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Resources

The majority of this content has been derived from a few Titus 2 women who have greatly impacted my faith. Check out the books, podcasts, and resources of Jen Wilkin (The Village Institute), and Nancy Demoss Wolgemuth (Revive our Hearts Ministry) for wise insights into studying scripture and Biblical womanhood. Specifically for this talk, I pulled material from:

Adorned, by Nancy Demoss Wolgemuth (Moody Publishers October 2, 2018)

Women of the Word, by Jen Wilkin (Crossway July 31, 2014)

A Beautiful Design, A sermon series from The Village Church (tvresources.net)

The Gospel and Womanhood, A sermon by David Platt 2008 (radical.net)

What is women's ministry and why is it important?

TITUS 2: 1-5, 10-14

¹ But as for you, teach what accords with sound doctrine. ² Older men are to be sober-minded, dignified, self-controlled, sound in faith, in love, and in steadfastness. ³ Older women likewise are to be reverent in behavior, not slanderers or slaves to much wine. They are to teach what is good, ⁴ and so train the young women to love their husbands and children, ⁵ to be self-controlled, pure, working at home, kind, and submissive to their own husbands, that the word of God may not be reviled.

¹⁰... showing all good faith, so that in everything they may adorn the doctrine of God our Savior. ¹¹ For the grace of God has appeared, bringing salvation for all people, ¹² training us to renounce ungodliness and worldly passions, and to live self-controlled, upright, and godly lives in the present age, ¹³ waiting for our blessed hope, the appearing of the glory of our great God and Savior Jesus Christ, ¹⁴ who gave himself for us to redeem us from all lawlessness and to purify for himself a people for his own possession who are zealous for good works.

Everyone has a perception of Women's ministry. Some of us have good memories, and others have really ill feelings towards the designated ministry to women in the church. But God has given us specific purposes and instructions for women's ministry and it is important that we understand what He says about it.

Women's ministry is not new. It is not separate from the church or outside the authority of the church. God does not view women as secondary to His gospel, to His church, or to His plans for bringing salvation to the world. Women are distinct and are given specific commands to fulfill--not in spite of being women, but because we are women. So in order to understand those commands we must first put them in context.

In the beginning... God gave Adam the "cultural mandate." God created man and woman in His own image (Gen 1:27) and commanded Adam and Eve to multiply and fill the earth with more image bearers. Adam cannot do this alone. Woman was essential in filling the earth with image bearers.

In the New Testament, Jesus gives us a new command in Matthew 28:19; He says to "go and make disciples." Disciples are image bearers of Christ. Just as women were essential in making the physical image bearers that fill the earth, we are also critical to the new mandate to make disciples that bear the image of Christ our Lord. Men and women bear the image of Christ differently. Men are called to reflect Christ's sacrificial headship of the church. Women are called to reflect Christ's perfect submission to the Father. Neither of these positions is more highly valued than the other, but they are distinct. So if our command is to make disciples (making image bearers) in the way that only women can bear the image of Christ- we better know what Biblical womanhood is.

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Sound Doctrine

Before we can begin to understand who God says that we are, we must start by learning who He is. We must start with the foundation of sound doctrine.

*Titus 1:1 “for the sake of the faith of God’s elect and their **knowledge of the truth**”*

*Titus 1:9 “He must hold firm to the **trustworthy word** as taught so that he may be able to give **instruction in sound doctrine**”*

*Titus 2:1 “**teach what accords with sound doctrine**”*

*Titus 2:3 “**teach what is good**”*

What is doctrine? Doctrine simply means a set of teaching. Everyone follows doctrine. It’s a question of what you believe, or more importantly, what you are acting like you believe. If your foundation is false doctrine, you will be like the people of Crete that Paul warns against in Titus 1:16 “They profess to know God, but they deny Him by their works.”

False doctrine surrounds us every day in subtle and malicious lies.

Prosperity gospel

God will give me safety, healthy, wealth if I am good enough, moral enough

Good works or obedience will unlock higher blessings and favor like marriage or a family

Self-Help

I just need to take care of myself and my life will get better.

