

Rev. Prenton's Sermon Guide

May 12, 2024

Mother's Day: Birthing and Building God's House

Main Point: Women who revere the Lord are capable of being and doing more than they can imagine!

Anchor Verse: Proverbs 14:1 - The wise woman builds her house but the foolish one tears it down with her own hands.

Sermon Notes:

1. "Build" in Proverbs 14:1 means to establish, continue, build or rebuild. "House" in this verse means various dwelling places, including temple of God or a nation. Women can play pivotal roles in not just the beginning of something for God but the sustaining and building for God.
2. The story of the Hebrew midwives and Lydia are just two pictures of women who helped build God's will into the world because they feared or revered the Lord. Being wise is prioritizing and accepting who God is and calls us to be. Those who fear God can be led to do great things for God if they do not limit God!
3. This has great implications for us. We should listen to and celebrate women who fear the Lord and give space and opportunity for them to operate when we see gifts in them.
4. We also should reject cultural ideals of a scarcity mentality; more women leading doesn't mean there isn't space or need for men to lead. There is enough room at God's table for male and female leadership and enough issues in the church and world that demand us all being better leaders together!

Question to Consider: Are there women in your life that need your encouragement to live into their purpose?

Scriptures to Consider: Exodus 1:15-21, Acts 16:13-15, Proverbs 31:30-31, 1 Samuel 1 & 2, Romans 16

Quotes to Consider:

Instead of entrusting ourselves to God's goodness, we believe our own control will serve us better. - Sharon Hodde Miller

We are capable of building community anywhere - not just at church or at work, but also in the "ethnic" hair care section of stores, in elevators, and other random places where we take the opportunity to simply say, "I see you." - Austin Channing Brown

If you have the spotlight on you before the character of Christ is developed in you, the light that is on you will destroy you. - Christine Caine

We must learn to practice integrity with ourselves before we can reasonably expect to receive it from someone else. - Sarah Jakes Roberts