

Street Evangelist for Women's Equality

Speaking up for women wherever I am



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Dear Rev. Graham,

I'm sitting here eating lunch and reading your March 2015 – A Samaritan's Purse Update newsletter. I love what you do, and I help support your ministry in a very small way.

But I am concerned and need reassurance about one thing.

The story Reuniting a 'Band of Brothers' in Christ' is about wounded veterans and their spouses who have participated in marriage retreats in Alaska.

These are men and women soldiers who have just returned from fighting in Afghanistan where they fought for girls' and women's rights. The irony is that when they come home, these men soldiers will likely be told in their churches that they have authority over their wives and daughters. The returning women soldiers will be told that they must submit to their husbands, similar to what the women in Afghanistan are required to do. Remember, that according to that teaching, it is always up to the husband to determine to what degree he demands submission from his wife.

It is my hope that your retreats present equality in marriage.

For eight years I have worked for Christian women's equality in the church and in the home. It is a hard struggle because so many Christians are willing to accept male dominance in marriage without question. We are Christians, and since Jesus did not deny women anything based on their being women, and since he did not commit women to the leadership of their husbands, we cannot in good stewardship of the gospel, do so either.

Thank you for your life sacrifices and good work. You reach those most could never know about with your ministries. For this I am truly thankful.

Your sister in Christ,

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