I am innately good and therefore I can help myself

I need to forgive myself for _____

Self-Worth

Be yourself; this is as good as it gets.

My self-esteem is a reflection of my true value.

Follow your heart

Your happiness, your comfort is most important

You-do-you

Speak your truth

Your opinion is truth as long as you have peace about it

If we are not grounded in sound doctrine these lies will deceive us and begin to influence our thoughts, speech, and actions. It is crucial that we are grounded in God's word so we can discern when the popular speakers, best-selling authors, podcasts, and song lyrics begin to slip away from God's truth into bad theology. Especially in women's ministry—we are so hungry for teachers and resources that “make us feel good,” we let our guard down and let bad theology run rampant. We must be students of the word for ourselves.

Learning from teachers and pastors is a good thing, but if we never study Scripture for ourselves, we will never be able to test and approve what is said from the teaching. When Jesus warns his followers in Matthew 7:21-23 that on the final day people will claim they did things in His name, and He will say “depart from me;” I believe this warning is applicable to people who are believing false teachers. If your entire doctrine is based off of what God says about *you*, then you don't know God. You are in danger of hearing “depart from me, I never knew you.” We must be students of God's word, for the sake of knowing who God is, and who we are in light of that.

Sound doctrines tell us core principles of the faith that we must know in order to understand our need for salvation.

Who God is

Who we are

Who Jesus is

Why He came

Why He died

Why He lives again

Sound doctrines teach us foundational truths that shape how we live out our salvation

God is sovereign over all

Over time, over nature. He is never surprised.

We exist to bring glory to God

Every circumstance in our lives CAN bring God glory if we seek Him in the midst of it.

We live in a fallen and broken world because of sin

Every conflict at home, work, or school is rooted in sin. Every lie, every hurt, began when sin entered the picture

Personal opinions are inconsequential compared to God's truths

Individual rights or opinions do not trump eternal absolutes

Truth is not subjective or relative

Truth is consistent across all times and all places because God is truth

There are ABSOLUTE Truths! But only within God's description and design!

Even as believers we will struggle with indwelling sin

We are in a lifelong pursuit of becoming more like Christ. There is future hope for us.

It is possible to be completely dedicated to correct doctrine, but fruitless and cold in the Spirit. All of the knowledge in the world will not rival the presence and working of the Holy Spirit in your life. So ask yourself the question, “are the fruits of the spirit manifested in my theological correctness?” We can have all of the right answers, with chapter and verse references, but do we exhibit tenderness as we share the answer? Evangelism does not begin with a seminary degree. German philosopher Heinrich Heine says “Show me your redeemed life, and I might be inclined to believe your Redeemer.”

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Titus 1:9 “Give instruction in sound doctrine”

This is why we need women’s ministry. The Gospel is the foundation for Biblical womanhood.

Titus 2:1,10 “Teach what accords with sound doctrine... showing all good faith, so that in everything they may adorn the doctrine of God our Savior.”

This is what we teach in women’s ministry and how we should operate. The Gospel is the purpose of Biblical womanhood.

Our calling is to make God’s love and His truth visible, believable and beautiful to skeptical observers. Our calling is to keep the gospel attractive enough to ourselves that we will actually believe, trust, and obey Him. This is best played out when we do it together. Paul compares the faith journey to a race in several of his letters to the church. Our race is no less than a marathon that requires endurance, but it is also a relay race with an obstacle course. We need women of all stages to run this race well. We need older women who have already run a few laps to tell us where the potholes are and the younger women who are full of energy to keep us going.

God was not neglectful to ICC when he included Titus 2 in scripture. When He instructs older women to train the younger women, He knew that our church would have an age range of maybe 10 years. I don’t believe God intends for us to all seek out the one empty nester we have and all ask to be discipled by her. Neither do I believe college freshmen are unqualified to disciple within our church because they fall on the younger end of the age spectrum. Every one of us is spiritually older and younger than someone else. The command to train and to learn applies to each of us, right now.

