

# ISLAM MANDATE

## TEACHING GUIDE

### ISLAM: Unveiling the System ... Loving the People!

This is a short teaching on the history and purpose of Aglow's Islam Mandate and corresponds to the outline.

God has given the women of Aglow a mandate for one-fifth of the population of the world, the Muslim people. These followers of the Islamic religion have never known the love of our Father. They are without Christ and therefore without hope. They have no forgiveness of sin and no real assurance of salvation and eternal life.

#### I. AGLOW'S MANDATE

A mandate is *an authoritative order or command, a commission*. It also means *to entrust, to put into one's hand*.

As women of Aglow, we are privileged to be called and commissioned by God to co-labor with Him on behalf of the Muslim people. He is entrusting us with people close to His heart, and has placed this mandate in our hands. An awesome call!

#### A. 1991

God spoke powerfully at our Aglow International Conference in 1991:

*"For you have seen the great darkness and yea, you have said it is a formidable enemy and how shall we penetrate that darkness? For yea, it cloaks the nations, it cloaks the Muslim nations and you say to Me, „O Lord my God, those religious beliefs are ingrained and woven into the very fabric of their being and yet, shall they be free? And I say unto you tonight, yes, they shall be free. For as it takes only one thread to unravel a garment so shall I unravel the garment of Islam, even as I have unraveled the garment of communism in this hour. Yea, My people, I cry unto you, lay hold of that thread in My power and My might and we shall disrobe the garment of Islam ,” saith the Lord.*

In a chapter in Barbara Yoder's book, *God's Bold Call to Women* (Regal Books), Aglow President, Jane Hansen wrote:

*"When I think of the garment of Islam, I think of the burka, a garment worn by many Muslim women, covering them from head to foot. It is physically, and in a spiritual sense, like a shroud. TME magazine called it a "body bag for the living." God began to unravel that shroud by showing the world in a very powerful way the condition imposed upon women by a system."*

## **B. 1993**

At our 1993 International Conference, one of the speakers, Steve Penny from Australia, confirmed the word from 1991:

*“I don't know what happened in 1991 in your Aglow convention, but Jane, I feel the Lord has given me a word for you. In 1991 something of God's purpose for this ministry was sown in to your hearts by the Word of the Lord. Conception took place. Something fresh... something new... something for the ministry began to bubble. This was a new hour for the ministry of Aglow. I feel like the word for this conference is that which is being conceived—is being confirmed by the Spirit of God. Hasn't yet come to birth. I believe that **in a couple of years ahead**, there will be a birthing of the things that have been seeded into your hearts, but at this conference, the Spirit of God is confirming, „This is what I'm doing. This is My plan.”*

## **C. 1995**

At our 1995 International Conference, speaker Rick Joyner, reconfirmed the Islam word when he said:

*“Now I want to give you an invitation from Him also—an invitation, I believe, to Aglow. I believe it comes directly from the Lord: The Lord will give you Islam if you will take it.”*

## **II. ISLAM VS. CHRISTIANITY** (See also: Sections 1, 2, and 7 of the “I” Manual)

(NOTE: “I” manual refers to the ISA Publications Islamic Training Manual used by Aglow.)

### **A. Is Islam just another religion?**

Many people today say that the Muslims, Jews, and Christians all believe in the same God and that Islam is just another “way to heaven.”

In the United States, it has been stated by government and religious leaders that Islam is a religion of peace. Is that true, based upon history? Today we will briefly examine this religion; how it began, what a Muslim believes, and how it is different from Christianity.

### **B. Islam defined**

Islam is *social, political, economic, judicial, educational, militaristic system*, “*cloaked*” as a religion.

The liberties and freedom we enjoy do not exist under Islam. Their goal is to establish a worldwide Islamic empire and that vision is growing rapidly.

In moderate nations an individual's religion coexists within a civil government. Under Islam, the religious rulings encompass all civil and secular laws, courts, and executive decisions. In other words, there is no civil or secular law apart from Islam.

All western nations are being targeted. In the past 50-60 years vast Muslim populations have shifted from traditionally Muslim nations to set down roots throughout Europe, North America, Australia, and New Zealand.

