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1 Samuel 7v7-12

- We persevere to final victory by looking forwards and looking back
- Remember that Christ has won the final victory & is praying for us
- Remember to cry out to God for help
- Remember how God has helped us 'thus far'

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Women's Ministry in Lockdown and Beyond

What does it look like?



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What it always has done

- God's word at the centre
 - Discipleship
 - Pastoral care
 - Evangelism

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God's Word at the centre

- Isaiah 55:10-11

As the rain and the snow come down from heaven, and do not return to it without watering the earth and making it bud and flourish, so that it yields seed for the sower and bread for the eater, so is my word that goes out from my mouth: It will not return to me empty, but will accomplish what I desire and achieve the purpose for which I sent it.

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God's Word at the centre

- Because it is God speaking
- Because it is powerful
- ❖ The three strands of Women's ministry (discipleship, pastoral care and evangelism) must have God's word at the heart of them.

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Discipleship

- Loving Jesus, following Jesus and becoming more like Jesus
- In the context of the local church
 - through sound Bible teaching
 - through relationships with other Christians

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Pastoral care

- Practical expressions of our care for people who are hurting and broken
- Equipping the women in our churches so they can walk alongside others and point them to the Jesus

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Evangelism

- Urgent task to perform
- The gospel is the only solution
- Encourage our women to live in such a way that others will ask the reason for our hope
- Equipping the women in our churches be able to share the gospel
 - teaching a gospel outline
 - training them in how to share their testimony or how to read the Bible one to one

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Women's Ministry in Lockdown and Beyond

- Whatever the circumstances the essential components and vision for women's ministry remain the same.
- During times like these we might have to
 - change the vehicles we use to do our ministry
 - think more creatively to achieve this God given focus

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Women's Ministry in Lockdown and Beyond

Women's ministry has been -

- Integrated
- Intergenerational
- Inclusive and accessible
- Individual

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Going forward

- Build a team of women
- Encourage tired women
- Invest in training women
- Review Women's Ministry

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