

Life Group Notes 6/4/2023
Pastor Mark Warren 1 Timothy 2 Week 3

[If you have observations or questions feel free to send me an email with your comment or observations at tbeachhead@comcast.net. -Pete Mehegan, the Scribe.]

Note: Be good to one another. Be sensitive and kind. Let God heal our hearts...and guide our discussions. **PLEASE PRE-READ THESE NOTES AND CHOOSE THE DIRECTION THAT IS APPROPRIATE FOR YOUR GROUP. The purpose is to unite, not divide; to facilitate discussion and to discern the freedom the gospel brings. Any part of these notes might be appropriate as a crowd breaker for your own group. The goal is to create memories from Sunday that will serve for a long time. BE COGNIZANT OF YOUR GROUP'S TIME AND BE SENSITIVE! Some groups would like to dwell on a single idea. Let the Spirit be your guide. Never feel obligated to complete this study. This study is also a great devotion, taken slowly through the week.**

Note: I have highlighted suggested discussion questions Pastor Mark has raised this week, 6/4. Let's allow the Holy Spirit to guide all our discussions, using the highlights as trail blazes. **The purpose is to minister to one another.** Do not be daunted by the number of pages. As an editorial decision, I include each of the passages mentioned in full to facilitate the enjoyment of these notes, rather than having you, the reader, look up each reference. If your Bible is open beside you, you can transfer and annotate from these pages with ease. This week has several footnotes on people and principles mentioned by Paul in this letter. Footnotes are not meant to distract, but enhance the reading, and to help find answers to questions that arise. This week's footnotes include:

1. [On "What is a woman?"](#)
2. [On "prayers, petitions, intercessions and thanksgivings."](#)
3. [On the Four Square denomination, and Aimee Semple McPherson.](#)
4. [On quiet women.](#)
5. [On women being saved through childbirth.](#)

*****New:** At the very end, I've included passages that were mentioned for SOAP journaling and further study during the week. ***

Pastor Mark begins the lesson by acknowledging the difficulty Paul presents in this teaching. **What experience have you had with Paul's "Doctrines of Women?" What do you know? Have you had uncomfortable encounters where men dominate women, and insist that they are justified and have been given reason to dominate by Paul's doctrine?**

He says, "There are rules without reason. Rules without reason can lead to control, the environment, where they say, 'Do as I say, not as I do.' But I want to say, 'Rules with good reason can lead to freedom and safety.'" **Do you have any thoughts or examples?** "We

have to ask, 'Why did the Holy Spirit deem it important for Paul to write these words?'

What are your initial thoughts? "Without understanding the 'Why,' it can lead to control and oppression. When we understand the 'Why' it will lead to freedom and safety."

Explain Pastor Mark's illustration of the tire. How is the tire and the use of that tire better explained, when the entire automobile is depicted, travelling at high speed on a highway. How is your understanding of the tire limited at your first encounter, when all you see is the tire without the car? Apply this concept to scripture.

Pastor Mark lays the context of the "wheel" from Genesis, chapter 1. **Look it up. Genesis 1: 26** Then God said, "Let Us make man in Our image, after Our likeness, to rule over the fish of the sea and the birds of the air, over the livestock, and over all the earth itself and every creature that crawls upon it."

27 So God created man in His own image;
in the image of God He created him;
male and female He created them.

28 God blessed them and said to them, "Be fruitful and multiply, and fill the earth and subdue it; rule over the fish of the sea and the birds of the air and every creature that crawls upon the earth."

1. Why does the Holy Spirit repeat Himself in verse 27?
2. Where is the female in the image of God? (Does God have a Bride? Who is she? How does this fact clarify the purpose of creation itself? Can love be the guiding purpose? Look at Genesis 2: 18 **18** The LORD God also said, "It is not good for the man to be alone. I will make for him a suitable helper." Why does Love need an object to love in order to be Love? Can love exist in a vacuum?)
3. To whom was dominion and rule delegated? Was it given to the male alone to rule? Or is it a shared dominion? Why is this important to realize?
4. Mark talks about co-laborers in a joint mission. What does God say that mission is? How are we doing? What is missing?
5. Mark says the enemy is opportunistic. "He's looking to attract, to deceive as many people as he can..." How did that work in the garden, at the fall of Adam and Eve?
6. Pastor Mark says, "Eve was deceived, but who is to blame?" Answer him. Why does Mark say Adam is to blame? (Caution: Avoid any argument...note disagreement instead. This is an old debate.)
7. He says, "Adam was given a particular role, which is to cover and to care and to lead." How did Adam fail? Who led when the forbidden fruit was offered? Do you think, if Adam had been with Eve when the serpent was conversing with her, that Eve would have been deceived and the fruit eaten?

