

Celebrating Women's Herstory 2025 Sunday, March 16, 2025

John 4:30 "Come and see a man who told me everything I ever did! Could he possibly be the Messiah?" So, the people came streaming from the village to see him."

4 Ways for Men to Become Allies and Advocates for Women:

Recognizing Historical Injustices: I am committed to evolving and actively supporting women's rights, empowering them, and creating a more equitable world. My philosophy is rooted in empathy, understanding, and a deep appreciation for the diverse experiences and perspectives of women.

Reflecting on Privilege: I acknowledge the privilege that I hold as a man and the responsibility that comes with it.

Apologizing for Silence and Inaction: I recognize that it is not enough to simply be non-oppressive; I must be actively anti-oppressive and challenge the systems of inequality that perpetuate gender-based discrimination.

Committing to Change: I engage in self-reflection and actively work to unlearn these harmful patter

ns, challenging the traditional notions of masculinity that restrict the full expression of human potential.

8 Take Aways According to the National Women's History Alliance:

This message encourages discovering stories about the women in our families to help us better understand their lives, the challenges they faced, and ultimately, ourselves and our times.

Recognizing the dignity and accomplishments of women leads to higher self-esteem among girls and greater respect among boys and men.

Seeing and treating women with equity can be remarkable and should promote less violence against women.

We can gain strength and inspiration from those women who came before us – and those remarkable women working among us today.

Women are part of our story, and a truly balanced and inclusive history recognizes how important women have always been.

Women should not be included as a mere token. They deserve more than token representation; they are designed, called, and gifted as a necessary part of God's plan.

God, we thank You for our growing awareness of and sensitivity to women's issues—their dignity, needs, and rights.

In a world where women are often marginalized and viewed as weak or unnecessary, let us celebrate the truth that they are made in the image of God.