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**Presuppositions**

- Woman is defined as an adult biological female; and marriage is between one biological male and one biological female.
- Biblical view that God gives wives/women a unique relational equivalence with the Bride of Christ (the Church) and as such, she is fiercely guarded by Jesus.

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**Presuppositions**

- Feminine concepts in theory will be discussed without advocacy of how it shows up in the real world. I am not a woman, in some areas I will have limited grasp of the totality of issues impacting women.
- A candid conversation about REAL-LIFE issues impacting women in a respectful manner, not gratuitous.

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**Presuppositions**

- This is NOT man-splaining, but teaching biblical principles without adhering to socio-political dogma.
- This is not an attack on any particular group or demographic.

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A VERY POPULAR PREACHER  
SPEAKS ON SUBMISSION & ABUSE

Listen to what is said, not who is saying it.

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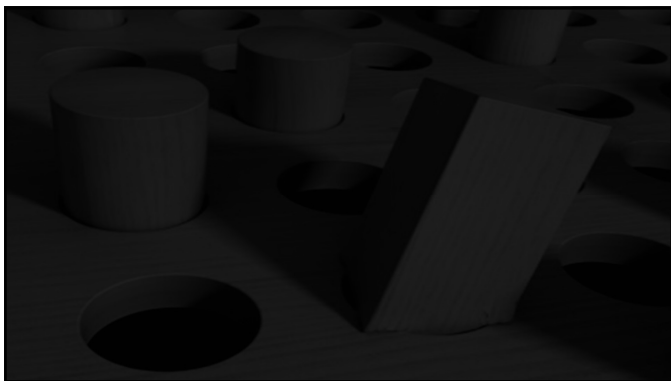
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**Concerning Statistics for Women  
(National Coalition Against Domestic Violence)**

- 1 in 4 women and 1 in 9 men experience severe intimate partner physical violence, intimate partner contact sexual violence, and/or intimate partner stalking with impacts such as injury, fearfulness, post-traumatic stress disorder, use of victim services, contraction of sexually transmitted diseases, etc.

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- 1 in 3 women and 1 in 4 men have experienced some form of physical violence by an intimate partner. This includes a range of behaviors (e.g. slapping, shoving, pushing) and in some cases might not be considered "domestic violence."
- 1 in 4 women and 1 in 7 men have been victims of severe physical violence (e.g. beating, burning, strangling) by an intimate partner in their lifetime.

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**Concerning Statistics for Women  
(National Coalition Against Domestic Violence)**

- 1 in 15 children are exposed to intimate partner violence each year, and 90% of these children are eyewitnesses to this violence.
- Only 34% of people who are injured by intimate partners receive medical care for their injuries.
- 1 in 5 women and 1 in 71 men in the United States has been raped in their lifetime.

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**Concerning Statistics for Women  
(National Coalition Against Domestic Violence)**

- Almost half of female (46.7%) and male (44.9%) victims of rape in the United States were raped by an acquaintance. Of these, 45.4% of female rape victims and 29% of male rape victims were raped by an intimate partner.
- 72% of all murder-suicides involve an intimate partner; **94% of the victims of these murder suicides are female.**

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**RESOURCES:**

1. Tell someone.
2. Calvary has nurses, medical personnel, teachers, pastors, and many other professionals.

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**THE BIBLE'S MOST HATED PASSAGE BY WOMEN**

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<sup>22</sup>Wives, submit yourselves to your own husbands as you do to the Lord.

Ephesians 5:21-24 (NIV)

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<sup>23</sup>For the husband is the head of the wife as Christ is the head of the church, his body, of which he is the Savior. <sup>24</sup>Now as the church submits to Christ, so also wives should submit to their husbands...in everything.

-- Everything is not literally everything (xref 1 Cor. 6:12)

Ephesians 5:21-24 (NIV)

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**WHICH STANDARD WOULD YOU PREFER TO BE HELD TO?  
Jesus or the Church?**

1. Who gives limitless grace and forgiveness?
2. Who loves unconditionally no matter how egregious the trespass?
3. Who is always faithful and cherishes the one that is unfaithful to them?
4. Which model would you rather God hold you to?

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**WHY SUBMISSION?**

- Order (Gen 1, 1 Cor. 14:33)
- Conformation to Christ's model in Ephesians 5 is a pathway to relational transformation and restoration to the Imago Dei in Gen 1.
- Model Christ and the Church; wives model the church, and husbands model Christ.
- Cooperation, structured teamwork to accomplish the mission or a goal.