Pastor Mark says, "Men and women are equal, but they bear distinct functions. They are made differently." **Explain. How does this make a difference in role? Is this important?**

Why? Look at 1 Corinthians 15: 42 So is it with the resurrection of the dead. What is sown is perishable; what is raised is imperishable. **43** It is sown in dishonor; it is raised in glory. It is sown in weakness; it is raised in power. **44** It is sown a natural body; it is raised a spiritual body. If there is a natural body, there is also a spiritual body. **45** Thus it is written, "The first man Adam became a living being"; the last Adam became a life-giving spirit. **46** But it is not

the spiritual that is first but the natural, and then the spiritual. [47](#)The first man was from the earth, a man of dust; the second man is from heaven. [48](#)As was the man of dust, so also are those who are of the dust, and as is the man of heaven, so also are those who are of heaven. [49](#)Just as we have borne the image of the man of dust, we shall also bear the image of the man of heaven. ***Why do we have to understand this order, natural first then spiritual, to grasp the concept of our roles? Why was Jesus born of a woman? Could He not have just appeared? Could He have died on our behalf if He were not born as a man is born?***

Then Mark says, "We have to look at the two institutions God has established." (***Quick review. No peaking: What are they?***) He says, "First is the family. The husband and wife are to be reflective of Jesus and His bride. ***What do the husband and wife produce? How does that life become the life and promise of the next generation? Why is this important? Look up 1 Corinthians 11: 3***But I want you to understand that the head of every man is Christ, the head of a wife is her husband and the head of Christ is God. ***Explain the order.***

"So, the second institution is the church. As Pastor Bill emphasized last week. We are a household. We are supposed to be a reflection of the family of God. Jesus is the head of the church, and the church is actually called the bride of Christ." ***Look up Ephesians 5: 22***Wives, submit to your own husbands, as to the Lord. ***23***For the husband is the head of the wife even as Christ is the head of the church, his body, and is himself its Savior. ***24***Now as the church submits to Christ, so also wives should submit in everything to their husbands.

25Husbands, love your wives, as Christ loved the church and gave himself up for her, ***26***that he might sanctify her, having cleansed her by the washing of water with the word, ***27***so that he might present the church to himself in splendor, without spot or wrinkle or any such thing, that she might be holy and without blemish. ***28***In the same way husbands should love their wives as their own bodies. He who loves his wife loves himself. ***29***For no one ever hated his own flesh, but nourishes and cherishes it, just as Christ does the church, ***30***because we are members of his body. ***31***"Therefore a man shall leave his father and mother and hold fast to his wife, and the two shall become one flesh." ***32***This mystery is profound, and I am saying that it refers to Christ and the church. ***33***However, let each one of you love his wife as himself, and let the wife see that she respects her husband.

1. What do you notice?
2. Why is a husband told to love, but a woman is told to submit? Who is usually more equipped to love unconditionally? Who is usually more equipped to submit? Explain?
3. What does love demand? What does submission demand?
4. What is the reward inherent in this principle? What does "...holy and without blemish..." look like? How does that sound to you? How are you doing?
5. Look up Song of Solomon 4:7 "You are altogether beautiful, my love; there is no flaw in you." What is the groom saying? What is the impact of a word like this on the bride who hears it? How important is it to wash each other with the "water of the Word?"
6. Three verses cover the role of the female. Seven verses cover the role of the male. Explain? Why do men need to be taught what love means? Look at and discuss the seven verses, the responsibility of the man. Do women love like this? Who will be