## C. Muhammad, the founder of Islam

### 1. Family background

Muhammad is the founder and leader of the Islamic faith. He was born in the city of Mecca in Arabia in 570AD. His father died before he was born, then his mother died when he was six. He was placed in the care of his grandfather, but he, too, soon died. Then, Muhammad's uncle took over his care. At age 25 he married a wealthy widow named Khadijah, who was 40 years of age. During that time, both Jews and Christians lived in Arabia, but it seemed they lacked the power to convince Muhammad and the other Arabs that Jehovah, the God of Judaism and Christianity was the one true God.

## D. Beginnings of Islam

### 1. Visitation from Gabriel

At age 40, Muhammad had a visitation he believed to be from the angel Gabriel who told him to recite. When Muhammad asked what he was to recite, he was told, "Recite, in the name of the Lord who has created, created man from the clots of blood." This experience brought great doubt to Muhammad, but when he shared this experience with his wife, she convinced him that he was appointed as a prophet to the people. Nevertheless, the experience continued to depress him and he even considered suicide. Revelations continued to come to him— sometimes an "angel," sometimes a voice, sometimes a dream. He received his revelations during fits and seizures. His followers chose to believe that these were true words of God because they considered Muhammad to be illiterate, thus incapable of such astounding proclamations

### 2. Qur'an

Messages continued to come to him over a period of 22 years. Those revelations and proclamations became what is known as the Koran (Qur'an). As a result, he preached that there is no god but Allah and that he, Muhammad, was the prophet of Allah.

### 3. Galatians 1:6-9

Paul warned us in Galatians 1:6-9 that there would be those who pervert the gospel of Christ. He cautioned,

*"But even if we or an angel from heaven should preach a gospel other than the one we preach to you, let him be eternally condemned."* Paul repeated his warning, *"As we have already said, so now I say again: if anybody is preaching to you a gospel other than what you accepted, let him be eternally condemned."*

It seems Muhammad had a desire to know God. He apparently had a strong call on his life, but did not respond to it scripturally. Instead, Muhammad listened to a false angel; he preached "another gospel" and submitted to a false god.

When his wife died he remarried, and some Islamic scholars say he had up to 35-40 wives and concubines. He also married a seven-year old girl, Aisha, and consummated the marriage when she was nine.

#### **4. Mecca and Medina**

In Mecca, Muhammad fervently preached his message of Islam, or submission. It was a call to become a Muslim, or “one who submits,” and to serve one god, rather than the 360 gods they worshiped. The tribes close to Mecca plotted against him and he fled to Medina, about 200 miles north. In this area there were Jewish tribes. To reach the Jews, he offered Friday as the beginning of the Sabbath and the city of Jerusalem as the direction for prayer. However, when the Jews did not receive his “new religion” he attacked them. In one tribe all Jewish men were put to death, and women and children were taken into slavery.

#### **5. Ramadan**

Rejected by the Jews, he adopted the holiest day of the Jewish year, the Day of Atonement, and turned it the month-long Islamic fasting season of Ramadan. He adopted Abraham as the patriarch of Muslims. Muhammad selected Mecca instead of Jerusalem as the direction Muslims were to bow to as they prayed.

### **E. Islam established**

#### **1. Islam exalted over other religions**

In 628AD he received what he considered a “revelation” that Islam was to be exalted above all other religions, including Christianity and Judaism. Becoming the religious and political leader of the Arabian Peninsula, he taught that a Muslim was to walk the straight path of Allah to attain heaven and avoid hell.

#### **2. Matthew 7:15-20 – the fruit of Muhammad’s life**

Jesus said, “You shall know them by their fruits... a good tree cannot bear bad fruit, and a bad tree cannot bear good fruit.” (Matthew 7:15-20). Let’s examine Muhammad’s fruit: during the last 10 years of his life he brutalized a wide variety of people, especially Jews. He enslaved thousands, and he had an estimated thousand people killed. He extorted money from non-Muslims and told his followers to do likewise. “A bad tree cannot bear good fruit.” Muhammad’s fruit was bad.

