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| 1  1 Timothy 2:8-15 Sermon Outline  01/21/24  “A Woman’s True Liberation”  INTRO:  Summer 2023 CMA typically conservative evangelical denom. = 60% ordain women as pastors/allow women to have “pastor” as title  CMA President Jim Stumbo, urged delegates to respect different interpretations of NT verses on church leadership  *“Do not think that just because someone disagrees with your biblical position that they don’t love the Word of God, honor the authority of the Word of God, and hold true to its core teachings,” he said. “Everyone I’ve spoken to across the country has come with a thoughtful position. … We have the right, privilege, and necessity of having a mutual respectability for each other.”* | 2  And to that I want to say who is your god?  Mutual respectability, winsomeness, being “nice” to people?  OR  Authority of Scripture?  Test everything against Scripture  When culture = “it’s wrong to not allow woman pastors”  You: “What does Scripture say?”  This topic is “controversial” = should not be  -I personally don’t think so  Past 2000 years = not controversial for most people  Normative interpretation = only men can be pastors and women submitted to men |
| 3  Only in 1969 first objection to traditional interpretation came up in Academic circles/papers  Have we become so enlightened just now that we just now realize that we were wrong that women can’t be pastors?  Problems we see today = mainline denom. Caving into this = failure in allowing culture to dictate what the church believes, how church to worship  Once we compromise with the culture, we start to kill the church  The biblical roles of women being submissive to their husbands, staying at home and raising children has been attacked more than ever  Many call it “oppressive” not liberated from the home  No roles and being a stay-at home mom is not the most fulfilling purpose of a woman  Those all lies from enemy | 4  God = clearly laid out in Word what is truly liberating for a woman.  It is by fulfilling those roles = true liberation  MAIN POINT:  Today’s passage will teach you that women are truly liberated by getting married and raising up godly children for the next generation. Not only that, but V. 15 = they are also protected or saved from sin and disaster by not stepping out of authority structure that God has placed for family and church  In other words, a submissive woman will save herself from ruin/disaster when focus = home/godly children  2 Necessities = truly liberated need to know  1. “Liberation Through Inner Beauty” VV. 8-10  2. “Liberation Through Submission” VV. 11-15 |
| 5  1. Necessity: “Liberation Through Inner Beauty” VV. 8-10  Before we get to beauty = first = men  Last week we looked at nature of the gospel from 1 Tim. 2:1-7  In response to glorious gospel V. 8  Men should “*pray, lifting up holy hands, without wrath and dissension*.”  Lifting up holy hands = common expression of prayer in Judaism  Men who lead congregation = pure, holy men.  *“Who may ascend into the mountain of Yahweh? And who may rise in His holy place? He who has innocent hands and a pure heart, Who has not lifted up his soul to worthlessness And has not sworn deceitfully.”* | 6  In light of how glorious gospel is, all men in church leadership united in prayer = gospel to go forth unhindered  False teaching/anything causes wrath/dissension = not to be tolerated  Then Paul switches to implications for glory of gospel for women  V. 9 *“Likewise, I want women to adorn themselves with proper clothing, modestly and discreetly, not with braided hair and gold or pearls or costly garments, but rather by means of good works, as is proper for women making a claim to godliness.”*  Temptation for women in that culture/today’s = place worth, value, beauty on outside appearance  To put into context, women in churches at Ephesus = dressing up in super expensive clothing = likely provocative at same time |
| 7  Women of prominence who could afford luxury items = set trends for culture  empress of Rome was known for putting her hair in braids and laying it with gold, pearls, etc.  Point: they were dressing to distract and draw attention to self  Not pointing to Christ  Likely creating envy/jealousy and inciting lust  Look Paul is not saying: women can’t look nice  -homeless/no makeup  ILLUSTRATION:  Pastor’s wife wearing makeup, and approached by another women  “are you saying that I should look like a zombie?” | 8  Ladies, it is ok to look and dress nice for church. Not even necessarily wrong to adopt some popular clothes that are trending in your fashion  Don’t show up to church with pajamas (same for men)  I think we should dress our best to show honor and respect to our Lord on Sundays  But comes down to intentions of heart  What is your goal in dressing that way?  Worship Christ or gain approval of people?  1 Peter 3:3-4 says something similar, *“Your adornment must not be merely external—braiding the hair, and wearing gold jewelry, or putting on dresses; but let it be the hidden person of the heart, with the imperishable quality of a gentle and quiet spirit, which is precious in the sight of God.”*  Then V. 10 Paul defines what it means to adorn yourself with proper clothing |