- the first to set the example? Did Jesus do a good job setting the example for us? What aspect of Jesus' example is the most revealing, in terms of this love?
7. The theme of "head" and "body" are raised in both the letter to the Corinthians and to the Ephesians. Why is this so important? Can the head live without the body? Would the head EVER want to live without the body? Explain. Go back to Genesis 1 and explain again why God created man in His image and likeness. If, as it is written, "God is Love," who is the sole object of that love?
 8. How are the two institutions, the family and the church, both reflected in this passage? How are the roles of male and female reflected in our behavior in this context? How important is it? Who is watching?
 9. Is it more important today? Or less important than it was decades ago? Are children being taught these principles in our schools? What must we then do?

A Call to Prayer

1First of all, then, I urge that petitions, prayers, intercessions, and thanksgiving be offered for everyone— **2**for kings and all those in authority—so that we may lead tranquil and quiet lives in all godliness and dignity. **3**This is good and pleasing in the sight of God our Savior, **4**who wants everyone to be saved and to come to the knowledge of the truth. **5**For there is one God, and there is one mediator between God and men, the man Christ Jesus, **6**who gave Himself as a ransom for all—the testimony that was given at just the right time. **7**For this reason I was appointed as a preacher, an apostle, and a faithful and true teacher of the Gentiles. I am telling the truth; I am not lying about anything.

1. Summarize this passage. (See [footnote #2 below](#).) How urgent is the time?
2. What function does prayer serve? For whom do we pray?
3. What is the outcome of prayer? How important is it to lead tranquil and quiet lives in all godliness and dignity? Is that happening today? Why or why not?
4. Are you praying? Share what you pray, specifically.
5. Look at verse 4. How encouraging is it to know that God wants everyone to be saved and to come to the knowledge of the truth. Look up 1 John 5: [14And this is the confidence that we have before Him: if we ask anything according to His will, He hears us.](#) [15And if we know that He hears us in whatever we ask, we know that we already possess what we have asked of Him.](#) How does this encourage you in prayer? Do you have anyone you've been praying for? Do you know now what God's will is concerning them? Can you share?
6. Could there have been a better time for Jesus' resurrection? Is there a better time than now for you and me and the task ahead?
7. Explain what motivates Paul. (Verse 8)

8Therefore I want the men everywhere to pray, lifting up holy hands, without anger or dissension.

Instructions to Women

9Likewise, I want the women to adorn themselves with respectable apparel, with modesty, and with self-control, not with braided hair or gold or pearls or expensive clothes, **10**but with good deeds, as is proper for women who profess to worship God.

11A woman must learn in quietness and full submissiveness. **12**I do not permit a woman to teach or to exercise authority over a man; she is to remain quiet. **13**For Adam was

formed first, and then Eve. [14](#)And it was not Adam who was deceived, but the woman who was deceived and fell into transgression. [15](#)Women, however, will be saved through childbearing, if they continue in faith, love, and holiness, with self-control.

