

Reflecting Characteristics of the Covenant through Our Ministry

Characteristic	Scripture Reference	Meaning	Implications	Ways we are reflecting	Other ways to reflect
Eternally Secure	God sovereignly initiated the promise with Abram. (Genesis 12)	Because the Covenant is sovereignly initiated and sovereignly sustained, we can know it is eternally secure.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Gratitude that desires God's glory above all else • Humility that frees us to consider others • Security to cast our cares on Him • Ability to extend grace to others because of God's grace that was shown to us 		
Relational	God initiated a relationship with Abram (Genesis 12)	The God of heaven and earth is a personal God who enters into an intimate relationship with us.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Relational model built on the character of God, not felt needs or sentimentalism • Our relationships to each other to mirror God's relationship with us • Women's ministry opportunities to cultivate covenant relationships among women 		
Familial	God made it clear that this covenant was for Abraham and his family (Genesis 17)	From the beginning God has worked through families (Abraham and his seed).	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Prepare girls for familial responsibilities and privileges. • All women taught that they are helpers and life-givers. • Support of husband should be prerequisite for married women's involvement in leadership. 		
Corporate	In Exodus we see emphasized the corporate aspect of the Covenant that God has called a people unto Himself.	God relates to us collectively. We are His holy nation, His royal priesthood, His bride, His body.	<p>We should teach women:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • To love the church, • To submit to the authority of the church, • To rest in the protection of the church, • To serve in the ministry of the church, • And to cultivate community in the church. 		

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Generational	Deuteronomy 6:4-9, & Titus 2:1-5	Each generation is to show and tell the next generation the praiseworthy deeds of the Lord and the wonders He has done.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> We should equip women to spiritually mother other women. Inter-generational relationships should characterize women's ministry. Women's ministry should connect with the children's and youth ministries to enfold the girls in the church and train them in the ways of biblical womanhood. 		
Compassionate	Exodus 34:6, & Ephesians 4:32	God is a God of compassion, and we are to be a people of compassion.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> We should be caring for women. We should teach women how to care for others. Church should be a safe place for hurting women. 		
Integrative	Acts 17:28, & Romans 11:36	The covenantal framework of Scripture shows the purpose, harmony, and connections of Scripture.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Scripture should be taught as a part of the whole. We should be teaching women to integrate Scripture into all of life. We should evaluate how well we are equipping women to apply Scripture to all areas of life. 		
Exclusive	Exodus 20:3, & Deuteronomy 5:7	We are to have no other gods before us.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> We should be teaching women to recognize and demolish all idols. 		
Inclusive	Matthew 28:18-20	We are to go into all the world and proclaim the gospel.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> We should be evangelistic. Women's ministry should be a welcoming environment where unbelievers hear the gospel in a loving environment. 		