what he sees his Father doing, because whatever the Father does the Son also does. By myself I can do nothing; I judge only as I hear, and my judgment is just, for I seek not to please myself but him who sent me.

b. Complementary

Genesis 2:18-22

The LORD God said, "It is not good for the man to be alone. I will make a helper suitable for him." ... So the LORD God caused the man to fall into a deep sleep; and while he was sleeping, he took one of the man's ribs and closed up the place with flesh. {22} Then the LORD God made a woman from the rib he had taken out of the man, and he brought her to the man.

Matthew Henry "Eve was not made out of Adam's head to top him, nor out of his feet to be trampled upon by him, but out of his side to be equal with him, under his arm to be protected, and near his heart to be loved."

c. Different - biology and sociology / Creation and Fall

Anthropologist Margaret Mead "the differences between the sexes are the single most important fact of human society"

1 Peter 3:7 Husbands, in the same way be considerate as you live with your wives, and treat them with respect as the weaker partner and as heirs with you of the gracious gift of life, so that nothing will hinder your prayers.

d. Creative -

1 Timothy 2:15 But women will be saved through childbearing--if they continue in faith, love and holiness with propriety.

Recent Conference of Mayors across USA - Worst Problem  
Destruction of the Family

Gov. Waihee this year in Hawaii "Year of the Family"

Bible never says Motherhood is woman's only role  
THOUGH WHEN GOD GIVES CHILDREN IT IS MOST IMPORTANT

Deborah, Hannah, Abigail, Naomi, Ruth, and Esther  
// Modern Missions

Proverbs 31:10-31A wife of noble character who can find? She is worth far more than rubies....  
Homemaker, Seamstress, Cook, Business Woman, Realtor, Socialite

### 3. Inter-Dependence

#### a. Headship

1 Timothy 2:13 For Adam was formed first, then Eve.

1 Corinthians 11.3,8,9

Now I want you to realize that the head of every man is Christ, and the head of the woman is man, and the head of Christ is God...For man did not come from woman, but woman from man...neither was man created for woman, but woman for man.

Ephesians 5:23 For the husband is the head of the wife as Christ the head of the church

God became Man / 12 Apostles - Men / First 7 Deacons

#### b. Submission

Eph 5:21 Submit to one another out of reverence for Christ.

Romans 12:3-5 For by the grace given me I say to every one of you: do not think of yourself more highly than you ought, but rather think of yourself with sober judgment, in accordance with the measure of faith God has given you.

### SERVANT LEADERSHIP OF JESUS/APOSTLES/DEACONS

Christ is EXAMPLE for BOTH

Husbands -

Ephesians 5:25 Husbands, love your wives, just as Christ loved the church and gave himself up for her

Headship is God-given means for woman to be  
RESPECTED - PROTECTED - and ENABLED TO BLOSSOM

Jewish Culture - NO "SINGLE" WOMEN - under Father or Husband

Wives -

Ephesians 5:24 Now as the church submits to Christ, so also wives should submit to their husbands in everything.

### c. Mutual Dependence

WHERE WOULD MEN BE WITHOUT WOMEN? NOWHERE!

Luke 8:3 Joanna the wife of Cuza, the manager of Herod's household Susanna; and many others. These women were helping to support them out of their own means.

In the Lord, however, woman is not independent of man, nor is man independent of woman. For as woman came from man, so also man is born of woman. But everything comes from God. 1 Cor 11.11,12

## 4. Full Partners in Ministry

### a. Under Authority

1 Corinthians 14:33-35 CORRECTION OF EXCESS - CHAOS

1 Corinthians 14:33-35 For God is not a God of disorder but of peace. As in all the congregations of the saints, {34} women should remain silent in the churches. They are not allowed to speak, but must be in submission, as the Law says. {35} If they want to inquire about something, they should ask their own husbands at home; for it is disgraceful for a woman to speak in the church.