As Paul writes to Titus, a young pastor of a church facing tremendous persecution, he addresses:

- How are believers supposed to think and act?
- How can we keep from being deceived by false doctrine and teachers
- How can we pass our faith on to the next generation
- How can the church, not just survive, but thrive in a hostile world
- How can we effectively fulfill our mission to reach a corrupt world with the beauty of the gospel?

Paul gives us a list (not an exhaustive list) of behaviors that accord with sound doctrine that will influence our ability to adorn the Gospel.

“Older women likewise are to be Reverent in behavior...”

REVERENCE: A FEELING OR ATTITUDE OF DEEP AWE AND RESPECT

Often in our day and age, we equate reverence with somber-ness. Only certain situations or people require reverence. But every moment of our lives is lived out in the presence of our Holy God, so every moment of our lives requires reverence. Most of our days are filled with mundane tasks that don't feel very holy, but not a moment is wasted when you recognize that it is done in the presence of God. Studying for class, changing diapers, working hard at the tasks no-one will notice can all be acts of reverent worship when we have eyes to see them that way.

Most of us come home and immediately change into our comfy clothes. The least attractive, most honest and unfiltered versions of ourselves. Both outwardly and metaphorically. There is a good and right safety at home to let down your guard, but holiness and reverence should not be a mask that you wear and take off at home. Let us never fall into the trap of believing that we are safe to sin because we are home. We cannot afford to pick and choose which situations call for reverent attitude and behavior! They all do!

“Older women likewise are to be reverent in behavior, **not slanderers ...”**

SLANDER

Giving a false report

Assuming we know all there is to know about a situation, or a decision.

Spreading of harmful information

Reporting truth with harmful intent

WHY DO WE SLANDER?

Pride

To make ourselves look better.

Envy

Resenting another's position, relationships, or success causes us to try and bring them down a notch

Critical Spirit - the tendency to be judgmental

We jump to conclusions that assume the worst or secretly hope others will fail. We downplay other's success by questioning its merit

We must not take lightly what God despises. Jesus included the sin of slander in the same list as murder, adultery, and sexual immorality (Matt 15:19). When we commit the sin of slander we are entirely selfish. To uproot this sin we must become more concerned with the people we are criticizing than how their actions are affecting us. When we genuinely care about others the way God has commanded us, we will be more concerned with the unity and harmony of the body than personal advancement. If sin needs to be exposed, that is not slander. But make sure it is coming from a heart of love and concern for the other's wellbeing and spiritual rightness.

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THIS IS NOT AN ALCOHOL ISSUE | THIS IS A SELF CONTROL ISSUE

We live in a highly addictive culture. We all struggle with some kind of enslavement or sinful bondage. If drinking is not your sin, try replacing it with the idea of

Not slaves to netflix

Not slaves to instagram

Not slaves to sleep

Not slaves to food

Not slaves to exercise

Not slaves to work

Not slaves to romance

Not slaves to sexual pleasure

Not slaves to attention

Not slaves to affirmation

Are we driven to have too much of anything!?

Outside of the pursuit of Christ, any substances, habits, or activities that we have placed in our life that we deem essential to our happiness, sanity or survival are false gods that have enslaved us. Are you looking to alcohol (or anything else) to provide relief and answers to problems in your life such as anxiety, guilt, boredom, rejection, loneliness, etc. Have you embraced a false substitute god in your life?

We must fight against these areas of enslavement, not just for our own sakes, but for those who are watching us. Sins of any nature cause us to shy away from certain topics because we are ashamed of our battles, or failures. When we fail to speak, we leave younger women to fight the battle alone, perpetuating the shame and defeat to the next generation.

Will they watch us worship the gods of vanity and self concern, or will they see us adorn the Gospel in the way we wage war against addictions and commit ourselves wholly to the worship of God.

