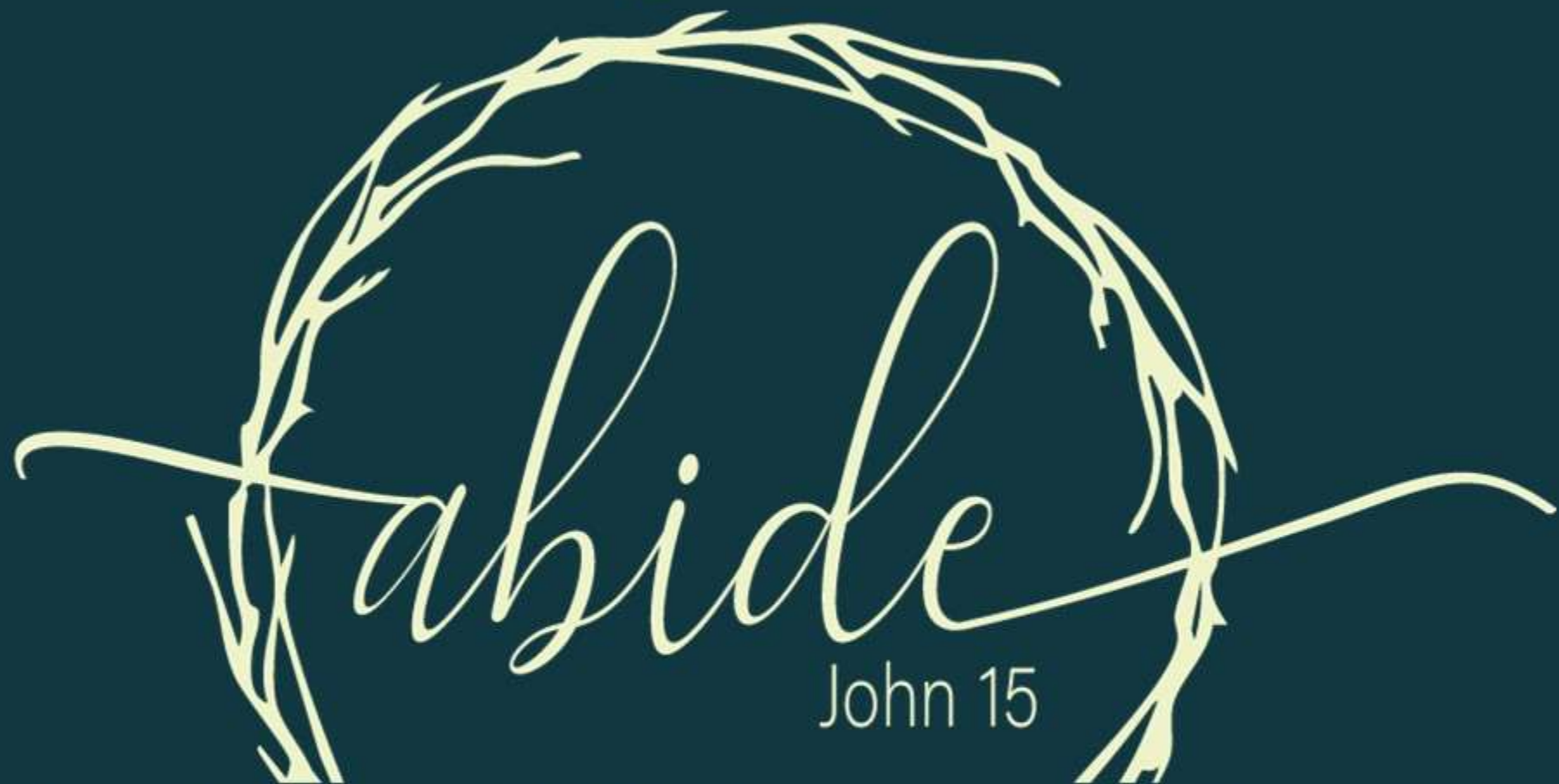
