**Book of John Series Ch 4:28-54 The Woman Preacher? Vol 9
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John 4:28-54 The woman then left her waterpot, and went her way into the city, and saith to the men, 29 Come, see a man, which told me all things that ever I did: is not this the Christ? 30 Then they went out of the city, and came unto him. 31 In the mean while his disciples prayed him, saying, Master, eat. 32 But he said unto them, I have meat to eat that ye know not of. 33 Therefore said the disciples one to another, Hath any man brought him *ought* to eat? 34 Jesus saith unto them, My meat is to do the will of him that sent me, and to finish his work. 35 Say not ye, There are yet four months, and *then* cometh harvest? behold, I say unto you, Lift up your eyes, and look on the fields; for they are white already to harvest. 36 And he that reapeth receiveth wages, and gathereth fruit unto life eternal: that both he that soweth and he that reapeth may rejoice together.37 And herein is that saying true, One soweth, and another reapeth. 38 I sent you to reap that whereon ye bestowed no labour: other men laboured, and ye are entered into their labours. 39 And many of the Samaritans of that city believed on him for the saying of the woman, which testified, He told me all that ever I did.40 So when the Samaritans were come unto him, they besought him that he would tarry with them: and he abode there two days. 41 And many more believed because of his own word; 42 And said unto the woman, Now we believe, not because of thy saying: for we have heard *him* ourselves, and know that this is indeed the Christ, the Saviour of the world.

43 Now after two days he departed thence, and went into Galilee. 44 For Jesus himself testified, that a prophet hath no honour in his own country. 45 Then when he was come into Galilee, the Galilaeans received him, having seen all the things that he did at Jerusalem at the feast: for they also went unto the feast. 46 So Jesus came again into Cana of Galilee, where he made the water wine. And there was a certain nobleman, whose son was sick at Capernaum. 47 When he heard that Jesus was come out of Judaea into Galilee, he went unto him, and besought him that he would come down, and heal his son: for he was at the point of death. 48 Then said Jesus unto him, Except ye see signs and wonders, ye will not believe. 49 The nobleman saith unto him, Sir, come down ere my child die. 50 Jesus saith unto him, Go thy way; thy son liveth. And the man believed the word that Jesus had spoken unto him, and he went his way.51 And as he was now going down, his servants met him, and told *him,* saying, Thy son liveth. 52 Then enquired he of them the hour when he began to amend. And they said unto him, Yesterday at the seventh hour the fever left him. 53 So the father knew that *it was* at the same hour, in the which Jesus said unto him, Thy son liveth: and himself believed, and his whole house. 54 This *is* again the second miracle *that* Jesus did, when he was come out of Judaea into Galilee.

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Many in our day, will suppose that women can’t be witnesses or proclaim the truths of the Bible to the unbelievers. Some others will believe they can witness they just can’t preach/teach. I think both are errors because of how we see things unfold here. There are three main ways to ‘preach’ the Gospel open air, one to one/many, teaching, actions, or literature.

The verses some will cite against the ideas of women being preachers/teachers at all would be:

**1Ti 2:11-14** Let a woman learn in silence with all submission. 12 And I do not permit a woman to teach or to have authority over a man, but to be in silence. 13 For Adam was formed first, then Eve. 14 And Adam was not deceived, but the woman being deceived, fell into transgression.

**1Co 14:33-35** For God is not *the author* of confusion but of peace, as in all the churches of the saints. 34 Let your women keep silent in the churches, for they are not permitted to speak; but *they are* to be submissive, as the law also says. 35 And if they want to learn something, let them ask their own husbands at home; for it is shameful for women to speak in church.

***But, seemingly contrary to those ideas are the following examples:***
***Older Women Teachers Teach Women and Children in the body***
**Tit 2:3-5** The aged women likewise, that *they be* in behaviour as becometh holiness, not false accusers, not given to much wine, teachers of good things; 4 That they may teach the young women to be sober, to love their husbands, to love their children, 5 *To be* discreet, chaste, keepers at home, good, obedient to their own husbands, that the word of God be not blasphemed.