You may feel hopeless in your enslavement, but there is no power greater than the work done by Jesus on the cross. The Holy Spirit is more powerful than any temptation put in front of you, and He is renewing you day by day to make you more into Christ's likeness. You cannot modify your behaviors enough, or exhibit enough restraint in your own strength. Sustainable victories in sins of addiction only come through surrendering your own will to the Will of God.

Just because you have freedom in some area does not mean that others are not tempted by it. To limit your liberty for the sake of others who may be led into sin as a result is not to promote legalism, but an exercise in greater liberty - to live by the law of love.

“..and so train the young women...to be self-controlled”

Paul’s instruction for “what accords with sound doctrine” is most rooted in the practice of self-control. Every person Paul instructs in this letter is commanded to live with self-control.

Self-control is the result of having a sound mind (a mind that is firmly rooted in God’s doctrine). When you have a sound mind that can govern every instinct, passion, and desire to its God given proportion, you can exhibit self-control.

Common symptoms of living *without* self-control:

Impulsivity - not thinking through actions	Excessive shyness - fearful of talking and other’s opinions of you
Seeks escape from pressures or problems	Instant gratification - I want it, so I’m going to get it.
Can’t follow through on anything more than a short term commitment	Procrastination - puts off the unpleasant stuff till last possible moment
Living on an emotional roller coaster	Wasteful of time or money
Moody, temperamental	Feelings based decision maker
Argumentative, must have the last word	

While many of these examples are not sinful by themselves, if they characterize your every action or instinct, then you must evaluate if you are practicing God-given wisdom and self-control. Self-control is hard work, but we are not meant to live in a constant state of defeat or discouragement. Pursuing self-control does not mean living with the scolding voice of shame and inferiority in our heads. 1 Corinthians 15:2 promises that the gospel is always at work; “we are still being saved.”

Why is self-control so important?

Because it influences your ability to live out a Holy life. It may not seem like the obvious root, but in order to become more Christ-like we must renew our heart and mind to reflect the sound doctrines of God.

When your husband acts unlovable, a sound mind will remind you that God's love for you was gracious and you are called to reflect that type of love.

When you are in the midst of laundry piles and nap-time meltdowns, a sound mind will remember that God has uniquely provided your family as the first arena for your discipleship.

When you ache for a romantic relationship and you're tempted to gratify your longings in impure ways, a sound mind reminds you of the price Jesus paid for you and your value and satisfaction come from Him alone.

We don't just need more self-restraint. We need more Jesus.

How do we learn self-control?

"For the grace of God has appeared, bringing salvation for all people, training us to renounce ungodliness and worldly passions, and to live self-controlled, upright, and godly lives in the present age." (Titus 2:11-12)

God teaches us how to have self-control through His Word and through His grace. We learn from studying Scripture how to restrain our fleshly desires and how to renew our mind. It is by learning more about God that we learn to love Him more and transform our appetite to the things that bring Him pleasure.

"Be transformed by the renewing of your mind, that by testing you may discern what is the will of God, what is good and acceptable and perfect." Romans 12:2

When we understand God's promises and teachings rightly, we can better endure the longings of delayed gratification. We know that what [Who] lies ahead is far better than anything this "present age" has to offer (Titus 2:12-13).

Think of the implications for this in singleness, in infertility, in a less than perfect marriage, in a job that is demanding, in ceaseless striving for degrees-- our satisfaction will not be completed here. But our practice of self-control will be worth it in the end when we are fulfilled completely.

We can do everything conceivable to force mature behavior from ourselves. We can get enough sleep, take our vitamins, and even cram scripture into our heads until we rival the old testament priests. But unless we lean on Jesus for power to put these truths into practice, we will never find sustainable victory over our thoughts, emotions, or actions.

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“...and so train the young women...to be self-controlled, pure”

Paul continues to build on his instruction for Biblical womanhood and self-control with the topic of purity. Discussion of purity can often stir up guilt or shame because we have all fallen short in some capacity to live up to the standard of purity that God has set before us. But there is hope, because if you are in Christ, you have been declared positionally pure. His righteousness has been credited to you, and you wear His righteousness.