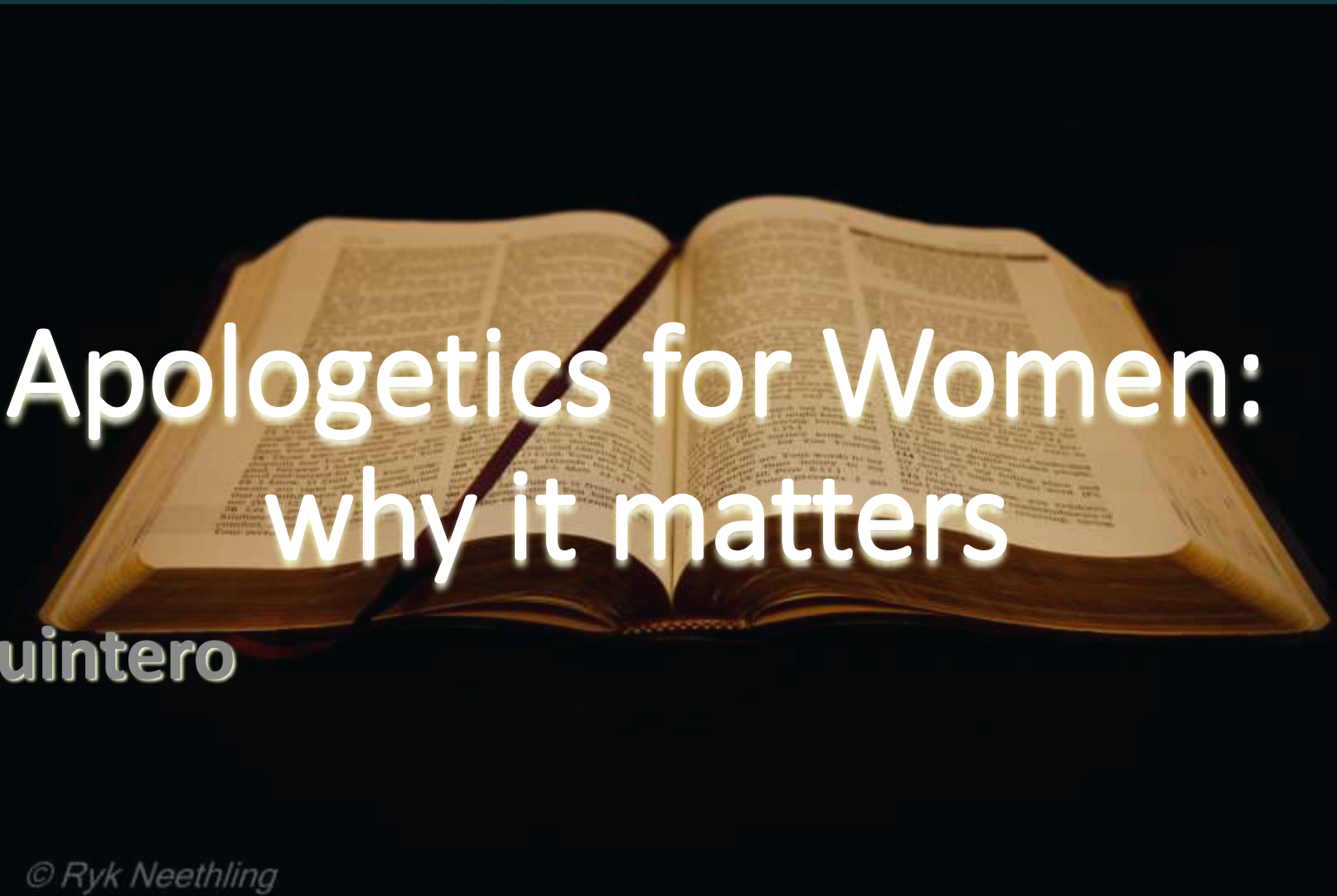