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<sup>21</sup>Cooperate, work as a team with one another out of reverence for Christ.

<sup>22</sup>Wives, cooperate, be a team player with your own husbands as you do with the Lord.

What good husbands and wives really want is **COOPERATION**

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Women and men are typically wanting the same things, but expressed differently.

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**WHEN IS A WIFE NOT OBLIGATED TO SUBMIT?**

When the request is:

- Illegal
- Immoral
- Unethical
- Unbiblical

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**QUIZ**

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**4 Waves of the Modern Western Feminist Movement**

Feminism has been complex movement fighting for righteous and very unbiblical positions. Modern feminism has done more harm than good.

- **1st Wave** - 19th and early-20th centuries, promoting women's suffrage, right to vote.
- **2nd Wave** - (approx. 1960s) the women's liberation movement, campaigning for legal and social equality for women. Burning bras, abortion rights

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**4 Waves of the Modern Western Feminist Movement**

- **3rd Wave** - (approx. 1992) was identified, characterized by a focus on individuality and diversity.
- **4th Wave** (approx. 2012) social media to combat sexual harassment, violence against women and rape culture; it is best known for the #MeToo movement (Harvey Weinstein, Bill Cosby, SBC, Ravi Zacharias, Bill Hybels, etc.)

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**BIBLICAL FEMINISM**

- **(Pastor's Definition)** A Christ-centered philosophy that seeks to call the Church to live into the true teachings of Christ in theology, doctrine, and practice, regarding equality of personhood between the women and men (**Gal. 3:28 - neither male or female**), that moves from Genesis 3's Fall model and pursues the Kingdom's relationship model established in Genesis 1:26-28.

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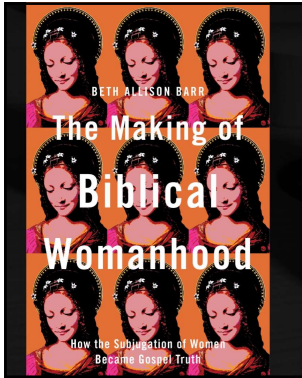
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This book is recommended for its historical insights to the treatment of women by the Christian church. It can provide framing to understand today's climate. Pastor Henry does not agree with many of the conclusions drawn in the book but find usable information to inform the church.

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**GOD'S DESIGN FOR WOMEN**

- **Bring Life (Gen. 1:28, 3:20)** — Women were designed to bear the Image of God. Mary, Jesus' mother, is referred to theokotos, "God-bearer." (Matt. 1:23).
- **Complete (Gen 2:17, 19)** — Woman is made as a helper but is better understood as the missing piece that completes the Imago Dei.
- **Rule** — Both were designed to rule over creation and stewards well all of creation. Enforce God's decrees (Gen. 1:28-30).

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**WHAT WOMANHOOD IS NOT?**

- Worldly, secular standards of beauty
- Successful children
- Sexual prowess / High number of sexual partners
- Quiet/submissive or strong/independent attitudes
- Size of your social media platform
- Popularity or being liked by everyone
- Male attention
- Being someone you're not in order to fit in

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**Challenges for Women Desiring Marriage**

- Most U.S. modern men are not cultivated to be biblical husbands, and hold unbiblical views about sex, marriage, and relationships.
- 2nd, 3rd, and 4th wave feminism and other hyper-feminist philosophies have miseducated men and women with an adversarial understanding of womanhood and relationships.

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**Challenges for Women Desiring Marriages**

- Without a biblical mandate and framework, there is little to no incentive legally, financially, and mentally, to get married in the current culture.
- Femininity and cooperativeness are still #1 factors that gain entry to marriage.
- The Church is out of touch — Purity culture failed; A compromised Christian dating culture is indistinguishable from the world; sex is not valued.

