

Reports from the Street Evangelist for Women's Equality

Report from the street evangelist. Getting ready for my book signing tomorrow, I stopped by Kroger's to pick up something. As I was near my car I saw a woman looking at my decal "Dethroning Male Headship" and book signing flyer. I asked her to come to my book signing. She asked me if it was a Christian book for women to be closer to God. I told her it was a book about her equality as a woman before the Lord. She told me some things and we talked. She said, "On the way here I was praying that God would send somebody I could talk to." She asked for prayer for her family. She said she would be at my book signing, but as you all know, being a street evangelist is not about selling books, it is about spreading the word of women's equality - using a book as a prop. Below is my table spread, ready for tomorrow.

Report from the street evangelist. My book Women Equal-No Buts: Powered by the same Source is in the Montgomery County Library. Normally they do not take self-published books but since they are carrying my other book, they are carrying this one.! WHOO HOOO!

Report from the street evangelist. Went to the Lutheran Church yesterday and left my book signing information. Then went to the Presbyterian church today. A woman was standing at the door trying to figure out how to use the doorbell. She asked me if I worked there. I told her no that I work at a church down the street, and was just visiting to let them know about my book signing. Of course I had a book in my hand, and a leaflet about my signing. The Admin came to the door and let us both in. The woman wanted to purchase a mass prayer card for an ill friend. She is Catholic and thought the Presbyterians did that too. While the admin went to get the associate pastor, the lady asked me how much my book cost and got out her checkbook and wrote me a check for it. She is a nurse and will be working the 31st but she said maybe her daughter could come to my signing. Women Equal-No Buts!

Report from the street evangelist. Went to early voting today. One man running for state senator is a male headship pastor bigtime. The other is a young man with 2 young daughters. Before we could get inside the building to vote we were met by placards and signs and friendly greetings to ask us to vote for such and such candidate. I walked right between Mr Male Headship guy's supporters and Young Man's supporters. After voting and getting my name changed on my voter card (another story), I walked up to Young Man's supporters. "I've done my part, now you tell Young Man to do his part and not to be a male headship leader." Poor Don! I must embarrass him. But I was not through. I went to my car and peeled off the Book Signing information and took it back to Young Man's supporters, and gave it to the old man. Then I turned to the young women sitting there and invited them to my book signing of "Women Equal-No Buts: Powered by the same Source."

Report from the street evangelist. Just got back from designing a yard sign for my Book Signing May 31. And making my very own custom made bumper sticker "Women Equal-No Buts: Powered by the same Source.

Report from the kitchen. I am following Don's God-given leadership. He just put the frozen pizza in the oven and I will make the salad and tea. You see, we know our roles! Pizza is more important than salad or tea, so I can do it.

Report from the street evangelist. After church we went to visit the woman who bought our house in 1997 when we moved a few miles away. She wanted to show me how beautiful the amaryllises are that originated in 1968 which I transplanted to that house. But look! Before I left I gave her a copy of my book and signed it for her!

Report from the street evangelist. Today at the church where I work, Marilyn Fiddmont came to have lunch with the pastor. Marilyn is a gorgeous black woman, dynamic, and everybody loves her and loves to hear her preach, She has a high position in the denominational offices. She told me that she was speaking with a group of black women about leadership roles in their churches. They didn't have any women elders and were making excuses, and she told them that THEY had to something. That there was a need and they must take action. She said she used my book *Dethroning Male Headship* in her presentation. As I was looking at her, I immediately thought of our own Angela Ravin-Anderson who is employed by Houston Graduate School of Theology and who is helping us with this conference Collaborative People Collaborative Marriages. I told Marilyn that I would like to connect her with Angela. She said she knew Angela! What powerful women! What beautiful women! I am so pleased to be in their presence.

Report from the street evangelist. I went to get my hair cut. They were looking up my name in the computer and said they had 2 Shirley Taylors, or was I Shurley Tender?

I stepped back and spread my arms wide and said "I am THE SHIRLEY TAYLOR! The famous author of 2 books. Then I started handing out postcards of my books. That was fun.

I told them my books were in the 4 libraries and named them: New Waverly, Conroe, Montgomery and The Woodlands.

