

I Will Not Be Silent God Needs Our Voice

We live in a world where many times women need to fight to be heard, but God needs our voice. If women are silent we are in essence silencing the voice of God; He speaks to us and *through* us. Today I want to talk about Why God wants to use your voices as women.

Understanding Eve

Then the Lord God said, "It is not good for the man to be alone. I will make a **helper** who is just right for him." (He created animals)...But still there was no **helper** just right for him. Genesis 2:18, 20

God called the first woman a helper- (ézer)

1. I Will Not Be Silent because I'm **Called to **Help****

***You were made on purpose...for purpose...
and with purpose!***

Ezer- (ay'zer) means to aid or help

Comes from the root ázar- to surround, protect or aid

Help (dictionary)- give or provide what is necessary to complete a task or satisfy a need. Contribute strength or means to. To save, rescue, relieve, assist.

Eli-ézer means God is my Helper

Psalm 33:20- *He is our help and our shield*

Psalm 46:1- *God Is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble.*

Psalm 121:1-3- *Where does my help come from? From the Lord, maker of heaven and earth.*

Isaiah 41:10- *I am your God. I will strengthen you; I will help you.*

John 14:16- *I will send another advocate or helper...The Holy Spirit*

If God believed and intended for women to be subservient or less than, He would not have used them in so many significant roles.

2. I Will Not Be Silent Because Jesus Affirmed Me

But when we look to the Word, we see that Jesus understood the importance of women and the vital role they play in His kingdom.

Jesus speaks to the Samaritan woman at the well- knowing her story and yet offering a new life. (John 4)

Mary At Jesus' feet listening and learning- Jesus said she has chosen the best thing and it won't be taken away.(Luke 10:41-42)

First ones spoke to after the resurrection were women. They carried the first message of the resurrection. Matthew 28:8-10

When Jesus came to earth, He modeled how women should be treated. He saw them. Jesus refused to treat women as inferior in any way but took their questions seriously and respected their needs.

In fact, some parts of the body that seem weakest and least important are actually the most necessary. 1 Corinthians 12:22

3. I Will Not Be Silent Because I Speak for Others

If you keep quiet at a time like this, deliverance and relief for the Jews will arise from some other place, but you and your relatives will die. Who knows if perhaps you were made queen for just such a time as this? Esther 4:14

If you don't speak up there could be death or destruction.

God put a Woman in a Position to Save a Nation.

Speaking up can be a risk.

Esther had every reason to be silent. She could have been put to death, punished or persecuted.

But a tiny spark can set a great forest on fire. And among all the parts of the body, the tongue is a flame of fire. It is a whole world of wickedness, corrupting your entire body. It can set your whole life on fire, for it is set on fire by hell itself. James 3:5-6

With more people opting out of church and more unchurched people than we've ever seen we need all hands on deck- the gospel needs to be preached!

Altar call – What has silenced your voice?

Check I've accepted Jesus on your Connect Card...

Tithe & Offerings

The Widow's Offering

Jesus sat down near the collection box in the Temple and watched as the crowds dropped in their money. Many rich people put in large amounts. Then a poor widow came and dropped in two small coins. Jesus called his disciples to him and said, "I tell you the truth, this poor widow has given more than all the others who are making contributions. For they gave a tiny part of their surplus, but she, poor as she is, has given everything she had to live on." Mark 12:41-44

****Check your Next Step below as a reminder to yourself but please check it on the connect card and drop it in the offering bucket also. Thank you.****

My Next Steps This Week:

- I Will:**
- Tell your Story to someone this week**
 - Attend Foundations Class Next Week**
 - Register Today for Woman's Conference- September 16-17**