## Tough Texts Does God Oppress Women?

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Deuteronomy 22:22-29; Exodus 22:16-17; Luke 4:18-19

Big Idea: God is on the side of the oppressed.

• If God is good and the Bible is God's Word, then everything the Bible teaches is good.

Deuteronomy 22:28-29

• What is marriage?

Marriage in our world: A union between two individuals, driven by love, for the purpose of building a fulfilling life together.

Marriage in their world: An alliance between two families, driven by duty, for the purpose of preserving and protecting the family.

 God's laws bring justice by restricting the powerful and protecting the vulnerable.

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## Message questions

Let's be honest—sometimes the Bible is hard to read. Sometimes you come across a story that seems like it couldn't possibly be in the Bible. Too often, we hide from these stories rather than dive into them. But if we really believe that the Bible is God's Word to us (we do), and if we really believe that God is always good and just (we do), then nothing that he says in the scriptures can be wrong or evil. Understanding it is another issue, and that's where this series comes in.

In our series, *Tough Texts*, we're taking on three of the hardest passages in the Old Testament that raise the biggest questions about God's character, and we're going to see if we can understand what our good God is really trying to say to us. This Sunday, the question being addressed is *Does God oppress women?* Our Big Idea is: *God is on the side of the oppressed.* Our passages are **Deuteronomy 22:22-29; Exodus 22:16-17; and Luke 4:18-19.** 

Use these questions to discuss the message from Sunday, focusing on how you can **grow** as an everyday follower of Jesus and how you can **go** accomplish what Jesus calls you to do.

1. What struck you from Sunday's message? Did you learn anything new?

2. Have someone read **Deuteronomy 22:22-29.** Wyatt talked about some cultural differences of marriage. How do these laws restrict the powerful and protect the vulnerable?

3.	Have someone read <b>Exodus 22:16-17</b> . Howerses help us better understand <b>Deuteron</b> law actually protect a woman in the ancient	omy 22:28-29? How does this
4.	Have someone read <b>Luke 4:18-19.</b> How do that God is on the side of the oppressed? S near to you. How did it help or hinder your <b>g</b> Jesus?	hare a story of oppression that is
5.	Who can you identify in your relational work can you <b>go</b> to them in a meaningful way this group praying for them.	
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