



WEEK 5 | NICK CARNES

All Scripture is in the Christian Standard Bible (CSB), unless noted differently.

1 Timothy 2:11-12 A woman is to learn quietly with full submission. ¹² I do not allow a woman to teach or to have authority over a man; instead, she is to remain quiet.

God established _____ to govern His _____ institutions

Galatians 3:28 There is no Jew or Greek, slave or free, male and female; since you are all one in Christ Jesus.

Ephesians 5:22-25 Wives, submit to your husbands as to the Lord, ²³ because the husband is the head of the wife as Christ is the head of the church. He is the Savior of the body. ²⁴ Now as the church submits to Christ, so also wives are to submit to their husbands in everything.

²⁵ Husbands, love your wives, just as Christ loved the church and gave himself for her.

Genesis 2:15, 18 The Lord God took the man and placed him in the garden of Eden to work it and watch over it.... ¹⁸ Then the Lord God said, “It is not good for the man to be alone. I will make a helper corresponding to him.”

Men and women fulfill different _____ while _____ working together to accomplish the same _____

Colossians 1:18 He [Jesus] is also the head of the body, the church...

Acts 20:28 Be on guard for yourselves and for all the flock of which the Holy Spirit has appointed you as overseers, to shepherd the church of God, which he purchased with his own blood.

1 Corinthians 11:2-3 I praise you because you remember me in everything and hold fast to the traditions just as I delivered them to you. ³ But I want you to know that Christ is the head of every man, and the man is the head of the woman, and God is the head of Christ.

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1 Timothy 2:12-14 I do not allow a woman to teach or to have authority over a man; instead, she is to remain quiet. ¹³ For Adam was formed first, then Eve. ¹⁴ And Adam was not deceived, but the woman was deceived and transgressed.

1 Timothy 2:15 But she will be saved through childbearing, if they continue in faith, love, and holiness, with good sense.

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This week, read the Scriptures from Sunday and answer these questions:

1. What did you learn from Sunday's sermon? Did you gain new insights?
2. The sermon began by saying that any teaching on authority must look like Jesus. How does Jesus redefine authority in passages like Philippians 2? In what ways should Christ's example shape how authority is exercised in the home and church?
3. In 1 Timothy 2:13–14, Paul grounds his instruction in creation rather than culture. Why would Paul appeal to Genesis instead of local circumstances? How does rooting church practice in creation shape the way we think about biblical authority today?
4. The sermon emphasized that sin distorts God's design — tempting women to resist God's order and men to abdicate or abuse leadership (Genesis 3:16). Where do you see evidence of those distortions in our culture today? Which distortion are you personally more tempted toward — passivity, harshness, resistance, or something else?
5. The message emphasized that God's design places a greater burden of spiritual responsibility on men. What does rejecting passivity look like practically for men in the home and church? For the women in the group: what kind of leadership from men feels Christ-like, safe, and life-giving?
6. The sermon stated: *"This scripture limits one office, not spiritual influence."* Consider examples like Priscilla (Acts 18), Phoebe (Romans 16), and women praying and prophesying (1 Corinthians 11). How do these passages help us affirm the meaningful ministry and leadership of women in the church? Why is it important to celebrate what Scripture clearly affirms?
7. The guiding principle was: *"In essentials, unity; in nonessentials, liberty; in all things, charity."* Why is it important to extend charity toward faithful Christians who interpret these passages differently? How do we disagree without dividing?