

HER STORY

JESUS, WOMEN, AND THE CHURCH

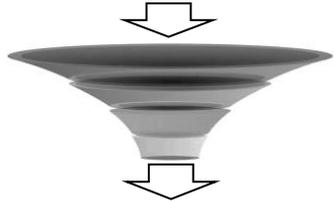
Week 6: Q & Eh?

APPETIZER: Funnels & Filters

The only true objectivity is subjectivity rendered conscious of itself. Everyone approaches the Bible with an interpretive filter. Either you use restrictive passages to funnel and filter inclusive passages (which leads to Complimentarianism) or you do the reverse (which leads to Egalitarianism).

Psalm 19:12

EQUALITY PASSAGES

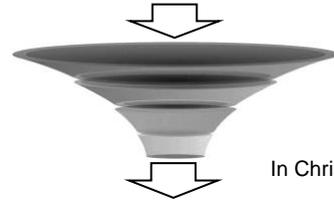


COMPLIMENTARIANISM

THE COMPLIMENTARIAN FILTER

Adam was **made before** Eve
 Adam **named** Eve and the animals
 Eve was Adam's "**helper**"
 Husband is the "**head**" of the wife
 Women must not take **authority over** men
 God the **Father** and Jesus the **Son**
 PLUS: Tradition!

PROHIBITIVE PASSAGES



EGALITARIANISM

THE EGALITARIAN FILTER

Both genders are made equally in **God's image**
 Both genders are granted **equal authority** over creation
 Male authority over women is predicted as part of **the fall**
 The **sign & gifts** of the **New Covenant** are inclusive
 In Christ we do not divide by **gender, race, or class**
 In Christ we are all "**priests**" and "**sons**" of God, with equal status
 PLUS: Experience & Reason!

The Wesleyan Quadrilateral

1. Bible
2. Experience
3. Reason
4. Tradition



DINE IN: Headship, Hair, & Head-coverings

I have become all things to all people so that by all possible means I might save some.
 ~ The Apostle Paul (1 Corinthians 9:19-23)

Three explanations of 1 Timothy 2:15...

1. Women, like men, will be spiritually saved through the birth of Jesus.
2. Women will be spiritually saved if they focus on their wifely duties.
3. A wife will be physically saved through the birth process if "they" (husband and wife) take care of one another and live like Jesus. (In other words, you don't need to turn to Artemis for safety.)

Literal Translation:

SHE shall be saved through child-bearing, if THEY remain in faith, and love, and sanctification, with sobriety.

But a wife will be brought safely through childbirth, if they both continue in faith, love, and holiness, together with self-control.

~ Common English Bible (CEB)

James 5:14-15

Matthew 19:3-8

1 Corinthians 11

"head" = *kephale*... authority or source?



TAKE OUT: The Ultimate Source of Forgiveness

1 Corinthians 11:23-26

NEXT WEEK...

A Special "Jesus Collective" Sunday, with Greg Boyd!

Home Church Questions

HANGOUT [Warming Up to the Topic – in one Large Group]

1. What reactions did you have to this week's message?
2. Has anyone in your group listened to the "After Party" podcasts posted so far? If so, talk about what you learned! (For this week's discussion, listening to Dr. Westfall's conversation, especially from 57:47-133:30, will be super helpful.)

HEAR [Listening to God through Scripture – in Discussion Groups]

3. Read **1 Corinthians 11**, the whole chapter.
 - a. What do you think of Paul's instruction to follow his example in verse 1? Who have been good examples of following Jesus in your life? Talk about their traits and how you want to emulate them.
 - b. In Scripture, "traditions" (**verse 1**) are not necessarily bad or lifeless religious routines, but can be ways of passing along life-giving truth from one generation to the next (e.g., baptism, communion). How have you seen traditions used positively and/or negatively? What positive traditions does your Home Church have? What positive traditions could you develop?
 - c. How does taking *kephale* (head) as "source" rather than "authority" change the way we read this passage? Which meaning fits better with the context? (See **verses 11-12**.)
 - d. What do you think "because of the angels" is talking about?
 - e. We understand Paul's command for all women to wear head-coverings by Paul in this passage to be a way to bring honour within the church to the abused and marginalized women in that community. How can we apply this principle today? Talk about practical ways the Church can elevate and honour people who are marginalized and excluded within Canadian society.
 - f. What do you think Paul means when he says to examine yourself for sin against the body of Christ before participating in the Lord's supper? How might this apply to the Church as a whole, especially regarding its treatment of women?
4. Read what the Apostle Peter writes about the Apostle Paul in **2 Peter 3:16**. How much do you connect with what Peter is saying? (Also see what the Apostle Paul says in **1 Corinthians 13:12**.)

HUDDLE [Making It Personal and Praying Together – in Huddles]

5. Talk about what God has been saying to you through this series. What is God calling you to change, confess, advocate for, or continue?