

## AND THERE WAS A WOMAN

In my years as a church member I have heard this phrase used many times. ".....and there was a woman". Very often it is describing the influence that brought a person to Christ. Sometimes it is describing help that came in time of trouble. A few times it is in a negative sense; someone who discouraged. One thing is a certainty: women are a big influence in the spiritual kingdom.

This is not only true in our day, but is evident as we study the Bible. Paul went to Philippi ".....and there was a women", Lydia, the first to accept Paul's message. Priscilla, Dorcas, Martha, Mary, Eunice, Lois; we could go on and on. But if you are hearing the grumbling of "we want more influence in the church today", advise those grumblers to listen - "..... And there was a woman".

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