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Apologetics for Women: why it matters

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The Bible Commends It

“but in your hearts honor Christ the Lord as holy, always being prepared to make a defense to anyone who asks you for a reason for the hope that is in you; yet do it with gentleness and respect”.

1 Peter 3:15



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Lived out throughout Scripture

- In Acts 7, Stephen, one of the first deacons.
- In Acts 22, Paul defends his faith before an angry crowd.
- In Philippians 1:7 and 16, “defending and confirming the gospel”.



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Woman in Scripture

- Louis & Eunice (2 Tim 1:5) passed on sincere faith to Timothy.
- Priscilla (Acts 18:26) corrected and taught Apollos.



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“but test everything; hold fast
what is good”

1 Thessalonians 5:21



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The Culture Demands It

“We live In a world where truth is under attack”



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Cultural Messages

- **Relativism**- "truth is whatever you feel it is."
- **Identity without God**- "you define yourself."
- **Aggressive Skepticism**- "faith is outdated."
- **Peer pressure**- Silence over Truth.



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Barna/Research

- 64% of young adults raised in the church walk away from their faith after high school.
- Top reason: “I had questions, but the church didn’t answer.”
- Only 4% of Gen Z have a biblical worldview (Barna, 2018)



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Discernment Needed

But solid food is for the mature, for those who have their powers of discernment trained by constant practice to distinguish good from evil.

Hebrew 5:14

- Everyday test: like checking “expiration dates” on cultural ideas. Question: Does this align with God’s truth, or is it spoiled by deception?



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Warning from Scripture

See to it that no one takes you captive through philosophy and empty deception, which are based on human tradition and the spiritual forces of the world rather than on Christ.

Colossians 2:8

- Key point: The world is always discipling- Netflix, Tiktok, classroom, workplaces.



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The Danger of Neglect

After that whole generation had been gathered to their ancestors, another generation grew up who knew neither the LORD nor what he had done for Israel.

Judge 2:10



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Generational Warning

- Faith is not automatic.
- If we assume, we lose the next generation.
- One generation saw God's miracles.
- The next forgot - and walked away.



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Current Decline (stats)

- U.S. Christian: 78% (2007) 63% today (Pew Research)
- “Noones” rising sharply.
- Only 32% of church goers read the Bible daily (Lifeway)



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Why it Matters

- When God's word is neglected – confusion grows.
- Without truth, other voices fill the silence.
- The world is always discipling: social media, TV, music, politics.