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**CHARACTER**

Biblical Definition of Womanhood

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**PROVERBS 31 WOMAN**

Character/Reputation/Values (5 verses)  
 -- Proverbs 31:10, 25, 26, 29, 30

Family Relationships (4 vv.)  
 -- Proverbs 31:11, 12, 28, 30

Business/Entrepreneurial (5 vv.)  
 -- Proverbs 31:13, 14, 16, 18, 24

Conscientious/ Industrious Strong Work Ethic (3 vv.)  
 -- Proverbs 17, 19, 27

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**PROVERBS 31 WOMAN ANALYSIS**

Charity/Hospitality (1 v.)  
 -- Proverbs 31:20

Household (3 vv.)  
 -- Proverbs 31:15, 21, 22

Public Reputation (2 vv.)  
 -- Proverbs 31:23, 31

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**SCRIPTURE**

Charm is deceptive, and beauty is fleeting.  
 - Proverbs 31:30

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**QUOTE**

A report by the American Psychological Association (APA) on the sexualization of girls in the media found that girls are depicted in a sexual manner more often than boys; dressed in revealing clothing, and with bodily postures or facial expressions that imply sexual readiness...

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**QUOTE**

In a study of print media, researchers at Wesleyan University found that on average, across 58 different magazines, **51.8 percent** of advertisements that featured women portrayed them as sex objects. However, when women appeared in advertisements in men's magazines, they were objectified **76 percent** of the time.

- *"Social Media and the Sexualization of Adolescent Girls"*  
— American Psychological Association

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**QUOTE**

Research conducted for the Dove Self Esteem Project found that only **11% of girls worldwide** would call themselves beautiful and **6 in 10 girls** avoid participating in life activities because of concerns about the way they look. **1/3 of all 6-y/o in Japan** experience low body confidence. Australian girls list body image as 1 of their top 3 worries in life, while **81% of 10-y/o girls in the U.S.** say they are afraid of being fat.

— American Psychological Association

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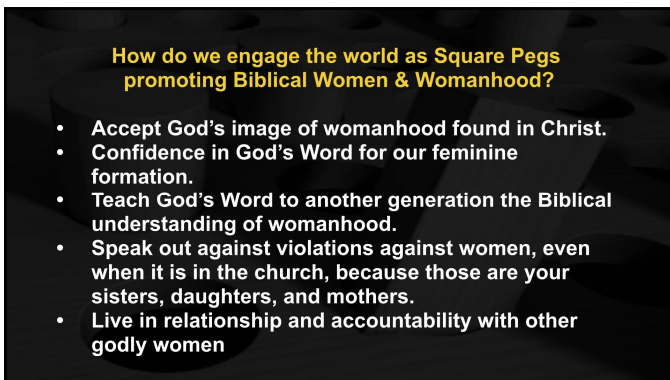
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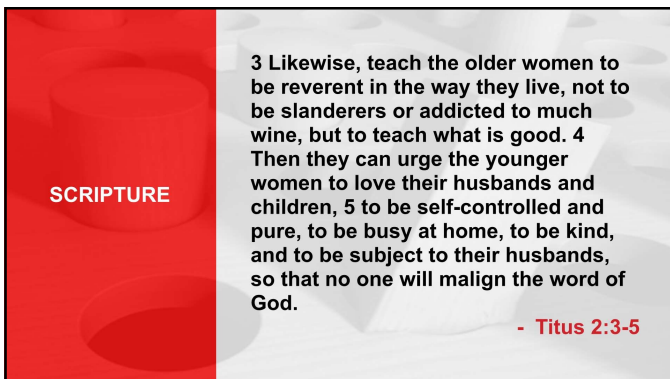
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**ENCOURAGING VERSES FOR WOMEN**

I praise you, for I am fearfully and wonderfully made.  
Wonderful are your works; my soul knows it very well.  
(Psalm 139:14, ESV)

But one thing I do, forgetting those things which are  
behind and reaching forward to those things which are  
ahead, I press toward the goal for the prize of the  
upward call of God in Christ Jesus.  
(Philippians 3:13b-14, NKJV)

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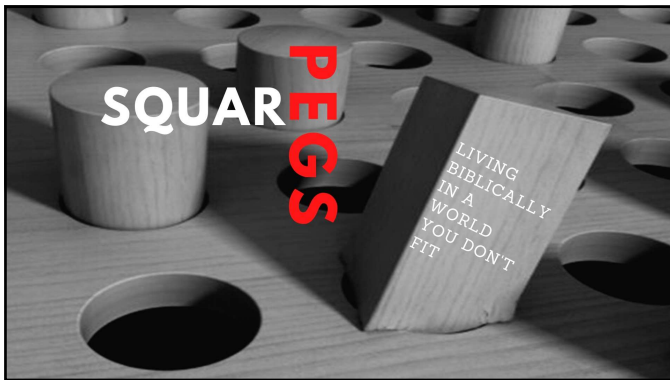
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