1. Look at verse 8 before you look at verse nine and following. Why is that exhortation made, in the context of the prayers mentioned above? This is a cliché, but who leads spiritually in the typical Christian household, according to the teachings you've heard? Do you agree? Who is more apt to be expressive in worship? Who resists worship more? Why?
2. Paul says, "therefore..." What is it there for? How important is it for men to pay attention?
3. Pastor Mark says, "Paul addresses the human nature of gender." Explain.
4. He says, "Men need to become a people of prayer. Men submit to Jesus' authority, and prayer."
5. Notice "likewise..." in verse 9. How is Paul's exhortation to women like that to men? Who is glorified when emphasis on outward appearance takes priority?
6. Notice verse 11: Is there any other way to **learn** but in quietness and full submissiveness? What is the alternative method of learning? See [footnote 4](#) below.
7. Look at verse 12. Who is more likely to teach in today's society? Are there more women teaching in kids' church or men? Explain. Do women teach differently? Did you have more women teachers or men in your school days? Was your best teacher a woman or a man? What would Paul say about that?
8. Look again at verse 12. Now look at 1 Corinthians 11: 4-12 [4](#)Every man who prays or prophesies with his head covered dishonors his head. [5](#)And every woman who prays or prophesies with her head uncovered dishonors her head, for it is just as if her head were shaved. [6](#)If a woman does not cover her head, she should have her hair cut off. And if it is shameful for a woman to have her hair cut or shaved off, she should cover her head. [7](#)A man ought not to cover his head, since he is the image and glory of God; but the woman is the glory of man. [8](#)For man did not come from woman, but woman from man. [9](#)Neither was man created for woman, but woman for man. [10](#)For this reason a woman ought to have a sign of authority on her head, because of the angels. [11](#)In the Lord, however, woman is not independent of man, nor is man independent of woman. [12](#)For just as woman came from man, so also man is born of woman. But everything comes from God. First, how does this speak of Christ and the Church. Who came first? Second, is the woman silent when she prophesies or prays? On the issue of hair, what is Paul's emphasis? How important is the appearance of holiness?
9. Look closely at verses 13 and 14 above: [13](#)For Adam was formed first, and then Eve. [14](#)And it was not Adam who was deceived, but the woman who was deceived and fell into transgression. Compare this again to what Paul tells the Corinthians in question 8, verses 8-12 above: What difference does order play? Why is it important to understand we are not independent of each other, and that even our existence depends on both? Who came first, man or woman? Who came first Christ or the church? Is it important, then that Christ WAS born of Mary? Why? How was Mary

- saved by giving birth to Jesus? Now explain verse 15. See [footnote 5](#) below. Is there anyone born again that was not first born of a woman?
10. What else will be saved by a woman's childbearing? What will be lost if children are not born or aborted?
 11. Has Jesus ever been deceived? Has the church ever been deceived, misled and misguided? How does this figure in what Paul says of Adam and Eve?
 12. Pastor Mark says, we, as the church, are responsible for bringing God's children to salvation. We are responsible for childbearing. What can be said of a church that bears no children?
 13. Do you know anyone, yourself included, who has longed to bear children, but cannot? How deeply spiritual is that longing? Read [footnote 5](#) below, and see what Paul told the Corinthians. How is the bearing of spiritual children like the bearing of children in the natural?
 14. How does the church reflect the order of Creation: God→Jesus→the Church→Her offspring?
 15. Why is the order so important? How did the Centurion in Luke 7 reflect the authority of his superior officers? Samuel tells Saul in 1 Sam 15:23, "To obey is better than sacrifice... rebellion is as the sin of witchcraft, and arrogance like the sin of idolatry..." How important to the gospel is the principle of submission? Why?
 16. Mark says, "Men carry the responsibility to honor and cover women, to protect them and support them. Married men have the responsibility to cover their wives."
 17. Mark says, "Equal in value. Different roles. Jesus is going to come back for a submissive bride, a surrendered bride." How does this important idea buttress Paul's doctrine?

The Follow-up Application

1. Take time to write down your prayer requests. Pray for the most vulnerable in your circle. Keep a journal. Write down all answers to prayer. Notice any change in peace and tranquility.
2. Lead well. Submit with all humility. Lead in prayer.
3. Pray for the president and all who are in authority. Write down answers to prayer.
4. Pick someone to compete with in all submission.
5. Identify and learn to be submissive to leadership placed over you and surrendered to your Lord Jesus Christ.

Take the time to pray.

Scribes Notes:

1. On "What is a woman?"—In Greek, γυνή, (guné) is the word translated "woman." Unfortunately, for translators, it also means "wife," just as *femme* means both "woman" and "wife" in French. "*Voici ma femme*," "This is my woman," only means, "This is my wife." It is not an insult to woman or

womankind, it's the language. (In Greek it also means "bride.") (As an aside, the Greek word for husband is *ανερ*, *aner*. It means "man.") This makes translation that much more challenging. Is Paul addressing husbands and wives? Or men and women? Only you can answer, which is why the Holy Spirit is always and only the best teacher. It is the translator who necessarily, and sometimes unfortunately, makes the call in our modern translations. Today's lesson might be one of the most uncomfortable ever taught from Paul's teachings. What do you do with it? The husband turns to his wife and says, "I'll show you how to submit." That could be jarring...until the husband begins to behave like the Centurion in Luke 7. (See Friday's study verses below.) When the husband leads by example, everything becomes that much easier to understand. When we compete in our submission, as Pastor Mark suggests, we have nothing we're not willing to lose, and we have everything to gain in the Hope and the Promise. This is defined as "greatness" in the Kingdom of God.

