

My Protest Letters to 2 Women Disobeying God by Running Congregations

My Letter to a Female Head 1

Dear _____,

Thank you for your attention today. I write you to ask you to cease the practice of taking men's roles in the congregation for yourself. That means to leave of your freewill from running a "congregation" or from any official "teaching" over men. I realize these things have become commonly accepted in some circles today, but that certainly does not make them right. According to scripture they are certainly wrong.

One of the most immediate consequences of the feminist practice you're engaged in is that it divides the congregation. To put a picture on that, I have left my own _____ congregation and am hesitant to enter any other because of the feminization going on. I am not going to be a part of that aberrancy, nor expose my children to it. I'm sure many would say, well, either accept what the leaders are doing or leave. But how would you like to face that choice yourself? If you don't like it, leave your family? If you don't like it, leave your neighborhood? If you don't like it leave your country? It's an atrocious choice, and is only being foisted upon people because of this new wave feminism.

I have already protested this new practice with [denominational organization], my local congregation and others, and I take the time today to speak to you personally, and ask you to leave because what's going on is wrong and anti-biblical. I have written plenty on the subject, and if you would like, I will send it to you.

You know it gets awfully silly in this era to be complaining about the secular world and its disobedience. In many areas, including the feminist one you are involved in, we are being openly, repeatedly, shamelessly disobedient ourselves. Furthermore, it gets ridiculous complaining about the secular world's obsession with gender-bending, when we ourselves are busy making a mockery of gender roles, in this area and a few others. We really need to get our act together, and we're not going to do that with more liberality. We're going to do that by being faithful and obedient, even when it hurts.

And perhaps the thought that you are doing something gravely wrong DOES hurt. And perhaps the thought of leaving it behind completely hurts as well. But that is what I am asking you. I am certain, that with both prayer and planning, men will be found to do the necessary leading and teaching which God has given them to do. I am equally sure that you yourself can contribute in a godly way which is in harmony with scripture, as opposed to against it. For example, there are great opportunities for women in teaching women and children, in raising children, in ministering to the poor and to the sick. I myself would recommend the pro-life arena, as our participation in that is egregiously poor. Those are all great chances to serve God, while also respecting gender roles. They are all certainly needed in the _____ arena as well.

Therefore I pray that you leave what you are currently doing. I pray that this is a part of a much needed restoration in the Body of Messiah. Please consider this request along with what the word of God teaches us about men and women. I would be happy to correspond more on the subject.

Blessings and peace,

Female Head 1's Response

Dear Mr. Ackerman,

First let me state that as the Congregational Leader & Founder of _____, It is not now, nor has it ever been my intent to usurp any Biblical Leadership roles. But let me state Sir, that you make assumptions concerning my role, the Role of the [denominational organization] and so on, without having the slightest proclivity of why I do what I do nor do you have knowledge as why the [denominational council] made the decision they made.

Suffice to say, I will clue you in that at no time is my role one of Gender equality or Women's Liberation. Coming from a very Theologically conservative background myself, I don't disagree with you in the General sense. However, on occasion, God will CALL a Woman to a leadership role. And that is what HE has done in my life. Furthermore, there were men God had called prior to me... they were not interested nor were they faithful. So HE raised me up... a VERY reluctant servant to walk in obedience. God has given me the mantle of Deborah ... and I will walk in that until such a day that HE removes it, if such a day occurs.

Clearly you have your zeal and passion concerning this issue... however, you nor anyone else will replace the Holy Spirit and HIS leading in my life to stay or go. As for the [denominational organization], your exaggeration of the situation of allowing female congregational leaders is prolific. Of the over 180

_____ Congregations affiliated with [denominational organization]... I know of only three female Congregational Leaders accepted by them. Statistically, that is less than 1.8%.

May God Bless and Keep you and your household!

My Reply to Female Head 1's Response

Shalom _____,

I am glad to have your correspondence. Thank you very much for your letter. It seems by your reply that you consider my complaint to you an exaggeration, yet I do not see how it is an exaggeration. My complaint is not that this is happening in the [denominational organization] hundreds and hundreds of times, it is simply that it is happening. Therefore my complaint stands as realistic to the situation going on, which is a clear feminization contrary to the word of God. Furthermore it IS happening over and over in other areas of the Body, ones which we stand quite close to.

