

# A TEACHING ON WOMEN + PREACHING

PRESENTED BY THE ELDERS OF EASTVIEW CHURCH



70 YEARS OF FAITHFULNESS

**UNITY**

**LIBERTY**

**LOVE**

In essentials, *unity*. In non-essentials, *liberty*. In all things, *love*.

### FINDING FROM A THIRD-PARTY AUDIT

“Address treatment of women at Eastview, particularly to determine what structures, processes, or values — whether explicit or implicit — might be leading to a sense that women are not valued.”

# THE DECISION

**SCRIPTURE**

**FAITHFUL  
SCHOLARSHIP**

**CHURCH  
VISION**



HOW WE READ THE BIBLE

# HERMENEUTICS

**BEHIND  
THE TEXT**

*History & Culture*

**WITHIN  
THE TEXT**

*Language & Grammar*

**THE ARC OF  
SCRIPTURE**

*The Story of Jesus*

THE POSITIVE PATTERN • GENESIS 1 + 2

EZER עֶזֶר

**Translation:** Often translated “*helper*”

**Definition:** Strength & necessary aid

**Context:** A term frequently used in Scripture to describe God coming to the aid of His people. It does *not* imply inferiority.

## OLD TESTAMENT

## GOSPELS

## EARLY CHURCH

**DEBORAH**

JUDGE / PROPHET

**MARY OF  
BETHANY**

DISCIPLE

**PRISCILLA**

THEOLOGICAL  
INSTRUCTOR

**JUNIA**

NOTABLE AMONG  
APOSTLES

**MIRIAM**

PROPHET / LEADER

**HULDAH**

PROPHET

**MARY  
MAGDALENE**

ANNOUNCES  
RESURRECTION

**PHOEBE**

DEACON /  
LETTER CARRIER

**NYMPHA**

HOUSE CHURCH  
LEADER



# COMPLEMENTARIAN

The view that men and women are equal in value and dignity, but that **God has given men and women different roles.**

# EGALITARIAN

The view that **men and women share full equality** not only in value, but also in leadership and teaching roles within the church.



# 1 CORINTHIANS 14

Addressing specific disorder and disruptive speech in Corinthian worship. (Paul already assumes women are praying/prophecy in Ch.11).

# 1 TIMOTHY 2

Addressing severe false teaching in Ephesus.

αὐθεντεῖν

# AUTHENTEIN

OPTION A

**TO ASSUME  
AUTHORITY**

OPTION B

**TO DOMINATE  
OR CONTROL**

κεφαλή

# ΚΕΡΗΑΛĒ

OPTION A

**AUTHORITY  
OVER**

OPTION B

**SOURCE  
OR ORIGIN**



# WHERE DOES SCRIPTURE DRAW THE LINE?



The line we drew was based on the age of the audience.  
(A **logistical** boundary, not a **biblical** one.)

## EASTVIEW STATEMENT OF FAITH

We believe marriage is defined by Scripture as the union of ***one man and one woman*** in a single, exclusive covenant.

## OUR CONCLUSION

After years of study, prayer, conversation, and honest wrestling with Scripture, Eastview's Elders believe **women can preach and teach** in every environment on both campuses, including Sunday morning worship, while **Eastview's Elders will continue to be men.**



**LOVING**  **LIFE-GIVING**  
 **PEOPLE BRINGING**   
**HOPE + HEALING**  
*in JESUS*