

Lisa Bevere Launches National Conversation About Controversial #LikeAGirl Video

As the author of a book titled *Fight Like a Girl*, I saw my Facebook page inundated with posts of #LikeAGirl after this video released last week. To be honest, these posts came in the middle of a very busy weekend when I spoke to 13,000 youth before flying to another city for multiple worship services. I hadn't viewed the video until my son, Alec, texted me the link with the message, "Check out this awesome video. You'll love it." And he was right.

I was completely caught off guard by how emotional my response was. Like so many others, I decided to post the video to my Facebook. The thread exploded. While most were happy to see the perspective of feminine strength celebrated, there were questions and valid, pointed statements:

This mentality is also in the church. Women ministers are made to feel inferior to men.

We still have not addressed discrimination against women politically and economically. Looking at how few women are in Congress or church leadership...

Until these social forms of inequality in church torn down and women are really given equality—we will not be empowered.

I couldn't agree more. Our houses of worship should be where we discover our value, and women should have voice in every realm that affects our lives.

The book *Fight Like a Girl* opens with this thought:

*I do think we need to ask why it is an insult to fight like a girl. Even better, I want girls and women to consider themselves complimented if they are told they fight like one. Actually, it is quite possible we've forgotten what it looks like to fight like a girl. What would fighting like a girl look like if it was done right?**

Today I met with our staff and we decided to continue the #LikeAGirl conversation. Over the next few weeks we will be engaged in this discussion. If you are sincere and concerned, we want to hear from you!

Echoing the question raised by this video, we now ask you, *what should it look like to Fight Like a Girl?*

Is ministering or leading #LikeAGirl celebrated at your church?

What do you think women were uniquely created to fight?

What is the power of being a woman?

We're launching this conversation because we want every daughter, regardless of her age, to know that God thinks there is incredible power in being a woman. The earth needs its daughters strong, not dumbing it down to fit in.

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