“To the pure, all things are pure, but to the defiled and unbelieving, nothing is pure; but both their minds and their consciences are defiled.

¹⁶They profess to know God, but they deny him by their works. They are detestable, disobedient, unfit for any good work,” Titus 1:15-16

Have we lost our capacity to be shocked and grieved by sin? Are we desensitized to unholiness?

Most of us hear the word “purity” and immediately limit its meaning to- virginity before marriage. We create a list of dos and

don'ts that suppress our sexuality and call that purity. Sisters hear me, purity is no less than avoiding sexual misconduct, but it is SO MUCH more. Purity must first and foremost be out of a desire to be Holy as Christ is Holy.

Why is this in the list of things that “adorn the doctrine of God”? How does purity make the gospel attractive? The world says that we are having more fun and enjoying more freedom when we disregard purity. But the world is enslaved to its passions.

“We ourselves were once foolish, disobedient, led astray, slaves to various passion and pleasures... But when the goodness and loving kindness of God our Savior appeared, he saved us... by the washing of regeneration...” Titus 3:3-5

When we live purely, we stand out in this world. We can exemplify that Christ is enough to fulfill our longings and bring us greater joy than any temporary pleasure ever could. When we live purely we look more like Christ.

How do we stay pure?

We need healthy boundaries. Boundaries are not the enemy. We don't get angry at the guardrails that allow us to drive safely around winding roads. We don't tear down the fence that keeps wildlife from a garden. Boundaries allow us to live freely and flourish.

We need mutually invasive relationships with truth-telling friends. A true friend will "bear your burdens" (Gal 6:2) by leaning in and saying hard things when a sister is stepping toward compromise.

In all areas of life, we need to focus on developing intimacy with the Lord. When we take purity seriously we can become sensitized to the things we may have once dismissed. Purity displaces the fleeting passions of the world, with worship, freedom, and righteous desires.

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“and so train the young women...to be self controlled, pure, working at home...”

If the phrase “working at home” causes you to believe that Paul is instructing all women to put on their pearls and imitate June Cleaver or the 1950s American housewife, you are not understanding this verse correctly. Our association of Biblical womanhood with the 1950s American housewife could never have been Paul’s intention because he was writing to first century women in the Middle East.

Scripture is timeless and universal. It crosses all bounds of culture and geography. It cannot mean something to us that it cannot also mean to the believers of every generation or every region of the world.

Prior to the Industrial Revolution in the 18th and 19th centuries, there was no separation of work and home. Home was the economic engine of society and a place of productivity. Both the home itself and work that took place in and around it were considered essential and highly valued. So in the modern era where work and home as economically divided, we must remember that this mandate is not about the capacity

to work for monetary gain, but rather about redeeming our home life.

“Our homes, imperfect as they are, should be a reflection of our eternal home, where troubled souls find peace, weary hearts find rest, hungry bodies find refreshment, lonely pilgrims find communions, and wounded spirits find compassion” - Jani Ortlund, desiring God

When we cultivate homes that are havens, we put the heart and character of God on display.

Being a “homemaker” does not start with a marriage. We are all called to redeem our homes, apartments, dorm rooms for God’s purposes. The often tedious and mundane tasks of homemaking become acts of worship. Cleaning up becomes a reflection of God’s desire for order. Preparing meals parallels God nourishing us and providing for our every need. The connections may not be obvious or even conscious, but we are exercising the muscles that support the greater conscious efforts. **To make our homes a reflections of God’s household.**

“and so train the young women to love their husbands”

A NOTE TO SINGLES

Marriage is not the ultimate goal or reward of a faithful life. Marriage is a reflection in a mirror dimly lit in comparison to the real union we have with Christ. It is easy to tune out sermons, or passages of scripture that deal with marriage because they feel unrelatable, or unattainable, but they are still profitable for us. Your relationship status may never change, but the authority of scripture gives you room to speak into the lives of others around you, and their relationship status may someday change. You are still equipped (as equipped as Paul was) to speak truth into their marriage. But you have to know the truth first. You can't just tune it out.

