

# Street Evangelist for Women's Equality

Speaking up for women wherever I am



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Todd,

The climate is changing. Sexual harassment and abuse is now in the news. Christians can either get on board with the changing climate or they can continue to cling to the old ways of male headship.

Donald Trump, Harvey Weinstein, Bill O'Reilly, Roger Ailes, Eric Bolling, Bill Clinton are the public faces of sexual abuse, but women who are standing up against such atrocities are now becoming the public voice of this climate change.

Baptists, and fundamental and evangelical Christians, continue to teach and laud female submission to husbands and to all males.

The church would not make the change, but things hinge on different things. In this particular case, since the church had held vehemently and vocally, on to male privilege and headship, the secular world will make the call.

You can't stop the cultural change. The Amish hunkered down and wear their strange clothes and skirt around modern day inventions, but they could not stop it either.

Culture is constantly changing, and churches must adapt to that culture. We see that God spoke through each culture, not proclaiming that any one culture was the perfect one.

We live in the 21<sup>st</sup> century. God is here. He is with us. The problem is, that we are not with Him.

Until women are encouraged to preach the gospel, to lead out in churches, and to live as modern women in this century, we are doomed to self-destruct.

When we as Christians refuse to give women real equality in their church, we are perpetuating the abuse of women. What is taught in churches, bleeds out into society and people who do not even go to church, see women as the church does – submissive to all males.

Look around you, Todd. Be a part of the change. Help women live out their Grand Design as fully equal in the church as you recognize they are in the kingdom of God.

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