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Message Info

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Theme: Let's follow Jesus to the place of true dignity for our women.

Introduction: Maternal instincts are built into women by God. They are an expression of femininity as created by the Lord. Our world is increasingly hostile to women and to this design feature of femininity, which makes it all the more vital that we honor women for being truly feminine. And if we are going to do that, we need to follow Jesus.

We can consider 3 ways that Jesus honors women:

1. Jesus relates to women as persons

Jesus related to women as persons first, and then as women. They are created in his image and he treated them accordingly.

Repeatedly in the Gospels we see Jesus relating to women in a way that dignifies and honors them.

Every time Jesus relates to women, he treats them as dignified persons, even in ways that were counter-cultural and unusual in his day.

2. Jesus welcomes women into his ministry

There are at least 3 ways that Jesus incorporated women into his ministry: a) he used women in his teaching illustrations; b) he made sure that women could sit under his teaching; and, c) he involved women in his ministry, in testifying about him, serving him, and even in witnessing to his resurrection.

3. Jesus honors his own mother

Jesus honored Mary in many ways. He was obedient to her as a child, he was deferential to her as an adult, and he provided for her at the end of his life.

Jesus was born of a woman in order to fulfill the promise of Gen 3:15 and to testify to the vital role of women in God's kingdom.

Questions:

1. How do you understand the dignity and value of women? How does that compare with Scripture?

2. (for women): Are you glad that God made you a woman? How is he working in you to grow your faith for what he has called you to do?

3. (for me): Do you value and dignify women? How are you encouraging the women in your life in their pursuit of the Lord and his holiness?