The Bible is the story of the heavenly Bridegroom faithfully seeking out and staying true to His chosen Bride. Human marriage is a story intended to draw people toward the gospel, showing them the love of God through two imperfect individuals whose lives become one in Him, devoting themselves to each other for better or worse

You probably didn't need convincing to love your husband on your wedding day. But since then, there has probably been a battle in your flesh to continue that love. This is why Paul encourages us to *learn* to love our husbands, and why he surrounds it with other behaviors such as self-control and kindness.

Even the best marriages involve two sinners. A godly marriage does not depend on your husband's ability to get his act together and behave lovingly. In light of Titus 2 we must ask, “how well did *you* love your husband?” and toil to love him in a way that adorns the gospel—giving the world a picture of love that is unconditional and covenantal.

*Loving your husband does not mean brushing sinful behavior under the carpet or just holding everything inside. There is a time when it is vital to confide in older godly women, pastors, or counselors who can help you determine the best course of action.

“...and so train the young women to love their husbands.. And **submissive to their own husbands...**”

Like “working at home,” submission can cause an immediate reaction of defensiveness for many women. Cultural influences and poor theology have led many women to believe lies about what submission means and why it would be included in our instructions for biblical womanhood.

God established the divine arrangement of headship and submission as part of the original created order, before the fall. Submission is not a curse. Even within the Trinity we see this paradoxical arrangement- seamless unity with separate roles and different identities, perfectly equality with pure submission. (John 6:38). The submission of Christian wives to their husbands is a beautiful reflection of the Son’s submission to the Father. And the church’s submission to Christ.

Together With husbands who love selflessly and sacrificially, submission puts the gospel story on vivid display. **When a woman**

denies her natural urges to resent her husband, to retaliate, to show bitterness or sarcasm, that is not a spineless, mousy, whimpering puddle of dominated femininity. That is a woman of power who steadfastly trusts in God.

Submission is joyful, glad-hearted, intelligent, loving responsiveness to your husband’s God-ordained position as your spiritual head.

When your husband, and leaders know that we are trusting God to work through their leadership, they are actually more inclined to listen to what we are saying. They feel a greater sense of responsibility and heightened desire to seek the Lord and to lead well. If your husband desires to obey God supremely, he won’t fight you if you have a different perspective on a spiritual issue because he’s more concerned with being right before God than winning an argument.

WHAT SUBMISSION IS NOT

A wife's submission is not to men in general. Every person, man or woman has relationships that require submission --parents, bosses, authorities, leaders of the church

All believers are to have a humble attitude toward one another. Wives however are only called to submit to their own husbands

Submission does not mean a wife is inferior to her husband. Both are equally co heirs with Christ, equally redeemed, equally partakers of spiritual gifts, and equally loved and valued by God

Submission doesn't subject a wife to a life of forced compliance. Husbands are called to serve their wives, to love them and lay down their lives for them. Marriages are meant to pursue holiness together and both seeking the will of God. When this happens there is no friction in submission, but loving service to one another

Submission is not slavish, groveling subservience. Wives are not hired maids, not employees, not children, not slaves. Headship doesn't mean supreme authority- only God has that

Submission does not minimize a wife's intelligence. Being submissive doesn't doom you to a fate of blind, unquestioning obedience. You are your husband's helper, you see and fill in gaps that he cannot do/see without you

Submission does not mean your husband is always right. Your husband is a sinner too. Are you praying for your husband? Before you try to change him, ask God to.

Submission never requires a wife to follow her husband into sin. Your ultimate submission is always to Christ.

Submission never gives license for abuse. If you are being abused, you must seek help. Wherever people abuse the order God has established for any sphere, the problem does not stem from flaws in God's plan, but from humanity's sinful distortion.

Am I generally submissive? (these qualities don't just appear when you put on a wedding band) Am I leadable?

Is your response generally receptive and responsive? Or do you tend to reflexively push back and resist? Is it hard for others to make suggestions or decisions without bracing for your inevitable objection? Are you constantly correcting others and asserting your own dominance?