2. **On "petitions, prayers, intercessions and thanksgivings."**—There are different words for "prayer," and each deserves a moment of reflection to understand the nuances. What is Paul calling on us to do? Here are the four words Paul uses here: First "δέησις," *deésis*, translated, petition, is an expression of need, or an entreaty, a petition arising out of deep personal need (a sense of lack or want). "προσευχή," *proseuché*, translated "prayer," means a wish expressed, the heart's desire. "ἐντευξις," *enteuyxis*, translated "intercession," is a legal petition or supplication, standing between heaven and earth. The term implies waiting upon God for His answer in a given situation. The noun from which the verb is derived implies hitting the bullseye, bringing heaven to the heart of the need. "εὐχαριστία," *efaraistia* means "thanksgiving." To this day, this is the Greek word for "thanks."
3. **On the Four Square denomination and Aimee Semple McPherson**—In case you didn't know it, the "International Church of the Four Square Gospel" was founded by Aimee Semple McPherson, a woman. Aimee's history is riddled with unsolved controversy that can be and is often reviewed today. Here is a balanced You Tube video on Aimee's story: <https://youtu.be/iURqasplwg8>. Aimee was one of the first evangelists ever and the first female to use technology, specifically the emerging radio industry to broadcast the gospel. Her sermons can still be listened to: <https://youtu.be/dl4kUq5B0Tk>. This does not answer the issues Paul raises, but it does provide the history of a New Testament Deborah, who reached and is still reaching through her enduring legacy, millions with the gospel.
4. **On quiet women**—Verses 11 and 12 say, "11A woman must learn in *quietness* and full submissiveness. 12I do not permit a woman to teach or to exercise authority over a man; she is to remain *quiet*." Paul uses the same word both times. "ἡσυχία," *hesuchia*, means quietness, stillness, silence...but one of the most authoritative dictionaries, Thayers, says this: is used of their *God-produced calm* which includes an inner tranquility that supports appropriate action. This term "does not mean *speechlessness*, which is more directly indicated by [4602](#) (*sigé*) (J. Thayer)

5. **On women being saved through childbearing**—Paul seems to be saying something very strange here, that does not even fit into the gospel of the kingdom as we've known it. "15Women, however, will be saved through childbearing, if they continue in faith, love, and holiness, with self-control." How is this not a gospel of works, the antithesis of the gospel of salvation by grace through faith? Can it be possible that there are two ways to be saved? Simple answer, no, and the principle is, if it seems to contradict the gospel, dig deeper. Look at what Paul tells the Corinthian church in 1 Corinthians 7:8*Now to the unmarried and widows I say this: It is good for them to remain unmarried, as I am. 9But if they cannot control themselves, let them marry. For it is better to marry than to burn with passion.* If he's introducing salvation by childbearing in Timothy, he's plotting against the women of Corinth in this letter. This cannot be the case. Looking again at footnote 1 above, I suggest that "women" must be translated "wives," and note further, women are not just bearing children for the purpose of staying pregnant and barefoot, but they are charged with perpetuating society and indeed civilization itself, as no man ever can. Such is the prophetic nature of the gospel. Please note: Your own salvation began when your mother gave birth to you. This is the glory of the woman, and the glory of the church, who is to bear children unto God.

For further study:

Take a moment each day this week to apply the SOAP (Scripture—Copy the scripture. / Observation—Write what you see. / Application—What is God saying? / Prayer—What is your response?) method to some of the scripture we looked at this week:

Monday: Genesis 1: 26-28

Tuesday: Matthew 22: 28-30

Wednesday: 1 Corinthians 11: 3-6

Thursday: 1 Corinthians 11:7-12

Friday: Galatians 3:28-29

Saturday: Luke 7:8-9