| 9  Not by external appearance, but with “good works”  If you claim to know Christ, if you claim to be godly = life should match what comes out of your lips  Jm. 2:26 ***“****For just as the body without the spirit is dead, so also faith without works is dead.”*  That’s whole argument of book right?  True faith always accompanied by works  Not = faith + works = requirement salvation  Rather = genuiness of faith is evidenced by works/fruit  Precious in God’s sight = obedience  Not in hairdo, how you look  When you come to understand true beauty is defined by Christ shining through you, then that is truly liberating | 10  Jm. 1:25  *“But one who looks intently at the perfect law, the law of freedom, and abides by it, not having become a forgetful hearer but a doer of the work, this man will be blessed in what he does.”*  Blessing to live your life free from the pressures of this culture to live up to an unlivable standard  TRANSITION:  Not only that this is necessary for true liberation but true liberation comes from submission.  “Liberation Through Submission” VV. 11-15  V. 11  *“A woman must quietly receive instruction with entire submissiveness. But I do not allow a woman to teach or exercise authority over a man, but to remain quiet.”*  Women = learners in quietness |
| 11  “Learn” = manthano comes from word for “disciple” = matheteis  Some women = not submitting to teachings of leadership of church  Instead not being quiet but objecting and interrupting teaching of Word of God  Not only that = teaching/exercising authority over men  Again, women to remain quiet  1 Cor. 14:35  ***“****If they desire to learn anything, let them ask their own husbands at home; for it is improper for a woman to speak in church.”*  Paul is not meaning soon as you step foot into door of church, you can’t say anything  -That would be weird! | 12  Meaning: women don’t disrupt orderliness of church and God forbids women from teaching/exercising authority over men  Why? Grounded in order of creation  VV. 13-14  *“For it was Adam who was first created, and then Eve. And it was not Adam who was deceived, but the woman being deceived, fell into transgression.”*  Adam not created first for no reason  Adam, men, created = 1st = leaders in church/home  women = 2nd = followers/helpers to men  Created 2nd = not mean inferiority  Both equal  For some word “submission” = most horrifying/oppressive word you can say |
| 13  We must separate submission from any negative connotations  Not bad, negative, oppressive  “Submission” = huptage = lit. ranked underneath someone  Military term = general to sergeant  sergeant obeys order general not because general better, but because there needs to be proper order  sergeant might be smarter, wiser, stronger than general but nonetheless must obey  If war tactic being planned and army lets everyone do their own thing = chaos  Same applies to church  God designed church and home to be properly ordered = one unifying message to world that *“there is one God, and one mediator also between God and man, the man Christ Jesus”* | 14  Submission is not based off of one’s giftedness  I’m sure females out there in churches who are better preachers than their pastor, but they are to listen and obey the leadership of church  Submission also not = can’t teach other women/children  -Only help advance kingdom  Submission also not = women can’t learn theology like seminary students  -Again kingdom only would be advanced  Encourage both  Now…some trying to find loophole out of obvious command 1 Tim. 2:12 = unique to churches in Ephesus  argue = “exercising authority” = domineering authority  Not only is that forced reading into text but fails because Paul grounds argument in creation |
| 15  Creation order = binding for all cultures, all churches, for all time  1 Cor. 11:3  *“But I want you to understand that Christ is the head of every man, and the man is the head of a woman, and God is the head of Christ.”*  Now we need to be careful about these verses relation among Trinity  Paul simply pointing out there is order to everything  But ordering does not necessarily imply subordination  Because Christ is not subordinate to the Father  If He is, that is called subordinationism which is a heresy  Point: Even in Trinity there is a proper ordering | 16  Normative practice and example Scripture is men leading and teaching church and home  Any prophetess = ministry outside of church and temporary  None of apostles were women  -Surely if both men and women can be pastors,  then at least a couple of 12 apostles would have  been women  But none are  Strongest argument you can give is Deborah who was judge  But even Deborah affirmed rightness of male leadership  -Her ministry was private not public  -Rebuked Barak for failing to lead |
| 17  Judg. 4:9  *“So she said, “I will surely go with you; nevertheless, the honor shall not be yours on the journey that you are about to take, for Yahweh will sell Sisera into the hand of a woman.” Then Deborah arose and went with Barak to Kedesh.”*  In other words, Sisera will be killed by woman because you as a man failed to lead nation into battle  Here’s kicker:  V. 14 Not Adam who was deceived but woman being deceived fell into trespass  Other words: Because Eve stepped outside of her God-ordained role to confer and submit to her husband Adam, she became vulnerable to the Serpent’s lies and fell into sin  She removed herself outside of what was designed to protect you | 18  Submission = good thing when according to God’s design  Submission not taboo/not a filthy word  Think about submission:  Everyone submits to something or someone  Yes women submit to men, but men have to submit to Christ too  ILLUSTRATION:  Ironic: Men who want to enlist in military to get away from authority and orders  Bible commands you to submit to your husbands  1 Peter 3:5-6  *“in this way in former times the holy women also, who hoped in God, used to adorn themselves, being subject to their own husbands,* |
