

## Upcoming Events



## Message Notes

May 12, 2024

**You Asked For It: "How is it okay for women to be pastors?"**

Romans 12:6-8; Timothy 2:11-12

### **Evidence FOR women in all forms of ministry leadership:**

Old Testament:

- Creation - Genesis 1:27
- Miriam a prophet (mouthpiece for God) - Exodus 15:20
- Deborah a prophet and judge - Judges 4-5
- Hulduh a prophet - 2 Kings 22:11-20

New Testament:

- Anna a prophet - Luke 2:36-37
- Woman at the well an evangelist - John 4:1-42
- Women first to preach the resurrection - Matthew 28:8-10; Mark 16:9-10; Luke 24:9-10; John 20:17-18
- Great Commission for all including teaching - Matthew 28:18b-20
- Holy Spirit on all believers including women - Acts 2:17 quoting Joel 2:28-29
- Various gifts of the Spirit given to believers - Romans 12:6-8; 1 Corinthians 12:1-7; Ephesians 4:7, 11-13
- Phoebe a deacon - Romans 16:1
- Pricilla teaches Apollos - Acts 18:24-26
- Junia an outstanding apostle - Romans 16:7

**Evidence some use AGAINST women in all forms of ministry leadership:**

- Qualifications for elders - 1 Timothy 3:1-7; Titus 1:6-9 (In the original Greek, Paul doesn't use male pronouns, and never says a woman can't be an elder.)
- Women be silent and not have authority over men - 1 Corinthians 11:2-16; 14:34-35 (Doesn't universally bar women from leading - similar arguments as the next passage.)
- 1 Timothy 2:11-12 - Is this properly translated? Is this universal or contextual?
  - Disputed translation in 2:12, Greek word *authentēin* - only place it's used in the Bible. Likely means Paul doesn't permit women to teach men in a domineering or controlling way, rather than universally barring women from teaching.
  - Universal or Contextual?
    - 2:7 - what follows relates to Paul's specific mission to the Gentiles (use of "therefore" in vs. 8)
    - 2:8-10 - agreed by all that these are contextual
    - 2:15 - agreed to be contextual
    - 2:14-15 - good evidence to suggest these are refuting false teachings happening in Ephesus - contextual
    - If all the others are contextual, it suggests that 11-12 are also contextual, not universal - ESPECIALLY considering all the other biblical evidence supporting women in all roles of ministry leadership.