### **F. The spread of Islam**

Within the next 100 years the message of the domination of Islam continued to be spread by the sword and conversions were forced throughout the kingdoms of the Middle East. (Compare this to the spread of the gospel of Christ by the early church!)

### **G. The world according to Islam**

After that time, the mission and mind-set of Islam was established. That mindset divided the world into two domains:

That world which was to exist under Allah, the teachings of the Qur’an, and the traditions of Muhammad (written in a book called the Hadith).

That world which was still in ignorance and disobedience and which needed to be brought to submission under Islam.

## 1. A nother gospel –Matthew 24:24-25

The message of Muhammad is *another gospel*. It is not an alternative, but directly contradicts the Word of God and the teachings of Jesus. It is not possible for Christians to consider Muhammad to have been a prophet of God. Rather he is one of those foretold by Christ in Matthew 24:24-25 who would lead many astray.

### III. THE FIVE PILLARS OF ISLAM (See also : Section 4 of the “T” M anual)

Muslims believe they must do all within their power to please God in order to obtain rewards in heaven. The Qur’an requires Muslims to follow the five duties, or practices, called the Five Pillars of Islam. They are:

#### A. The Great Confession (*shahada*)

The confession or statement of belief (*shahada*) is the most important declaration of the Muslim faith and serves as the basis for their belief system. It is uttered before prayers and on many other occasions. They say: “There is no god but Allah. Muhammad is the messenger (apostle or prophet) of God.”

If a person declares “I witness” (to the statement that “there is no god but Allah and Muhammad is his prophet or messenger”) and it is believed in the heart, they are then considered a Muslim.

#### B. Prayer (*salat*)

A Muslim should pray facing Mecca five times each day; at dawn before sunrise, just after midday, in the late afternoon, immediately before sunset, and after sunset but before midnight. They are encouraged to perform their daily prayers in the mosque with others. Before praying, they must make themselves pure by washing. At the mosque there is a source of water, often a pool or basin. They go through a routine of purification as they:

- wash the hands up to the wrist three times
- rinse out the mouth three times
- clean the nostrils by sniffing water three times
- wash the face from forehead to chin and from ear to ear
- wash the forearms up to the elbows three times
- pass a wet hand over the whole head
- wash the feet up to the ankles three times, the right then the left

In the mosque a prayer leader stands before rows of worshipers, and leads them in actions and words. The mosque (*masjid*) is known as the place of prostration.

Women must pray either at home or where they cannot be seen, for they raise base desires in men. (In other words, men will be attracted to them and it will be the fault of the woman.)

Muslims go to the mosque on Fridays to say their noon prayers and to hear the weekly sermon. They may pray individually and in other places but Muslims are not to pray in cemeteries or in bathrooms because jinn (demons) live in toilets.

### **C. Almsgiving**

The giving of alms, 2.5 percent of one's wealth is to be given to the poor.

### **D. The Fast of Ramadan**

The Arabic word for fasting (*sawm*) means abstinence. Worldwide, serious Muslims fast from sunrise to sunset 30 days during Ramadan. The Qur'an requires it for all believers.

### **E. The Pilgrimage to Mecca**

Mecca, the holiest city of Islam, is the birthplace of Muhammad. Non-Muslims are not permitted to enter this city. The Qur'an requires every man and woman who is physically and financially able, to make at least one pilgrimage, or "*hajj*" in a lifetime.

## **IV. BELIEFS OF ISLAM VS. THE BIBLE (See also: Section 3 of the "T" Manual)**

### **A. The Bible is corrupted, the Qur'an corrects the errors**

Muslims will say they believe in the Bible. They say they believe in Noah, Abraham, David, and other prophets. In fact, Jesus is *one* of their prophets. These statements are deceiving and cause people to think that Muslims worship the same God as the Jews and Christians. But what they do not tell us is that, according to Islam, Muslims believe the books of Moses and the gospel of Christ have been corrupted and changed by honest people. Their holy book, the Qur'an corrects the errors and finalizes the truth from God.