| 19  *just as Sarah obeyed Abraham, calling him lord. You have become her children if you do good, not fearing any intimidation.”*  So what’s antidote for woman trying to find liberation through teaching and exercising authority over men?  What are they to “put on” in the “put off/put on” principle?  You are to put off immodest, extravagant clothing and put on good works  You are to put off interruptions in church and desire to teach and exercise authority over men  What do you put on?  Answer V. 15:  *“But she will be saved through the bearing of children, if they continue in faith and love and sanctification with self-restraint.”* | 20  She is to put on God-ordained role as home-keeper/mother = raised up godly children for next generation  Only then find true liberation  But by sticking to home as faithful and submissive wife and mother, save yourself from falling into same pitfall Eve fell into when she stepped outside authority structure…  Sticking to the home is not oppressive. It in fact truly liberates you to be the woman God designed you to be  ILLUSTRATION:  Pastor was asked what he thought of Beth Moore being a pastor:  Pastor: “Go Home”  She needs to stop preaching immediately, close her Bible and sermon notes, walk off stage, and have an actual preacher who is male |
| 21  All women pastors need to “go home” because that is where you will find true fulfillment according to Word of God  Goal of woman = not desiring to one up every man or your husband,  trying to prove like the song that anything they can do, you can do better  It is not in trying to climb the corporate ladder to be most powerful, recognized and most paid member of company  It is finding/embracing identity as mother tasked with immense privilege and responsibility/raising kids in strength/admonition of Lord  Ladies = immense role to play for kingdom of Christ  Primary teacher of children, spending most time with them  God assigned you mothers with task to raise up next generation of godly children for gospel/glory | 22  God = delighted when godly mother does all she can to lead children to Christ.  Culture = look down on you antequated/backwards  but  God is very pleased  Now…I want to recognize that not every woman will be married  -Some called to singleness  God has other plans to glorify Himself through you  Also I want to recognize some women work part-time or even full-time while trying to raise a family  Not ideal situation but…rising costs/inflation how expensive it is to live today at least in America  Sometimes no choice but to work full-time to support husband’s full-time work |
| 23  Women in the church, unless called to singleness your primary duty according to 1 Timothy 2:15 is to be a homekeeper and a mother who raised up godly offspring for Lord  If physically unable to have children, then consider adoption  So, men, lead church in prayer with holy life for unity of gospel go forth  Women, find true freedom in how God sees you, not in what man sees you  Inner person that matters  Ladies, just to let you know that the way you present yourself to others is usually a reflection of who you are on the inside  Nothing wrong with looking beautiful or putting on makeup  But examine yourself: is wardrobe dictated by culture or by God | 24  Ladies = you will also find true liberation = sticking to home and in being a mother, not stepping into role that God has not designed you for  Submitting to husband is protection again same sin that Eve committed back in the garden  This world desperate need of godly generation = take up mantle of gospel  Mothers = key role in that process  Sins of world seek to uproot/dismantle truth of gospel from church  Seeks to create society where “everyone does what is right in their own eyes” = Judges says  Seeks to destroy authority and structure = nobody accountable to anyone  Notion of authority = attacked by spirit of age  Goes back to garden where curse for Eve’s sin = desire to control husband |
| 25  Rebellion against authority not in women alone, but men too  Adam knowing it was wrong, still rebelled!  Satan poses same exact questions to you today to question the authority of God  “Did God really say…?”  “Are you sure God really is telling you not to do this for your own good?”  “Isn’t God being a little bit too oppressive?”  “Nobody’s going to be hurt by doing this…”  Truth is not only live in fallen world, but you yourself fallen to core  Without Christ, you will only rebel against His lordship each and every time | 26  In your natural state you will not truly submit to anyone because you only submit to yourself  Only Christ can set you free from bondage to self  Only Christ can enable you to joyfully submit to another  You first must be set free from all other bondages  From bondage to sin  Christ broke bondage to sin when He became a slave Himself to die for your sin on that cross  He became subject to the curse of sin so that you would be set free from bondage to sin  No longer slave to sin, but slave to righteousness  Bondage = not of misery of peace, blessedness and unspeakable joy |
| 27  A yoke = easy  Burden = light  Only through submitting first to the lordship of Christ can you reverse what Adam and Eve did in the garden  Only by submitting every part of your being to Christ can you then joyfully submit to your husband  Jesus says John 8:34-36  *“Truly, truly, I say to you, everyone who commits sin is the slave of sin. And the slave does not remain in the house forever; the son does remain forever. So if the Son makes you free, you will be free indeed.”*  God’s question to you is:  “Has the Son set you free?”  Let’s pray | 28 |