

**September 28, 2025**  
**Sermon Notes: Whoa, Man!**

**1. Welcome and Introduction**

- a. Greeting to in-person and online guests
- b. Invitation to stay for lunch and meet Pastor Will and Sarah
- c. Acknowledgment of leadership requiring hard truths
- d. Core Value: *We Bend Our Lives to the Book*

**2. Authority of God's Word**

- a. God's word as complete and authoritative
- b. Scripture transcends opinions, thinking, and culture
- c. Importance of approaching Scripture prayerfully and humbly

**3. Context of 1 Timothy 2:8-15**

- a. Paul's instructions on worship and gender roles
- b. Gender oneness and distinctiveness in Scripture
- c. Cultural context: radical equality of men and women in early church worship

**4. Instruction for Men (1 Timothy 2:8)**

- a. Avoid anger and arguments in worship
- b. Danger of disunity and quarrelsome spirit
- c. Holy hands as a symbol of surrender and humility
- d. Wrong ways to pray (Proverbs 28:9, Isaiah 1:15, Luke 18:11-14)
- e. Men's temptation: **ego**

**5. Instruction for Women (1 Timothy 2:9-11)**

- a. Modesty in attire and avoiding attention through appearance
- b. True value expressed through good works and godly lifestyle
- c. Women called to be disciples ("learners") in submission to God's Word
- d. Women's temptation: **attention**

**6. Main Takeaway from Verses 8-11**

- a. Men and women worshipping together was unprecedented
- b. Men: use words and prayer to glorify God and unify the church
- c. Women: reflect godliness through lifestyle and Spirit-filled works

## 7. **Difficult Passage: 1 Timothy 2:12–15**

- a. Challenges and differing interpretations
- b. Senior Pastor's responsibility to teach faithfully
- c. Scriptural consistency: distinction of roles in home and church
- d. Male headship = **responsibility of spiritual oversight**, not privilege
- e. Ephesians 5:24–25: mutual submission in marriage

## 8. **Theological Foundation**

- a. Creation order: Adam first, Eve created as helper
- b. Adam held responsible for sin despite Eve's deception
- c. Male spiritual leadership rooted in creation, not culture

## 9. **Verse 15 – Salvation and Motherhood**

- a. Three phases of salvation (past, present, future)
- b. Childbearing not a means of salvation, but motherhood is eternally significant
- c. Women as vital contributors to God's work in the world

## 10. **Conclusion**

- a. God's standard will always cause cultural friction
- b. Call to embrace God's design with humility and faith