Compass Life Adult Sunday School

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**“R-E-S-P-E-C-T”**

**I. A Quick History of Women’s Suffrage**

During the Constitutional Convention, Abigail Adams reminded her husband, John Adams, to “remember the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.” Although the Declaration of Independence declared that all men are equal, free to pursue life, liberty, and happiness, women in America were given \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_. Women could not own \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, vote, run a business, or bring a lawsuit to court. If they worked, their earnings were given to their \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_. In the 1820s, many people opposed slavery; they wanted to ensure freedom and opportunities for all people, including \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_. 1872 Susan Anthony is arrested and brought to trial in Rochester, New York, for attempting to \_\_\_\_\_\_ for Ulysses S. Grant in the presidential election. 1878 A Woman Suffrage Amendment is introduced in the United States Congress. 1895 Elizabeth Cady Stanton publishes the first \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_. 1912 Theodore Roosevelt's Progressive (Bull Moose/Republican) Party becomes the first national political party to adopt a woman suffrage plank. 1913 Alice Paul and Lucy Burns organize the Congressional Union, later known as the National Women's Party (1916). Borrowing the tactics of the radical, militant Women's Social and Political Union (WSPU) in England, members of the Woman's Party participate in hunger strikes, picket the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, and engage in other forms of civil disobedience to publicize the suffrage cause. 1914 The National Federation of Women's Clubs--which by this time included more than \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ white women and women of color throughout the United States--formally endorses the suffrage campaign. 1916 Jeannette Rankin of \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ becomes the first American woman elected to represent her state in the U.S. House of Representatives. August 26, 1920 The Nineteenth Amendment is ratified. 1923 The [National Woman's Party](https://www.nps.gov/wori/learn/historyculture/alice-paul.htm) first proposes the Equal Rights Amendment to eliminate discrimination on the basis of gender. It has \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ ratified. Once World War II ended in 1945, female munitions workers were expected to give up their jobs to returning male veterans and go back home to have, and \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ put off by the war. In 1946, \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ women were fired from their jobs. But for many women, work was an economic necessity, and they simply went back to the sort of low-paying jobs they had held before the war. However, most people in the 1950s felt that ideally women should be \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ and men should be \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_. A booming economy helped to make this possible; by the mid-1950s, 40% of Americans were living in the suburbs with, on average, 3.8 children, two cars and two television sets. This lifestyle affected the aspirations of housewives and mothers: only 38% of women went to \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ in 1958 compared to 47% in 1920, despite the availability of more federal aid to pay for university education in the post-war America. Furthermore, although 46% of women worked during the 1950s, 75% of them worked in simple clerical or sales jobs. The average working woman in the 1950s earned \_\_\_\_\_\_\_ of the average working man's salary.

**II. Feminism Movement: Betty Friedan**

In 1963, writer, feminist and women's rights activist Betty Friedan published The Feminine Mystique, which explores the idea of women finding fulfillment beyond \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ roles. Friedan co-founded the National Organization for Women in 1966 and served as its first president. After the Friedans' first child was born in 1948, Friedan returned to work. She lost her job, however, after she \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ with her second child. Friedan then stayed home to care for her family, but she was restless as a homemaker and began to wonder if other women felt the same way she did — that she was both willing and able to be more than a \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_. Friedan surveyed other graduates of Smith College. The results of her research formed the basis of her book The Feminine Mystique, throughout which Friedan encourages women to seek new opportunities for \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_. Friedan explores the unhappiness of women, describing women’s unhappiness as “the problem that has \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.” Women felt this sense of depression because they were forced to be \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ to men financially, mentally, physically, and intellectually. The feminine “mystique” was the idealized image to which women tried to conform despite their lack of \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_. "The Feminine Mystique" explains that in post-World War II United States life, women were encouraged to be wives, mothers, and housewives—and only wives, mothers, and housewives. Relegating women to the “perfect” housewife or happy homemaker \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ much success and happiness, among the women and, consequently, their families. Friedan writes in the first pages of her book that housewives were asking themselves, “\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_?”

