

Highly applicational section scripture...apply correctly must know context...**explain context**

'I saw her duck' – You need context for application | Rock at her head – Owns pettings zoo

- The context of the Corinthians gathering was one of chaos...over spiritualized gathering Set scene...Free-for-all of spiritual gifts: Hymn – Teaching – Prophecy – Revelation – Tongue
- They were set up for this kind of chaos...churches were in homes...sections of a house Paul is trying to bring order to the chaos – Important...**their order is different than ours**
- We don't meet in homes for corporate gathering...we have a different structure...ok

Big Idea - Orderly worship promotes effective ministry

This does not mean ridged...or less spiritual...or less led by the Holy Spirit...but ordered

- **Why does this matter to you? You should know what expect when you come to church**
- Invited to a Christian conference...paid for it...had no structure | **3 ways church works best**

1. Church works when we are: Solidified in common purpose (v26-33a)

When we gather we should have a solidified common purpose – The Exhalation of Christ

- We cannot come with our own agenda...facing same direction: Word – Song – Service
- ²⁶What then, brothers? When you come together, each one has a hymn, a lesson, a revelation, a tongue, or an interpretation. Let all things be done for building up.
- People were coming with their gifts...but there was pining for position. **Craig in corner**
- ²⁷If any speak in a tongue, let there be only two or at most three, and each in turn, and let someone interpret. ²⁸But if there is no one to interpret, let each of them keep silent in church and speak to himself and to God.

- Speak in tongues...known earthly languages...get in line...interpret...if not...stay silent
- Multi-cultural churches: Greek – Hebrew – Latin – Aramaic...these needed interpreting
- This verse also goes against spontaneous uncontrolled outbursts of language...silent

²⁹Let two or three prophets speak, and let the others weigh what is said.

- It was not uncommon to have more than one speaker in their gatherings...be in turn
- ³⁰If a revelation is made to another sitting there, let the first be silent.

- **Imagine you're in a small group...and someone is leading that group...**

- **Have you ever had the Lord lay something on your heart to say?** **Not our corporate**

Edify believers - Cohere with Scripture - Discourage competition

³¹For you can all prophesy one by one, so that all may learn and all be encouraged, ³²and the spirits of prophets are subject to prophets. ³³For God is not a God of confusion but of peace.

- Get purpose right...there may be multiple people proclaiming the word...agreement
- This is an argument for us all to be bound to and bound by the Word of God**
- **How many of us can say there are complicated things about the Scriptures?**
 - **Can we also agree that the Lord desires clarity and peace over confusion?**
- It takes prophets to help us find that clarity...someone speaking and it just made sense?**
- It's the Holy Spirit at work...bringing illumination from the Bible to our hearts and minds
- Order does not restrict the work of the Holy Spirit...it enhances it – Sermon Prep**

2. Church works when we are: Structured in biblical position (v33b-35)

As in all the churches of the saints, ³⁴the women should keep silent in the churches. For they are not permitted to speak, but should be in submission, as the Law also says. **Joke**

If there passage in the NT...caused more confusion and controversy...I'm not sure what it is For many, these verses seem to be a tool for oppression, or simply a relic of a bygone era that has no place in our modern church – **Neither of these things are true**

'As in all the churches of the saints' connects the idea that this teaching is universal

- To understand Paul's command for silence...understand the chaos he was addressing.

- The Corinthian church was a hotbed of spiritual immaturity and disorder
- Gatherings: speaking in tongues with no interpreter, prophets were interrupting one another, and members were using the service as a stage for self-glorification.

- 1 Cor. 11 encourages women to pray & sharing Scripture, isn't absolute prohibition

Paul is connecting this to the Law...the first five books...talking about created order

- Adam was created first then Eve, and Eve was created as a helper for Adam.
 - Men = Are called to lead with integrity – Love sacrificially – Provide – Protect
 - Women = Noble character – Helper – Nurturer – Caregiver – Teacher – Contributor
- Those are roles – wives are called to submit to the spiritual leadership of the husband**
- In order to keep in step with God's design...men hold the office of elder | **Wife Elder**
- So, yes, we as Vertical Church are "for" women in ministry where Scripture permits**
- 35 If there is anything they desire to learn, let them ask their husbands at home. For it is shameful for a woman to speak in church.**

- **Is this saying women should never ask questions in any church context? No! Why?**

Paul's concern is not curiosity—it's confusion of God's design

- Not trying silence women —keep things from turning into a debate | **No Context Here**

⇒ **To women:** Your voice matters here. God gifts, calls, and equips you. You are essential

- But God, in His design, has given the role of local church elders to men T

- That doesn't diminish you—it highlights His design – Don't hear limitation

- Don't hear limitation; God's care for the beauty and clarity of His church – **Abuse**

⇒ **To men:** If God calls you to leadership, don't be passive. Lead Like Christ

A church where women are demeaned is disobedient; a church where men renounce responsibility is dysfunctional – We're doing right...liked Vertical yesterday...will tomorrow

3. Church works when we are: Surrendered with controlled passion (v36-40)

³⁶Or was it from you that the word of God came? - Anticipated the question

Or are you the only ones it has reached? – Have you cornered the market on Scripture?

- Paul knows that there is going to be push-back...he's telling them how to worship
- Here's why...it's biblical...look at what Paul says next in verse 37

³⁷If anyone thinks that he is a prophet, or spiritual, he should acknowledge that the things I am writing to you are a command of the Lord.

- Strong words...but how many of us love authority – **Red Button – Straight Line**
- By nature, we struggle with authority...but here is where you have to get to...
If God's Word says it...I'll believe it...I'll act like it – We are surrendered to it
- **Take women, because of created order, not being allowed to be pastors of elders**
- **'I don't agree with that' – Tough Squash – We're surrendered to the Scriptures**

I didn't say it...Paul did - ³⁸If anyone does not recognize this, he is not recognized.

If you disregard the word, you should be disregarded

³⁹So, my brothers, earnestly desire to prophesy, and do not forbid speaking in tongues.

Closing thought...already talked desiring prophecy and restrictions around tongues

⁴⁰But all things should be done decently and in order.

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- Are we here on purpose with expectations knowing that God will work
- Are we solidified in our positions...trusting the Lord with our role in the church
- Are we surrendered to the Scriptures with controlled passion