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**Elephants
in the
Room**

Part 4: Women in Ministry

Men vs. Women

Both genders are made in God's image.

Gen. 1:21; John 4:24

Gender is temporary, you are eternal.

Matthew 22:30

Our differences go away when we are hidden in Jesus.

Galatians 3:26-28

Men vs. Women

Male authority is established in the context of marriage.

Ephesians 5:21-25

Physical strength does not equal spiritual strength.

1 Peter 3:7

Female ministers in Scripture

Miriam - Exodus 15:20

Deborah - Judges 4 & 5

Phoebe - Romans 16:1-2

Priscilla - Romans 16:3-5; Acts 18:26

Junia - Romans 16:7

Euodia & Syntyche - Phil. 4:2-3

Eunice & Lois - 1 Timothy 1:5

Jesus' female disciples:

Mark 15:41 (traveled)

Luke 8:1-3 (traveled and supported);

Luke 24:10 (saw Jesus was resurrected)

Acts 1:14 (present at Pentecost)

Mary of Bethany – **Luke 10:39; John 12:3**

**The first scripture seeming to
prohibit female ministers:**

1 Corinthians 14:34-35

1. No one believes this

**2. Women are given permission to pray
and prophecy in **1 Cor. 11:1****

“Wives must not disrupt worship, talking when they should be listening, asking questions that could more appropriately be asked of their husbands at home. God’s Book of the law guides our manners and customs here. Wives have no license to use the time of worship for unwarranted speaking.”

1 Corinthians 14:34-35 (MSG)

**Second scripture seeming to
prohibit female ministers:**

1 Timothy 2:11-15

- 1) All learning must be done in submission.**
- 2) *Gynē* can be translated woman or wife.**
- 3) “Usurp authority” means to kill,
dominate or master.**
- 4) Saved through childbearing.**

**Limiting women in ministry
doesn't make sense.**



**Are you willing
to embrace
female
leaders?**