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In celebration of Women's History Month, InterVarsity Press is launching the new *Hear Women* podcast alongside its Read Women campaign, elevating women's voices and contributions across faith, scholarship, and culture. Together, these initiatives invite readers and listeners to engage thoughtfully with women's stories, ideas, and leadership—past and present—through conversations and books that enrich the life of the church and the wider world. For a list of titles by IVP women authors visit our [ReadWomen page](#).

Read on to learn more about the hosts of *Hear Women*—Dorina Lazo Gilmore-Young, Tara Beth Leach, and Nijay Gupta. Find out about their work and books and get a sneak peek at two IVP authors with forthcoming books on the topics of women in the Bible and supporting women in God's mission.





DORINA LAZO GILMORE-YOUNG

(MFA, Hollins) is a writer, speaker, podcaster, and journalist. As the author of several Bible studies and devotionals including *Create in Me a Heart of Mercy* and *Breathing Through Grief*, Dorina frequently speaks at churches and retreats. She is also the author of several children's books, including *Cora Cooks Pancit* and *Chasing God's Glory*. A self-described foodie and an avid runner, Dorina lives in Central California with her husband Shawn and three daughters.



REDEEMER

*God's Lovingkindness in the Book of Ruth—A
6-Week Bible Study with Video Access*

[VIEW BOOK](#)

Bible teacher and retreat leader [Dorina Lazo Gilmore-Young](#) invites us to view the book of Ruth through a different lens—one that helps us recognize how this story proclaims God's heart for the vulnerable, including widows, orphans, immigrants, refugees, and the poor. As Ruth's story unfolds, we discover that God is the main character and that he is the true Redeemer, for Ruth and for us today.

IVP BIBLE STUDY EXPERIENCE

IVP Bible Study Experience volumes help you and your small group uncover the depths of God's Word in a whole new light. Using inductive Bible study methods, readers are given the opportunity to learn from trusted Bible teachers and engage with prayer practices, spiritual disciplines, and other tools for engaging with Scripture.



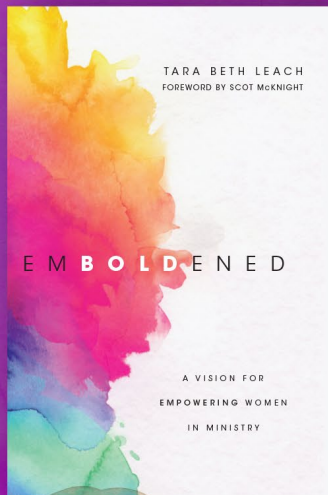
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TARA BETH LEACH

(M.Div., Northern Seminary) is a pastor, author, and speaker. The senior pastor at Good Shepherd Church (Naperville, Illinois), she has also served communities in the Chicago suburbs as well as Southern California. As the author of *Emboldened*, *Radiant Church*, and *Forty Days on Being a Six*, the cofounder of Propel Ecclesia, and cohost of *The Pastor's Table* podcast, Tara Beth writes and speaks widely about women in ministry and church leadership. She has two beautiful and rambunctious sons and has been married to the love of her life, Jeff, since 2006.



EMBOLDENED

A Vision for Empowering Women in Ministry

VIEW BOOK

Pastor Tara Beth Leach issues a stirring call for a new generation of women in ministry: to teach, to preach, to shepherd, and to lead. God not only permits women to minister—he emboldens, empowers, and unleashes women to lead out of the fullness of who they are. The church cannot reach its full potential without women using their God-given gifts. Leach provides practical expertise for how women can find their place at the table, escape impostor syndrome, face opposition, mentor others, and much more.

“With grace and honesty, Tara Beth Leach unpacks her journey of becoming a woman senior pastor in a prominent evangelical church. In doing so, she blazes a trail for us all, both men and women, in empowering women for ministry. Robust in its theology, practical in its wisdom, [Emboldened](#) tells us why God’s mission demands nothing less of us in these times: women and men together leading God’s church.”

—DAVID FITCH, Northern Seminary, author of *Faithful Presence*



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NIJAY GUPTA

(PhD, University of Durham) is professor of New Testament at Northern Seminary. His books include *A Beginner's Guide to New Testament Studies*, *Paul and the Language of Faith*, and commentaries on Galatians, Philippians, Colossians, and 1-2 Thessalonians.



TELL HER STORY

How Women Led, Taught, and Ministered in the Early Church

VIEW BOOK

Women were there. For centuries, discussions of early Christianity have focused on male leaders in the church. But there is ample evidence right in the New Testament that women were actively involved in ministry, at the frontier of the gospel mission, and as respected leaders.

