



Equality Junction

Where ideas and people come together for Christian women's equality

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Rev. Timothy Keller,

My pastor quoted you today from the pulpit, but my heart was not listening because all I could think of was your book *The Meaning of Marriage*.

We see that Redeemer is calling for a Revolution. A Revolution of the Christian heart where the city will be renewed socially, spiritually and culturally. Please sign us up. We, too, have been calling for a Christian Revolution.

It was a Revolutionary Jesus who told individual women that:

1. Women could be taught the scripture and welcomed into the presence of men
2. Jesus was the Messiah for Gentiles
3. Jesus was the Messiah the Samaritans were expecting
4. Jesus had risen from the dead.

We fear that the revolution that you and others are calling for see only a one dimensional Jesus – a Jesus who leaves women out of the leadership of the church and in her own home (*The Meaning of Marriage*).

Social justice and cultural renewal requires that women be treated as equals. Otherwise, it is just the same old thing: God gave women the short end of the stick. But how can that be, when we see what Jesus did for women? Jesus did not deny women anything based on their being women, nor did Jesus commit women to husbands, and in good stewardship of the gospel, we cannot do so either.

Timothy, you are a leader. You are quoted across all denominations. You are quoted in churches that have women as leaders. But your words fall short of being Revolutionary. To be Revolutionary, you must stand out above the crowds and allow women the fullness of the Revolutionary Christ. Will you be Revolutionary with us?

Your sisters in Christ,

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