



PAUL'S JOURNEY – PART 3: THE LIBERATING POWER OF THE GOSPEL (MOTHER'S DAY)

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WORSHIP

Begin your group with a time of worship. If someone in your group can lead worship, invite them to lead two or three songs. Alternatively, consider using one or more of these songs from our Sunday morning worship time:

- **Again And Again** (*Red Rocks Worship*)
- **You Keep Your Promises** (*Charity Gayle*)
- **Jireh** (*Elevation Worship*)

SCRIPTURE REFERENCES

- Galatians 3:28
- Ephesians 4:17
- Ephesians 5:1-2, 18-25, 31-33
- Genesis 1:27-28, 2:18-20

OPENING QUESTION

Begin your session with a prayer, asking God to guide your discussion and help you apply the teachings to your lives.

KEY TAKEAWAYS

1. The gospel levels the playing field, seeing everyone through the same eyes of love regardless of ethnicity, gender, or social status.
2. God's original design for men and women was as co-partners in mission, equally valuable but different.
3. Sin disrupted the ideal relationship between men and women, leading to unhealthy extremes like patriarchy and radical feminism.

4. Paul's teachings in Ephesians present a Christ-centered approach to relationships, emphasizing mutual submission and self-sacrificial love.
5. Jesus reorients families under His leadership, elevating all socially dishonored members to have an equal seat at the table.

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. How have you seen or experienced the "leveling power of the gospel" in your own life or community?
2. Discuss the concept of men and women as "co-partners in mission." How does this differ from cultural views you've encountered?
3. What are some ways you've observed the effects of sin disrupting relationships between men and women in today's society?
4. Share an experience where you've seen mutual submission and self-sacrificial love transform a relationship.
5. How can we, as a church community, better reflect God's original design for men and women working together?
6. For the mothers in the group: What encouragement from the sermon resonated most with you? For non-mothers: How can you better support and value the mothers in your life?

PRACTICAL APPLICATIONS

1. This week, identify one way you can show Christ-like, self-sacrificial love to your spouse, family member, or close friend.
2. For married couples: Discuss with your spouse how you can better support each other's strengths and callings.
3. Look for opportunities to affirm and encourage the women in your life, especially mothers, acknowledging their value and importance.

CLOSING PRAYER

End your session by praying for God's wisdom in applying these teachings, for healing in relationships, and for the strength to live out the gospel's liberating power in your daily lives.