It's relevant to point out that in the only replies I have received from the [denominational organization] or congregational ministers, NONE have said that this was some specialized exception truly necessary for this or that reason. Rather, they simply stated they believed the practice was acceptable. Hence they seem to be treating this as normal practice, not as a rarefied exception for unique reasons. Do you see what I mean? In fact if this were some rarefied exceptional case, why are there currently five (not three) female congregational heads listed, and why is women preaching from the pulpit NORMAL in some parts? That doesn't sound rarefied or exceptional to me.

I appreciate that you agree with me in what you call a "general sense." I am taking that you accept that scripture DOES prohibit women from heading congregations and teaching over men. And from what I can gather, you are claiming you view this as a true necessity for a situation when there were no men evaluated able to do the job. Is that correct? Perhaps you felt compelled then. Yet if not finding a man evaluated as able is enough to break the rules in the New Covenant, then anyone could easily normalize this practice in order to speed expansion. And it seems by the spread of it that it IS being normalized. If there are no men to do the job, pray for leaders to come. They will come.

I'd also like to point out that Deborah is NOT an exception at all to the rules of the congregation. She is a civil leader from the time of the Judges. In the best of my reckoning she's an exception to nothing at all. A rare case, yes. But not an exception to an actual rule. Moreover, if you and I could break rules because of one rarefied exception, then we could both practice vigilantism in the name of Phineas from Numbers 25. Yet that would be absurd. I hope you get my reasoning here.

You also state that neither I nor anyone else will replace the leading of the Holy Spirit in the matter, yet it is the Holy Spirit that inspired scripture and that provided the very limitations we speak of. Hence it is not just me speaking to you, it is the Holy Spirit through scripture. Scripture says it is wrong. You are breaking the rules plain and simple.

I have included as attachments for you my complaint letter to the [denominational organization] as well as two correspondence letters, in which I address point by point the defenses of this new feminist practice. They deal with the practice in principle, not with any one case. I realize you are very busy, but I would appreciate it if you read over that material, and looked at it point by point. I am certainly willing to wait some time. I think it is clear from the material I send you that this new doctrine of feminizing the congregation is defended mostly by very poor translation and by ambiguous attempts at finding a scriptural exception. This is a poor foundation for truth, and it continues to do damage.

Thank you for considering my letter and all it include, _____. I hope and pray we can come to an understanding of God's instructions here. I also trust that we both care about the truth, and that we will base our behavior on it.

By the way, I really believe the Body of Messiah will attract MORE qualified men, when it actually starts respecting their biblical roles, in this area and in others.

Blessings to you and yours,

Tom Ackerman

My Letter to Female Head 2

Shalom _____,

How are you doing? I enjoy the chance to speak with you. I'm writing you personally today because I see in your [social media account] that you list yourself as a congregational head. I don't know exactly what this means, but I hope you are aware that the word of God doesn't permit women to have authority or teach over men. This is a violation of gender roles, unless you are specifically leading women or children. I hope that you know this.

It seems also especially important, at this time when many believers are sickened and distressed by the gender-bending they see in the secular world around us, that we ourselves ought to consistently be

living in obedience to God, and obedience in gender roles as well. If we don't do this, are we not leading a life of hypocrisy? Are we not disobeying God, while proclaiming that others ought to obey?

Please take what I say to heart. If you really are taking on the role of congregational head, I hope you can consider changing that lifestyle, and leaving it behind for something within the will of God. There are many godly and sacred things for women to do in the congregation.

Thank you for hearing me out.

Blessings to you,

Tom

Female Head 2's Brief Response

Greetings,

Tom good to hear from you. However, I disagree and will not step down from what I feel God has called me to do. Thanks for your concern.

Bountiful Blessings,

My Reply to Female Head 2's Brief Response

Shalom _____,

I am honored that you take the time to respond to me. I DO wish you would give it more time and consideration though. What you and many others are doing is transgression. Please consider humbly that you may be wrong on this, and in need of real repentance.

You and I would never accept it if a bold sinner told us – I feel called by God to sin. We should not accept that answer in reversing gender roles either. God calls no one to disobedience. He calls us to faithfulness and obedience.

As I mentioned before, in this day when believers are appalled by the gender-bending of the secular world, we are little more than hypocrites if we shamelessly and boldly do the same.

I'd be willing to take the time to go into this in depth. In fact I have protested this both formally and informally to various audiences and would be happy to share some of the material I have written with you. There are gender roles in the Body of Messiah. We are tossing them out the window.

Please consider each of the points above. I am called by God to write it.

Grace to you always,

Tom