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How to Handle Hard Words // Scott Bowen

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As some of you have noticed, our study of 1 Timothy is about to bring us into some portions of the Bible that are hard, often disagreed upon, perhaps offensive, potentially abused, and just plain easy to skip! If you don't know what I'm talking about, start reading in 1 Timothy 2:8.

As much challenge as there is in this passage, there is far more opportunity. As we have seen, Paul is describing how the church behaves in order to be a pillar of the truth, guiding the world away from spiritual shipwreck. The right understanding and joyful practice of God's design for men and women to live and serve in complete equality and perfect complementarity is part of that.

My goal this Sunday, June 2, is to lay down some guidelines that will help to calm the anxiety and noise that we might bring to a passage like this, so that we can hear it for what it really is. Here they are:

First, God is good.

Second, As the word of a good God, all the Bible is good and worthy of our trust.

Third, all the Bible is both cultural and timeless.

Fourth, we interpret Scripture with Scripture.

Fifth, our goal when reading the Bible is to grow in the grace and knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.

Our text will be 2 Peter 3:14-18. If by chance you're not able to be with us in person this Sunday, please listen to this sermon before June 9th!

Then next week, June 9th, we will work through the text of 1 Timothy 2:8-15. I do hope that God will be gracious to grow us in a right understanding and joyful practice of his design for men and women. Even if we don't all end up agreeing on what exactly that looks like in practice, I trust that spending time in a passage like this will be how God also grows us in our convictions about the goodness and authority of Scripture, and our willingness to live that out even when it's hard or there is disagreement.

I'd appreciate your prayers for me as I study and prepare for these next couple of weeks, and for the church as we grow in that value that always has and always will mark us – submission to biblical authority.

-Scott Bowen