Nijay Gupta calls us to bring these women out of the shadows by shining light on their many inspiring contributions to the planting, growth, and health of the first Christian churches. He sets the context by exploring the lives of first-century women and addressing common misconceptions, then focuses on the women leaders of the early churches as revealed in Paul's writings.

"Oh, what we can learn when we tell her story! Wherever you stand on women in the church, [Tell Her Story](#) will enrich you. This book shows that we still have a lot of work to do in making women visible. What do the stories of women in Scripture teach us about our God, discipleship, and ministry? How we listen to these stories can reveal what we value. Nijay Gupta gives witness to God's work in the unfolding of the prominence of women in the Scriptures, which also makes visible the overarching story and our location in it as the bride of Christ."

—Aimee Byrd, author of *The Sexual Reformation*



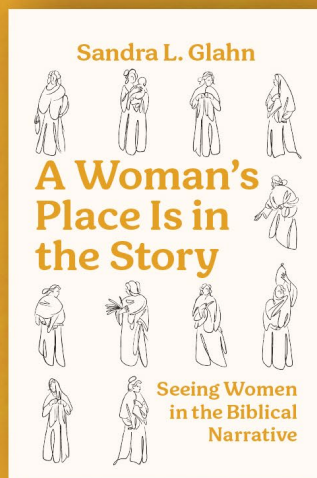
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A WOMAN'S PLACE IN THE STORY

Seeing Women in the Biblical Narrative

VIEW BOOK

In *A Woman's Place Is in the Story*, Glahn models how we can better read stories in their literary context and understand why the original authors included what they did. She reexamines both well-known and neglected passages, such as Tamar and Judah, the Hebrew midwives, Abigail, and the Samaritan woman at the well. Even when they seem to be minor characters, biblical women are key to moving the plot forward and revealing truths about God.

"Sandra Glahn, a consummate storyteller, presents an expert summary of the elements of stories (story, narrative, plot, characters, setting), and then shows how to read stories about women in the context of the big story of the Bible. We are treated to surprising insights, some of them rightfully unnerving to some, about Tamar, Shiphrah and Puah, unnamed women, Abigail, five named daughters of Zelophehad, the woman of Shunem and Job's daughters, Jezebel, and my favorite, the woman of Samaria. Glahn illustrates the power of stories while showing how to think in story terms about these women. The reality is that many in the church, both women and men, do not know the stories of women in the Bible, and so Glahn offers a conclusion on what the church's leaders can do to reconfigure the place of women in the Bible's story."

—**Scot McKnight**, visiting professor of New Testament at Houston Theological Seminary



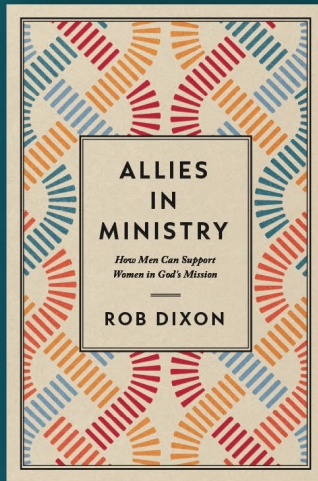
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ROB DIXON

(DIS, Fuller Theological Seminary) is the author of [Together in Ministry: Women and Men in Flourishing Partnerships](#) and the coauthor with his wife, Amy, of the picture book [Penny Preaches](#). In addition to serving on InterVarsity Christian Fellowship staff for almost thirty years, he teaches at Fuller Theological Seminary and Fresno Pacific University.



ALLIES IN MINISTRY

How Men Can Support Women in God's Mission

VIEW BOOK

Building on the foundations of his previous book, [Together in Ministry](#), Rob Dixon presents seven proven steps to becoming an effective ally, grounded in qualitative research, real-life examples, and biblical insights. With action-oriented suggestions, reflection questions in every chapter, and inspirational true stories, [Allies in Ministry](#) is a vital resource for helping the church become a community where women can thrive in ministry in equal measure.

“Rob Dixon has done it again with this mission critical, biblically grounded, and accessible guide to fostering equitable, hospitable environments where women and men can lead together, freely and fully. His seven-step pathway and stages of allyship meet men wherever they are on the journey, offering practical, Spirit-led steps that can be readily adapted to diverse ministry contexts. Rob’s call to deeper partnership, accountability, and authentic transformation is both invitational and challenging—an essential resource for catalyzing liberating, Christlike change in the church today.”

—**Liz Testa**, director of equity-based hospitality and women’s transformation and leadership for the Reformed Church in America



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