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A Biblical perspective on
things we don't talk about

Women and Leadership

(1 Timothy 2:11-12, 1 Corinthians 11:5, 14:34, Romans 16)

Taboo sermon series

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BIG IDEA: To have a robust understanding of what the bible says about women in leadership, we must consider the context and totality of scripture, and take our cues from the early church.

Consider _____

- Jewish culture in the first century was decidedly patriarchal.
- Generally marrying young, a woman was almost always under the protection and authority of a man.
- Jesus brought counter cultural status to women.
- When reading the Pastoral Epistles, we are reading other people's mail.

Consider the _____

- Our focus should be on *WHY* the words of the text were written.
- The New Testament does not make such a distinction between prophesying and teaching.
- When the early church met for worship, all the people were encouraged to make a contribution to the service.
- The transcultural principle here is this: don't cause disruptions during the service.
- Romans 16 mentions ten different women who were engaged in various kinds of ministries.

- If false teaching is a concern of Paul's epistles, it is *THE* concern of 1 Timothy.
- The word that is usually translated "to have authority over" in verse 12 does not occur anywhere else in the New Testament and is not the usual Greek word for "authority".

Taking _____ from the _____

([Acts 2:17-21](#))

- In Christ, racial, societal, and gender barriers have been broken down so that all are made one.

NEXT STEP:

- How would your time in God's word be different if you asked the "why?" question as you read?
- What steps can you take to become more aware of the context that scripture was written in?
- Who are people that you can dialogue with about women and leadership that will grow you from where you are currently?
- If you are a man, who are women that you can encourage in their leadership ability? If you are a woman, who are other women who need to be empowered and encouraged to pursue their leadership gifts?

FOR MY PERSONAL TIME WITH GOD THIS WEEK:

1. Review all of the pertinent scripture from today, either by yourself or with others, and see what God is saying to you.
2. Prayerfully consider how you can help to shape a church culture that empower young women (and men) to pursue ministry and leadership.

NEXT WEEK: TABOO topic: **SUICIDE**