Make sure you want God's will and glory more than your own way. Our ultimate issue with submission is not our surrender to human leadership-- but rather to God's. Submission trains our hearts to resist what our runaway emotions would demand (another reason Paul emphasizes self-control and sound doctrine).

Submission reflects a perfect relationship between Jesus and the Father. When you are acting in Biblical submission, you are acting like Jesus, and adorning His gospel.

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Like husbands, most women don't need convincing to love their children when they are first brought into their lives.

But like husbands, children are also little sinners and we must learn to love them in the way God wants us to. Sometimes delighting in your children can take a backseat to meeting the demands of your children. How do you hold this impossible task in the balance? With the help of Titus 2 women young and old.

We are all called to open our hearts to children and love them the way Jesus demonstrated for us. You may never birth a child of your own, but you are called to be a spiritual big sister, mother, and grandmother.

Moms have the unique opportunity to live out the gospel through their children. Loving children unconditionally displays God's unconditional love for us. Showing grace and forgiveness to a disobedient child reflects God's character towards us. But even on the best days, mom's jobs can be filled with worry, doubt, fear, guilt. Moms can experience the truth of the gospel that

invites you to turn to Christ and receive His mercy and forgiveness, walking in sustaining grace.

Motherhood is a picture of redemption. It wasn't until after the fall that Adam named woman Eve. When the shadow of death was looming; when Adam and his wife had just called down upon themselves and their future generations the justified curse of death--that is when Adam gives her the name Eve, "Life-giver" We all participate in Eve's life-giving legacy. **Every 28 days our bodies teach us a parable of the shedding of blood for the renewing of life. As women we don't have to look beyond our own biology to see a reminder of the gospel.**

Whether you already have 4 kids, or you don't know if you'll ever give birth to a child, we can all fulfill the command to love and display the gospel to children.

“...and so train the young women...to be self controlled, pure, working at home, kind...”

God is not only interested in what we do, but how we do it. God cares about our motives.

Paul writes in 1 Cor 13:1-3 *“If I speak in the tongues of men and of angels.. If I have prophetic powers, and understand all mysteries and all knowledge... if I give away all that I have and deliver up my body to be burned, but have not love, I gain nothing.”*

In our modern times that verse could be read... *If I have a house so spotless people could eat off the floors, and I can meal prep on a budget, and I host the most popular community group in town, but I don't do it all with kindness, it's nothing.*

When we submit to Christ's lordship and serve others with humility and kindness, our words and actions can have a greater impact on those around us than a hundred sermons or church programs.

People matter more than any other tasks you might accomplish. The goal of our service is to show others the goodness of Christ because when we serve others we serve Christ.

The Titus 2 Model

Why we need Titus 2 and the model of older women teaching younger women

Women don't just wake up at 89 with spiritual maturity and fruit flowing out of them. Leverage your time now to build those characteristics

Leverage singless for the Kingdom of God. Paul says that singleness is best because we can be dedicated solely to pursuing holiness.. Is that really what we are doing?

Leverage your college schedules.

You will never have this much time, flexibility, or access to people!!

Leverage your workspace. You spend more time with your coworkers than anyone else!

Leverage your days with your babies.

The most important thing your children can learn from you is the beauty of the gospel

Leverage retirement. You're not done yet! You might be the only ones with as much time as the college kids.

"She opens her mouth with wisdom, and teaching of kindness [faithful instruction -NIV] is on her tongue" Proverbs 31:26

Everyone is always teaching and always learning- are you teaching/learning what is good?

Your response to gossip teaches

Your conversations in unguarded moments teach

Your reaction to problems teach

Your attitude at the end of a long day, week, month, year teach!

Teach out of your failures. Use them to point to God's grace to redeem sinners. We can't afford to allow past or current failures or foolishness to rob ourselves and others of the blessings God gives when we disciple one another. We are all called to bear the image of Christ, and we can do that best when we pursue it together. **This is God's design for women's ministry.**

Older Women

Younger Women



Together