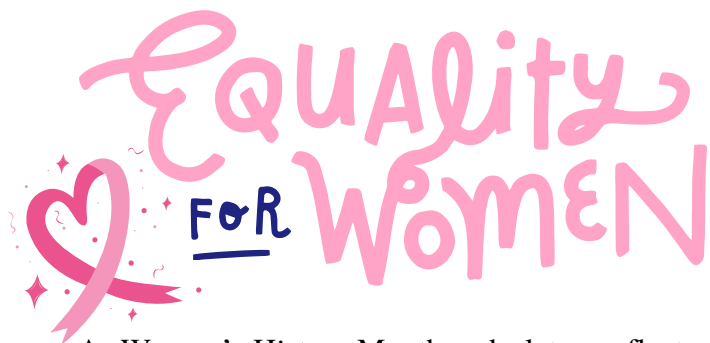




# SPARK NOTES



As Women's History Month ends, let us reflect on the legacy we are shaping for future generations. What kind of world do we wish to pass on? One where equality is not just an aspiration but a reality—where women and girls have access to education, economic opportunity, and the freedom to live without fear or discrimination. A world where their contributions, past and present, are recognized, valued, and built upon. This moment calls us to action—to preserve and expand progress, advocate for justice, and create spaces where every woman and girl can thrive.

The Church's future depends on embracing the gifts of all its members. Ensuring women's full participation in theological, pastoral, and ministerial life is not just about equity but about fulfilling its mission of love, service, and justice. Pope Francis' appointment of women to key Vatican leadership roles marks a shift toward greater recognition of women's contributions at the highest levels of Church governance.

We continue to be at the forefront of justice efforts, responding to some of the world's most pressing issues with faith, courage, and compassion. This is our response to a world in need. Now we work together with other partner organizations who are most often women-led. (Days for Girls, Mom's Demand, Proyecto Faro, One to One, East Side Heart and Home Family Center...)

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*Leader: Noah's wife and daughters have no names. Moses' adoptive mother, the daughter of Pharaoh, has no name. The wife of Minoah, mother of Samson, has no name.*

*All: The names of the mothers have been lost.*

*Leader: The woman who dried the feet of Jesus with her hair and perfumed them, the Canaanite woman whose faith prompted Jesus to heal her daughter, the woman who touched Jesus' garment and was cured of hemorrhaging.*

*All: The names of these faithful women have been overlooked.*

*Leader: Sarah, Rebekah, Rachel, Dinah, Mary Magdalene – all women unfairly treated by men of their time or ours. Tamar, Deborah, Judith, Esther – all female heroes that take a back seat to males.*

*All: The stories of the women have been ignored. God, help us to remember and learn from all the people and strive to know all of Your Truth. Amen.*

~Ministry from the Two Poles.



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## Did you know?

Globally, women earn 73% of men's average wages.

The US is the only developed country without paid maternity leave.

Belonging to a union reduces the gender gap by 50%.

Every 10 minutes, an adolescent girl dies as a result of violence.

71% of people trapped in sex trafficking are women or girls.

Women and girls often spend up to 6 hours a day fetching water.

16 million girls between ages 6 and 11 will never start school. This is double the number of boys.

Complications during pregnancy and childbirth are the leading cause of death for 15–19-year-old girls globally.

**WOMEN WILL ONLY HAVE TRUE EQUALITY, WHEN MEN SHARE WITH THEM THE RESPONSIBILITY OF BRINGING UP THE NEXT GENERATION.**

*Ruth Bader Ginsberg*



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