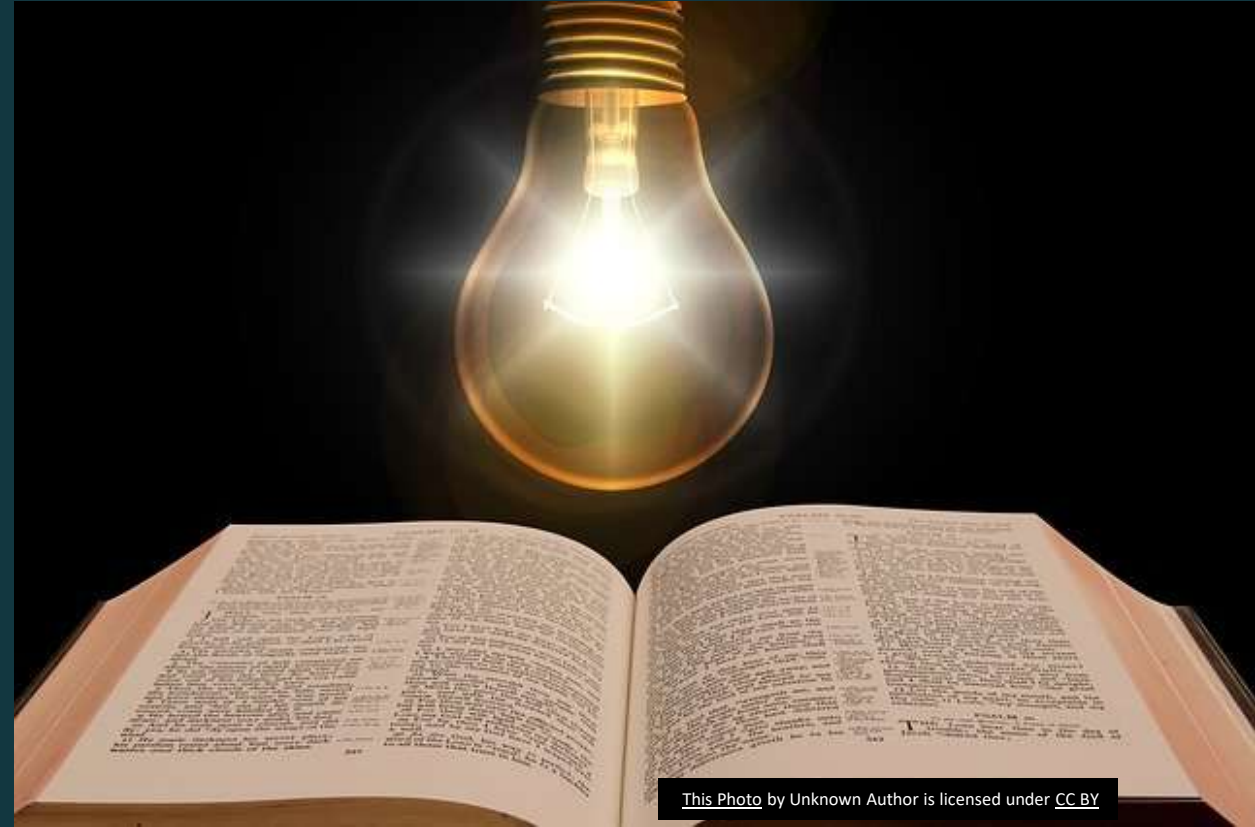
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Take away

- Apologetics protects us from repeating the cycle of neglect.
- If we don't teach discernment, the world teaches confusion.



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The Church Needs It

Older women.... Are to teach what is good, and so train the young women.

Titus 2:3-5



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Key Point

- Every woman is an “older woman” to someone.
- Teaching & training is the defense of God’s word in daily life.
- Apologetics = clarity + confidence to say: “this is what God’s word says - and why it can be trusted”.



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Ripple Effect

- A grounded woman strengthens her family.
- An equipped woman builds up her group/church.
- A mentoring woman multiples her influence.



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Everyday Apologetics

- Kitchen tables
- Prayer groups
- Coffee conversations
- Living room



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The Results Confirm It

Apologetics bears fruit

- in Scripture
- in history
- and in our lives today.



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“some mocked; but others said, We will hear thee concerning this yet again. ' Paul went out from among them. But certain men clave unto him, and believed.”

Acts 17:32-34

- Started where they were.
- Reasoned from creation & God's sovereignty.
- Pointed to the resurrection.
- Built common ground with their poets.



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History Confirms It

- C.S. Lewis – Mere Christianity
- Josh McDowell – Evidence that Demands a Verdict.
- Lee Strobel – The Case for Christ.



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Personal Testimony

- Apologetics strengthens faith in our homes.
- Questions are opportunities, not threats.
- Faith shared - ripple effect in families, friendship, and generations.



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Take away

- Scripture shows it works (Acts 17)
- History confirms it (Lewis, McDowell, Strobil)
- We can see it in our own lives today.
- Apologetics doesn't just shape us - it shapes generations.



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How Women Can Practice Apologetics Daily

- Ask thoughtful questions to open dialogue.
- Discern cultural messages with a biblical lens.
- Use everyday moments- dinner, car rides, coffee breaks.
- Pray daily for wisdom and courage.



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Encouragement, Application & call to action

- Walk with God: Don't ignore your own question-seek answers.
- Home: use mealtime and car rides for faith conversations.
- Friendships: Engage gently when cultural issues come up.
- Church: Mentor younger women and build others up
- Key Take way: Apologetics starts small, and it starts with you.



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Closing Scripture & Prayer

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