Then one of the women sitting there asked me where I lived. Turns out we live only a block away in the same subdivision. She is a former teacher who taught people to write. She was interested in my book.

Then when I was in the chair to get my hair cut, she came over and asked why should she buy my book. Then she sat down and we talked about it. She is Catholic and believes that women should be able to do more. Not sure how much, but more.

Report from the street evangelist. I am a thief. I confess. I stole a catalog from a table at church today. I just took it, folded it and put it in my purse. It was a Lifeway catalog advertising

Manhood books. Manhood is another word for patriarchy. My church doesn't have any idea that when they give the Men's Ministry a catalog like this that they are demeaning women. So I just took the thing so they won't be confused.

Report from the street evangelist. With a new pastor and dog (now on a leash), a Collaborative People/Collaborative Marriage forms and flyers, my new book published (by me) in print form, and the [change.org](https://www.change.org) petition to Demand an Apology from the Council on Biblical Manhood and Womanhood, I have not had much time to read for pleasure. So I went to the library yesterday and there was a different woman sitting at the desk and I stopped and spoke to her. She asked me if she could help me find something. I am at that library every week or so, and generally know my way around, but she didn't know that. So - well you guessed it - I took this opportunity to tell her "I just need something light to read. I have written 2 books (I hand her my handy postcards with my books on it) and I am so involved in working for women's equality that when I get up from the computer, I need to read something that doesn't take much energy." She asked me if I had read Maize Dobbs. I couldn't remember the name so she led me to the book which takes place in 1910-1929. Women's equality! YES! What a delightful book, but the more delightful thing was that this librarian understood immediately where I was coming from.

Report from the street evangelist. Today Don and I found ourselves in a real estate office with my brother and his wife who are interested in relocating to this area. While they were inside one of the offices conducting their business, one of the agents came over to where I sat in the outer office. "Do you go to (and she named a local large church that I know is male headship)?" She said I look familiar. I get that often, so it didn't surprise me. "No, but my sister and her husband went there for years until recently," I said. I am wondering if I dare mention my book but I hesitate after she tells me how much she loves that church. In fact, it was an afterthought that I had put some of my advertising postcards of my books in my purse. Then my sister-in-law came out of the office and solved that question. She told the woman about my books and then I gave her my cards for Dethroning Male Headship and Women Equal-No buts: Powered by the same Source. This lady then told me that her ex-husband was in prison for a crime related to male headship. She said, I have needed someone to talk to about writing my story. She said that I was just the person she wanted to talk with. I hope she calls. I hope I can help her write her story, and in the process, she will begin to see a new story - one of equality for women.

Report from the street evangelist. Don and I went to early voting today. We were immediately swarmed with people who want to represent us in our city, in our county and in our state. One young man started talking with Don and immediately I thought "This is my chance to talk to someone who might actually represent our district someday," so I walked over and began asking him questions. I wanted to know how he felt about women's equality, and science in school, and so forth. I told him that I do not want to go backward, that our children and women must go forward. I showed him my book which I carry in the trunk of my car (you knew I was going to get around to this, didn't you?). He only had a \$100 bill and could not buy it. When we came out after voting, I thanked him for listening to me. He said he would read my book if he had any money. I said "would you really?" He assured me he would. So I gave him one. Even signed it. I have spent many hundreds of dollars

advertising my book (don't tell Don!) but I think this is the best kind of advertising of all. Oh, by the way, when I was showing him my book, the wife of the most conservative, religious person who is running said she was an author too and wanted to see my book. She took one look at it and said "I'll pass." She is my neighbor, but she doesn't know me. But I know their history and website.

Feb 14, 2014 – My first Report from the Street Evangelist

Report from the street evangelist. After a huge breakfast at Cracker Barrel, Don and I went to The Woodlands Montgomery County Library to put a copy of *Dethroning Male Headship* there. We just discovered they have two libraries, but we chose the one closer to I-45. Asked for the manager, and I told her I wanted to donate my book, and gave her a copy of the catalog entry of where it is in the main central library, and right now it is checked out (Hallelujah!). She asked me to sign it, and said since it was already catalogued, it would be up soon. That makes 3 Montgomery County libraries, and one in Walker County.

*Names have been changed.