

Revamping Women's Ministry

Change is hard, we tend to naturally distrust change, we like things the way they are, we can become a little bit set in our ways, we can even associate the way we do things with a form of Godliness, when, in fact, we are simply stuck in a rut. Sometimes we can be wary of the new wine, because we have grown so accustomed to drinking the old wine and we like its familiar taste.

Sarah Yardley recently wrote a book on 'Change', in it she states that "The person with the most hope in the room has the most influence". When we think of changing or revamping or doing things in a new and different way, we have to approach the process with hope.

When things change, we need to put our hope firmly in Jesus to see us through the transition period. When we look to Jesus to direct us in how to change He will fill us with His vision, He is faithful to do this. When Jesus gives us his vision, and when we humble our hearts and align ourselves with His leading, he fills us with hope and excitement to see change happen. When we are filled with that God-given, spirit-lead, vision-hope, and when we effectively communicate it to those who are leading with us that we see people being deeply inspired to come on board and help in the season of change, revamping and renewing. This applies to women's ministry, but it can also apply to any ministry that you're involved in where you sense the Lord is wanting to breathe new breath and impart new vision.

Sometimes, we know things aren't working the way we're doing things, but we don't exactly know how to move forward into change, we simply don't have the ideas we need to make it happen. In this there are two elements needed:

1: Go to prayer. Dedicate time every day to ask God for a vision, ask him to give you His ideas, get alone with God, seek him face. God is faithful to meet you and show you the path forward.

2: Talk to your team, talk to the women who attend women's ministry, ask them simple questions like - "how can we serve you better?" or "what do you wish we were doing, that was not.?"

Communication with God first and with others second, but communication is vital. No woman is an Island.

In this week's episode of When She Leads we discuss some of these issues of how to navigate change or how to go through the process of revamping a women's ministry, we look at how to work with others, how to own the leadership role when it is given to you and how to work gracefully with people who you find difficult.

Remember that in all the changes and journeys of ministry we *put* our hope in Christ and *find* our hope in Christ.

Romans 15:13 **'May the God of hope fill** you with all joy and peace as you trust in him, so that you may overflow with hope by the power of the Holy Spirit.