***Priscilla and Aquila both taught a Man of God***
Act 18:24-28 Now a certain Jew named Apollos, born at Alexandria, an eloquent man *and* mighty in the Scriptures, came to Ephesus. 25This man had been instructed in the way of the Lord; and being fervent in spirit, he spoke and taught accurately the things of the Lord, though he knew only the baptism of John. **26** So he began to speak boldly in the synagogue. When Aquila and Priscilla heard him, they took him aside and explained to him the way of God more accurately. 27 And when he desired to cross to Achaia, the brethren wrote, exhorting the disciples to receive him; and when he arrived, he greatly helped those who had believed through grace; 28 for he vigorously refuted the Jews publicly, showing from the Scriptures that Jesus is the Christ.

***Mary Returned From the Tomb***
**Joh 20:18** Mary Magdalene came and told the disciples that she had seen the Lord, and *that* he had spoken these things unto her.

***Anna Speaking in the Temple*
Luk 2:36-38** Now there was one, Anna, a prophetess, the daughter of Phanuel, of the tribe of Asher. She was of a great age, and had lived with a husband seven years from her virginity; 37 and this woman *was* a widow of about eighty-four years, who did not depart from the temple, but served *God* with fastings and prayers night and day. 38 And coming in that instant she gave thanks to the Lord, and spoke of Him to all those who looked for redemption in Jerusalem.

***Phillip the Evangelist had prophetess daughters.*
Act 21:8-9** And the next *day* we that were of Paul's company departed, and came unto Caesarea: and we entered into the house of Philip the evangelist, which was *one* of the seven; and abode with him. 9 And the same man had four daughters, virgins, which did prophesy.

Προφητεύω **prophēteuō *prof-ate-yoo'-o***

From G4396; to *foretell* events, *divine*, *speak* under *inspiration*, *exercise* the prophetic *office:* - prophesy. **See Eph 4:11-12**

**What shall we Conclude?**First, that the Scripture clearly teaches that women should not teach/speak or take authority from men in the church/es. This relates to how Eve’s sin affected womankind’s authority and roles. I would apply this to other men that are outside of the local fellowship IF her husband is with her to help deal with the situation. At the same time, they can teach other women and children in certain areas.

Secondly, that women are shown to give testimonies of what they have seen and heard. So, a woman could share her faith of what she has seen the Lord do in her own life. If the discussion or group begins to get into a teaching mode then she could deflect the discussion to her husband or other men in the group. Also, women are invaluable to minister to other women because of the experiences and kinship that women share in general.

Thirdly, as young boys grow into young men that are converted mothers need to learn how to let them come under the authority of the Holy Ghost, I would apply this to sisters toward brothers as well.

Fourthly, to receive the gift of prophecy is obviously not limited to the men but how do you carry out that office as a woman in fellowship still remains a question in my mind.

**>>>>Jesus Taught Evangelism vs’ 31-39**To His disciples while the woman was evangelizing the city. Jesus came to seek and save that which is lost. He was about His Father’s business while the disciples got carnal food, he was seeking spiritual meat to eat. **Luk 10:2** Then He said to them, "The harvest truly *is* great, but the laborers *are* few; therefore pray the Lord of the harvest to send out laborers into His harvest**.**

**Mat 9:36-38** But when He saw the multitudes, He was moved with compassion for them, because they were weary and scattered, like sheep having no shepherd. 37 Then He said to His disciples, "The harvest truly *is* plentiful, but the laborers *are* few. 38 Therefore pray the Lord of the harvest to send out laborers into His harvest."

**1Co 3:6-9** I planted, Apollos watered, but God gave the increase. 7 So then neither he who plants is anything, nor he who waters, but God who gives the increase. 8 Now he who plants and he who waters are one, and each one will receive his own reward according to his own labor. 9 For we are God's fellow workers; you are God's field, *you are* God's building.

 **>>>>The Samaritans Come to Jesus vs’ 39-42**Two groups of believers, first the ones that believed the woman preacher from the well, the second those that heard Jesus directly and believed because of His miracles.

**>>>>Jesus Returns with 2nd miracle vs’ 43-59**Returning to Galilee where he did his first miracle, water into wine, they recvd him and he performed his second miracle which was to heal the noblemen’s son without being there proving His supernatural makup. The nobleman received it by faith, confirmed it upon his return to his family.