**III. Birth Control and Abortion**

Women and men have long tried many methods to \_\_\_\_\_\_\_ pregnancy. Prior to modern methods of birth control, women relied on withdrawal or periodic abstinence. These methods often \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_. **Around 3000 B.C.** Condoms made from such materials as fish bladders, linen sheaths, and animal \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_. **Around 1500** First spermicides introduced which used condoms made from linen cloth sheaths and soaked in a chemical solution and dried before using. **1838** Condoms and diaphragms made from vulcanized \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_. **1873** The Comstock Act passed in the United States prohibiting advertisements, information, and distribution of \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ and allowing the postal service to confiscate birth control sold through the mail. 1916 \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ opens first birth control clinic in the United States.  The next year she was deemed guilty of maintaining a public nuisance and sentenced to jail for 30 days. Once released, she re-opened her clinic and continued to persevere through more arrests and prosecutions. **1938** In a case involving Margaret Sanger, a judge lifted the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ on birth control, ending the Comstock era. Diaphragms, also known as womb veils, became a popular method of birth control. **1950** While in her 80s, Sanger underwrote the research necessary to create the first human \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_. She raised $150,000 for the project. **1960** The first oral contraceptive, Enovid, was approved by the (FDA) as contraception. 1965 The Supreme Court (in Griswold v. Connecticut) gave \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ the right to use birth control, ruling that it was protected in the Constitution as a right to privacy. However, \_\_\_\_\_\_\_ of unmarried women in 26 states were still denied birth control. **1968** FDA approved intrauterine devices (IUDs). **1970** Feminists challenged the safety of oral contraceptives (the Pill) at well-publicized Congressional hearings. As a result, the formulation of the Pill was changed, and the package insert for prescription drugs came into being. **1972** The Supreme Court (in Baird v. Eisenstadt) legalized birth control for \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ of this country, irrespective of marital status.

**IV. The Blessing of Being a Mom and Wife**

Women have traditionally fulfilled supportive roles in serving the church and gained their greatest joy and sense of accomplishment from being \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, the feminist movement has influenced many women to abandon these divinely ordained roles. In Genesis 1, God’s first word on the subject of men and women is that they were equally created in the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ of God (v. 27). Neither received more of the image of God than the other. As persons, as spiritual beings standing before God, men and women are \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_. He created Adam first and Eve later for the specific purpose of being Adam’s \_\_\_\_\_\_. Eve was equal to Adam, but she was given the role and duty of submitting to him. Adam and Eve’s disobedience to God’s command resulted in certain consequences. For the woman, God pronounced a curse that included multiplied pain in childbirth and tension in the authority-submission relationship of husband and wife. The curse in Genesis 3:16, refers to a new desire on the part of the woman to exercise \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ over her husband—but he will in fact oppressively rule and exert \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ over her. The result of the Fall on marriage through history has been an ongoing struggle between the sexes, with women seeking \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ and men seeking \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_. Jesus showed love and respect for women. The Jewish Talmud said it was better to burn the Torah than to teach it to a \_\_\_\_\_\_. Jesus not only included them in His audiences but also used illustrations and images that would be familiar to them and specifically applied His teaching to them. To the Samaritan \_\_\_\_\_\_\_ at the well (John 4), He revealed that He was the Messiah and discussed with her topics such as eternal life and the nature of true worship. He also taught Mary and, when admonished by Martha, pointed out the priority of learning spiritual truth even over “womanly” responsibilities like serving guests in one’s home. Two principles of equality and submission for women exist side by side. Galatians 3:28 points to the equality, indicating that the way of salvation is the same for both men and women and that they are members of \_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ in the body of Christ. While Christian marriage is to involve mutual love and submission between two believers, this voluntary submission of one equal to another is an expression of love for God and a desire to follow His design as revealed in His Word. It is never pictured as demeaning or in any way diminishing the wife’s \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_. Rather the husband is called to love his wife sacrificially as Christ loved the church and to serve as the leader in a relationship of \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_. Although the Apostle Paul respected women and worked side by side with them, he \_\_\_\_\_\_ appointed female elders or pastors. Men and women stand as equals before God, both bearing the image of God Himself. However, without making one \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ to the other, God calls upon both men and women to fulfill the roles and responsibilities specifically \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ for them.

**3/15 “We Shall Overcome”**