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How To Be A Church Girl

Hosea 1:2-3

INTRODUCTION

NOTES

Based on today’s text, I want to suggest that Gomer models for us what it means to be a church girl. She is a strong, beautiful woman who didn’t let society, men and institutional religion put constraints and limitations on how to live her life. That’s what it means to be a church girl. Church girls have a voice and use it, even if it makes others uncomfortable when they see your strength. This sermon is about who gets to define what it means to be a church girl. And Gomer shows us that a church girl avoids the trap of letting the patriarchal views of men, the ecclesiastical views of institutional religion, and the sexist views of society delimit her options and silence her voice.

KEY POINTS

1. A church girl is a Christian woman who lets God define her.

Church girls realize that Scripture, not tradition, is their sole source of authority, and Scripture teaches that we are all made in the image of God, not in the image of men. When women grasp that their value is not determined by their relation to a man, whether she is married, or has given birth to children, that’s when a breakthrough happens. She realizes that her sense of worth extends beyond her womb; that her life journey is not just being barefoot and pregnant. God has given her gifts and talents to use for His Kingdom, and nothing any human being says or does can change that. The Lord defines a church girl; society doesn’t.

Whatever your story, don’t let the world define you, let God do it. That’s what Gomer did. When you study her name, you discover that “Gomer” in Hebrew means “complete.” Even though Gomer was demonized and shamed because of her strength, Gomer understood that it’s not what people call you that matters, it’s what you answer to. Don’t let people in the church shame you.

The other day I saw an entire Instagram page dedicated to presenting the image of a good Christian woman. It encouraged women to be modest, stop sharing their opinions, and be submissive and pure.

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QUESTIONS TO CONSIDER

1. Before you heard this message, how would you have defined a “church girl” in your own words?
2. When was a time you let someone or something other than God define you? How did that have an effect on you?
3. What does God say is true about you according to Scripture? Research some verses that speak directly to your identity and meditate on them this week as you seek to find your identity in Him.
