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EPISODE 3: A BIG AND BEAUTIFUL VISION FOR JESUS' WOMEN

In this episode, we talk about the Biblical vision for women believing the gospel, embracing their femininity, and helping make disciples in the life of the church.

A BOTH/AND VISION FOR WOMEN

The baseline conviction that undergirds our discipleship and mobilization of women is this:

We believe that it is possible for a church to BOTH fully embrace the clear teaching of Scripture on sexuality AND unleash its women to become disciple-making forces in their homes, church, and city.

Or, another way to say this is that we believe it is possible for a church to be a place where men and women BOTH happily live out their distinct callings as men and women AND partner together in pronounced ways for gospel advance.

Yes, Scripture teaches, unmistakably, that men and women are equal in dignity and value but distinct in calling, and that men are assigned by God to bear a unique responsibility for, and therefore authority in, their marriages, homes and churches. It is good and right to call men to the glad assumption of sacrificial responsibility (which is what masculinity is) and to loving and leading those under their care well. But too often churches stop there, leaving women feeling sidelined or overlooked, unclear on how (or even if) they fit. This not only leads unfairly to frustration for women

who are committed to their churches thriving, but it weakens the work and witness of the church itself.

When we come to the pages of Scripture, we see that this is not how things are meant to be. Even a casual reading of the New Testament shows women not only fully devoted to the thriving of their homes, but also fully engaged in gospel work, partnering with their husbands and pastors by bringing all of their energies, giftings, experiences, and insights to the table. If the words of Genesis 1, 2, and 3, Proverbs 31, Luke 1, Acts 18, Romans 16, I Corinthians 11, Galatians 3, Ephesians 5, Colossians 3, I Peter 3, I Timothy 2, Titus 2, and countless other texts are true, then every woman is called by God become a holy, disciple-making force in her home and in her church.

And yet, as these texts teach, this doesn't happen by ignoring, side-stepping, or rejecting truth about what a woman is or how relationships are to be ordered in the home and church. In fact, the opposite is true. It is precisely by equipping and encouraging women to believe the gospel and adorn that believing by fully embracing their feminine callings that churches can unleash them to become incredibly powerful agents for gospel advance.

And if this is what Jesus is calling our women to be and do, then the church needs to learn to help get them there.

CONVERSATION STARTERS

- Where in Scripture do we see this two-fold vision of women saying say “yes” to feminine glories and “yes” to serving the church and working for gospel advance?
- What tensions have you experienced in thinking how these two go together?
- What fears crop up when you think about forging a culture in your church where both Titus 2 and Romans 16 are true?

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