

## CRAIG REES • 19 FEBRUARY 2023 GUARDIANS OF PEACE

**Big Idea:** A local church is most effective when the focus is on a proper attitude toward one another driven by a genuine worship of God. **Key Scriptures:** 1 Timothy 2:8-15; Acts 20:20; 1 Timothy 5:13-15; 2 Timothy 3:6-7; Ephesians 5:22; Genesis 3:15-16

- 1. What was your main takeaway from this message?
- 2. Pastor Craig shared a link to a detailed exposition of the passage. That exposition revealed Craig's conviction that Paul was addressing a specific situation. He suggested that while Paul limits guarding the tradition to men, that was understandable in a first-century context. The command for women to learn was radical, magnificent, and liberating, the implication of which would take centuries to play out! He shared his conviction that there are plenty of exceptions in Scripture to underscore why churches redraw the leadership lines to include women leaders. While that is contentious, what is clear is that teaching should not be limited to men. How do you respond to that?
- 3. What decisions have you made that changed your future in ways you never expected?
- 4. Are you learning, and if so, what are you learning right now?
- 5. Whom are you learning from? How much of your learning is personal study versus listening to teaching?
- 6. The Ephesian church saw influences entering the home destabilizing the church as men and women were being pulled in different directions. How do couples ensure that they are being influenced in the same direction?
- 7. How stable are your core convictions?
- 8. How do you responsibly guard those in your care?