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Refreshing! Clearly shows the tenacity of a biblical scholar committed to wrestling with a controversial topic, and willing to publicly proclaim some bold egalitarian conclusions about female and male relationships in the church. This second edition, expanded, extensively revised, and thoroughly documented, is a vital contribution to biblical and theological studies about the view and role of women. -- Kathy J. Pulley, Associate Vice President for Academic Affairs and Associate Professor of Religious Studies, Southwest Missouri State University

From the Publisher

A refreshing and extremely helpful book to assist churches in discussion of the place of women in the Church. This work is thoroughly biblical and fully conversant with the vast amount of literature on the subject.

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