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Women of Harmony – The Unseen Worshippers

By Jodi Robinson

I recently read a little book about worship by Matt Redman. In the book, he described different types of worshippers. One of the categories was ‘The Unnoticed Worshipper.’ It got me to thinking about all the women who serve in the church in so many roles that frequently go unnoticed, as they go about praying, edifying, giving hugs, cooking meals for those having a hard time with illness or family issues, giving comfort to the broken-hearted, cleaning, organizing, or working in the nursery to name a few. I just want to say that I appreciate these unseen women worshippers, whether they be pastor’s wives or another member of the congregation.

*The prideful heart says “look at me” but
the worshipful heart says look at Jesus.*

Matt Redman

An example Matt Redman gave was of an orchestra where everyone wants to be 1st Violinist because they get a lot of attention and get to play exciting, adventurous parts. But without the other violinists, there would be no harmony.

Well, harmony in the church is so very important just as we learned recently in our study in I Corinthians.

Women often go from being their Mother’s daughter to being their daughter’s Mother or their niece’s Aunt or their granddaughter’s Grandma. Frequently, people don’t know what their name really is. And that is ok, because we cherish these roles. But, God knows the Spirit-filled woman’s name and notices everything about her. Because God doesn’t look at the outward appearance or actions only. He looks at the heart.

As He noticed:

- The widow who gave a few copper coins. (Luke 21:1-4) She gave a

sacrifice of praise through Jesus during hard times. (Hebrews 13:15)

- AND Mary of Bethany who poured the sweet smelling oil on Jesus. (Matthew 26:7) She seemed to understand better than some of the disciples that Jesus was going to die soon and rise again.
- AND Martha who went to meet Jesus even though she was mourning her brother, Lazarus' death. (John 11:20) She went by faith, hope and prayer. Even in her despair, she ran to her Savior. She knew where true comfort came from.
- AND Damaris who was mentioned in the Bible for doing one awesome thing: believing Jesus was the resurrected Son of God. (Acts 17:34)
- AND Mary, the mother of Jesus who witnessed her Son teaching in the temple when he was 12 years old. When Jesus told her and Joseph He must be about his Father's business, they didn't understand what He meant. (Luke 2:41-50) But his mother kept all these things in her heart. (Luke 2:51). And God knew what was in her heart.
- AND Anna who recognized that Jesus was the Savior when He was

yet a baby and she witnessed to others, and was thankful. (Luke 2:38)

- AND the Mothers of the Kings who did right in the sight of the Lord, as presented to us in I and II Kings and I and II Chronicles including Jehoaddan (King Amaziah), Jecoliah (King Azariah), Jerusha (King Jotham), Azubah (King Jehoshaphat), Abijah (King Hezekiah) and Jedidah (King Josiah). King Josiah was my favorite because he became King when he was 8 years old. He did that which was right in the sight of the Lord. He turned neither to the right hand nor to the left. (II Kings 22:1-2)
- AND Lois, Timothy's grandmother AND Eunice, Timothy's mother. (II Timothy 1:5). Faith teaching was passed on to Timothy; and Paul reminded him of that. (II Timothy 3:14-15)
- AND let's not forget the Proverbs 31 woman. She is considered perfect by most women because of all the things she did to perfection. (Proverbs 31:10-29). But God looks at the heart and He said "But a woman who fears the Lord, she shall be praised". (Proverbs 31:30).

Praise the Lord, we don't have to be perfect in every way to please God. He praises the woman who fears the Lord.

In closing, thanks again to all of you unseen worshippers. God knows our hearts. He knows if we have a humble spirit.

Do not exalt yourself in the King's presence. Proverbs 25:6

Defeating Despair

By: Marcus Denny

*Why are you in despair, O my soul?
And why have you become
disturbed within me? Hope in God,
for I shall yet praise Him, the help
of my countenance and my God.*

Psalm 42:11

Trials, painful and sorrowful as they may be, can never be greater than or totally extinguish the love and hope we have in God. Trials are temporary. The love that God has for His people is eternal.

Despair sets in when we lose sight of this truth and allow our problem to eclipse our God. Observe how even a little hand, when held directly before

our eyes can block out the grandeur of Mt. Everest! When we allow our problem to grow tall in our thinking, then we can lose hope in its shadow. This is why David's command to his soul, though elementary, is profound. One need simply lay aside the hand, and one's view of the mountain is restored.

Are you plagued today by the world, the flesh, or the devil? Are you downcast because of a great trial? Defeat your despair, or the temptation to it, by placing it next to your God. Look at your trial—really look at it. Then look at your God—truly look at Him. Compare His greatness to your problem. Compare the cross Christ bore for you to the cross you currently bear for Him. Compare the length of your trial with the length of eternal bliss that lies before you. Surround yourself with other Christians who have walked a similar path and can point you to these same realities. Then you will hope in God; then you will be led to praise Him!

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Christian One Liners

(Though some are a wee
bit longer.)

Don't let your worries get the best of
you; remember, Moses started out as a
basket case.

Some people are kind, polite,
and sweet-spirited until you try to
sit in their pews.

Many folks want to serve God,
but only as advisors.

It is easier to preach ten sermons,
than it is to live one.

Quit griping about your church. If it
was perfect, you couldn't belong.

If a church wants a better pastor, it
only needs to pray for the one it has.

Some minds are like concrete;
Thoroughly mixed up and
permanently set.

Peace starts with a smile.

Be ye fishers of men.
You catch 'em—He'll clean 'em.

Don't put a question mark
where God put a period.

Don't wait for 6 strong men
to take you to church.

Forbidden fruits create many jams.

God doesn't call the qualified,
He qualifies the called.

God grades on the cross, not the curve.

God promises a safe landing,
not a calm passage.

He who angers you, controls you!

Prayer: Don't give God instructions,
just report for duty.

The task ahead of us is never as great
as the Power behind us.

The will of God never takes you to
where the Grace of God will not
protect you.

We don't change the message,
the message changes us.

The best mathematical equation ever
seen: 1 cross + 3 nails = 4 given.