1 Timothy 2:12 FORBIDS DOMINATION - BOSSINESS - men and women

1 Timothy 2:12 I do not permit a woman to teach or to have authority over a man; she must be silent.

Submission of Content - to the Authority of Scripture of Context - to the Pastor (or Bishop)  
of Style - in the Humility of Christ the Servant

Women are not to be "Head" or "Senior" Pastors  
NOT BECAUSE THEY ARE NOT ABLE - SOME ARE MORE COMPETENT

BECAUSE IT DENIES THE GOD GIVEN MALE/FEMALE ROLES OF CREATION

### b. With Jesus

WOMEN REMAINED FAITHFUL WHEN MEN RAN AWAY

A large number of people followed him, including women who mourned and wailed for him. Jesus turned and said to them, "Daughters of Jerusalem, do not weep for me; weep for yourselves and for your children. Luke 23.27,28

The women who had come with Jesus from Galilee followed Joseph and saw the tomb and how his body was laid in it. Luke 23.55

On the first day of the week, very early in the morning, the women took the spices they had prepared and went to the tomb. It was Mary Magdalene, Joanna, Mary the mother of James and the others with them who told this to the apostles. Luke 24.1

### c. In the Word

OT Prophetesses "Miriam, Aaron's sister" Exodus 15.20

"Deborah, the wife of Lappidoth" Judges 4.4

"Huldah" (instructed King Josiah) 2 Kings 22.4

Luke 2.36 "Anna, a prophetess, the daughter of Phanuel"

Apollos began to speak boldly in the synagogue. When Priscilla and Aquila heard him, they invited him to their home and explained to him the way of God more adequately. Acts 18:26

Philip the Evangelist had four unmarried daughters who prophesied Acts 21.9

### d. In the Church

Romans 16.1-13 COMMENDS EIGHT WOMEN

Romans 16:1-13 I commend to you our sister Phoebe, a servant of the church ...Greet Priscilla and Aquila, my fellow workers in Christ...Greet Mary, who worked very hard for you. {7} Greet Andronicus and Junias, my relatives who have been in prison with me...Greet Tryphena and Tryphosa, those women who work hard in the Lord. Greet my dear friend Persis, another woman who has worked very hard in the Lord. {13} Greet Rufus, chosen in the Lord, and his mother, who has been a mother to me, too.

Euodia and Syntyche..women who have contended at my side in the cause of the gospel  
Phil 4.2,3

To the chosen lady and her children, whom I love in the truth-- 2 John 1

"Ordination"??

MEANING - POWER OVER OTHERS, AUTHORITY?? FOR NOBODY BUT JESUS

- Def. "Public recognition of God-given gifts, together with a public authorization to use them in a team

WOMEN'S MINISTRIES SHOULD BE FULFILLED NOT FRUSTRATED

e. In Mission

THE BEST MAN FOR THE JOB IS A WOMAN Luke 8.3

Many of the Samaritans from that town believed in him because of the woman's testimony, "He told me everything I ever did." John 4.39

In Joppa there was a disciple named Tabitha ( or Dorcas ), who was always doing good and helping the poor. Acts 9.36

Ruth Tucker "Guardians of the Great Commission"

"The role of women in the modern missionary movement has been phenomenal. No other public ministry in the church has so captured the interest and commitment of women in the past 200 years. There are a number of reasons for this, but 2 particularly stand out: opportunities for women were and are restricted in the institutionalized church at home, and mission leaders, because of their compulsion to reach the lost world for Christ, have been less restrictive than church leaders in this respect.

20th Century - Women Missionaries outnumber Men 2 to 1  
Amy Carmichael, Elisabeth Elliot, Helen Roseveare, Mother Theresa

Ann Martin Hinder - went w/ husband David to West Africa in 1852

"When I see what is the need, I feel that if I had 20 lives I would gladly give them to be the means of a little good to these poor but affectionate and well-meaning people who, though black enough their skins may be, have never-dying souls, which need to be led to the Savior, to be washed clean in the blood of the Lamb