

Introduction

Discussion

1. Are there ways in which you feel you don't measure up as a Christian woman?
2. Why do you think that might be? What has influenced/shaped how you view yourself?

The problem with lists

- culturally constrained

- experience driven

- legalism prone

Identity Matters

Read Colossians 1:15-23

Made by HIM, reconciled through HIM

- Made in his image, made female with inherent value and worth
Genesis 1:27,31; Psalms 8:4-5
- His image restored, a new creation, women IN Christ
Colossians 1:21-22; 2 Corinthians 5:17

Made for HIM, set apart for HIM

- All of life for Christ
Colossian 3:1-4; Romans 12:1

Faithful in all we do

Shaped by his Word

2 Timothy 3:16-17

- Shaped by the whole counsel of God
- Growing in godly character
- In all circumstances of Life

Shaped by his Church

Women of the bible:

Phoebe - *"I commend to you our sister Phoebe, a deacon/servant of the church in Cenchreae... she has been the benefactor of many people, including me."* Romans 16:1-2

Priscilla - *"Greet Priscilla and Aquila, my co-workers in Christ Jesus. They risked their lives for me. Not only I but all the churches of the Gentiles are grateful to them."* Romans 16:3

Rufus' mother - *"Greet Rufus, chosen in the Lord, and his mother, who has been a mother to me, too."* Romans 16:13

Lydia - *"A dealer in purple cloth..."* Acts 16:11-16

Eunice and Lois - *"I am reminded of your sincere faith, which first lived in your grandmother Lois and in your mother Eunice and, I am persuaded, now lives in you also."* 2 Timothy 1:5

Women in our Churches:

- A diversity of women
- Sharing lives in community

For reflection

Can you think of women who have shaped you?

In what ways do they embody the gospel?