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What is the most encouraging sign you see regarding women in church leadership?

"I see that God is raising up powerful women who are entrepreneurs, powerful women who are now in politics—because it's being recognized that women do have a brain too and they do have leadership skills—and powerful women in the church of Jesus Christ.

"God is bringing back, in the last days, the Genesis mandate [men and women working together]. Adam and Eve lived to be a blessing; Abraham and Sarah lived to be a blessing; Isaac and Rebecca. You cannot do it without the women. You cannot reproduce without the women."

What do you think is the biggest barrier that still exists to women in church leadership?

"The biggest barrier is ignorance. That's the biggest barrier. It's just ignorance, plain ignorance. Because it's so simple, I've never had it as an issue in my life.

"There's nothing to discuss. You can't argue fruit. It's like me going to an apple tree and trying to force it to believe that it's a mango. It will never believe that. So if women don't believe that they are blessed, then ... [but] nobody can unbless whom God blesses.

"To me its just ignorance. And then God came down, and He had to repeat it over and over again in the book of Acts Chapter 2, 'My women and men will prophesy.' Men and women. He keeps repeating men and women, men and women, men and women. 'Men and women filled with the Holy Spirit, these signs shall follow them. They shall prophesy, they shall see visions, they shall dream dreams, both men and women.'

“So I really don’t know if it’s a language barrier. It’s so simple. It’s obvious. It’s really obvious there, so it’s repeated. It started in Genesis, repeated throughout the Bible, reaffirmed again in the book of Acts that when the last days outpouring comes, it will be both men and women, old and young, that are going to be empowered to be a fruit of the Holy Spirit working in their lives.”

What was your biggest personal barrier?

“[Men] would say things like, ‘Well, you know she’s not even from Bible school,’ ‘Who’s this woman?’ ... ‘She’s not trained.’

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