### **B. Jesus in the Qur'an**

#### **1. Comparison of Jesus and Muhammad**

We mentioned before that the Bible affirms that Jesus overcame death on the cross by being raised from the tomb on the Third Day. However, nothing in the Koran refers explicitly to the resurrection of Jesus from the tomb. They do not believe that Jesus died on the cross, but rather another took his place. They say that God would not allow a prophet to die such a horrible death, that it would have greatly shamed the name of God if he had allowed it. The Qur'an does refer to Jesus being taken up to heaven to be with God in order to spare God's honor. Muslims have no revelation of the sin nature and the reason for Jesus' death, burial, and resurrection. They can have no true salvation because they have no forgiveness and no Savior.

## A SIMPLE COMPARISON

### JESUS

### MUHAMMAD

Lived a sinless life and forgave others.	Prayed often for forgiveness of his sins.
Was never married.	Had many wives and concubines.
He performed miracles and healed all kinds of sickness, disease, and cast out demons.	He performed no miracles, no deliverance, and no healings. He said the Qur'an was his miracle.
Established a religion of truth, mercy and love and even invites His enemies to come.	He established a religion by works. Good and evil deeds are weighed by a scale.
Arose from the dead the third day just like He predicted. His tomb is empty, and He promises to raise the dead and judge them.	Still lingers in his grave awaiting the Day of Judgment by Jesus.
Jesus (Isa) is mentioned in the Qur'an 97 times.	Muhammad is mentioned in the Qur'an 25 times.
Salvation to all who repent and believe.	No assurance of salvation for the Muslim.

### C. The return of Jesus in end times

Islam tradition states that Jesus will return from heaven, battle the Antichrist and defeat him. They say Jesus will confess Islam, kill all pigs, break all crosses, die, and be buried beside Muhammad.

### D. Other differences

#### 1. Abraham

Muslim tradition associates the prophet Abraham with Mecca in Arabia, not in Israel. They teach that Abraham had a dream to offer his son, Ishmael, as a sacrifice to God (instead of Isaac, as told in Genesis 22). But the son was saved and a ram was offered in his place.

Muslim tradition teaches that Abraham, commanded by God, built a house of worship in Mecca and invited the people to make a yearly pilgrimage (*hajj*) there.

#### 2. Trinity

The Christian belief in the Trinity is not understood. Muslims think that Christians believe in three gods– God, Jesus, and Mary. Although this is a totally false belief, it is a great stumbling block for them. They need to know that we do not believe in three Gods. Christians believe God is One, and only one, but believe He eternally exists in Tri-unity.

To say Jesus is the Son of God is considered blasphemy. Any Muslim who believes that Jesus Christ is God has committed “the one unforgivable sin” called *shirk*, (*not shir*) a sin that will send him to hell.

### **3. No Savior**

Islam has no Savior. There is no sacrifice for sin. Rather, it is a religion of works. They believe Allah brought God's laws to men, and they must keep those laws, satisfy Allah's requirements and win his approval.

### **4. Paradise**

A Muslim dies, not knowing if he will go to paradise. The only assurance they have is death in jihad. A jihad is a holy war where the believer is obligated to fight against the unbeliever who rejects Islamic teachings. This is one of the reasons we see so many suicide bombers today.

There is no question! According to the Word of God what Islam teaches "another gospel."  
(The Bible calls it a doctrine of demons - I Timothy 4:1.)

## **V. MEN AND WOMEN IN ISLAM** (See also: Section 11 of the "T" Manual)

### **A. The mindset of the Muslim man**

#### **1. Control and dominance**

Because of the teachings of their faith and the beliefs of the Muslim community, the Muslim man must exercise control and dominance to maintain respect.

Their way of thinking is the opposite of the godly Christian man, who is to be in authority, but is not to dominate. In fact, he is to love his wife as Christ loves the church and to bring his children up in the training and admonition of the Lord.

#### **2. Power, honor, revenge**

The Muslim man is challenged to adopt this mind-set of dominance around three major concepts:

power  
honor  
revenge

Power impresses them. They will use power to attain honor. If by chance they fail and honor is taken from them, then they must take revenge because they have been shamed. They will work unceasingly, no matter how long it takes, until they obtain revenge, and reestablish honor. The Muslim man is expected to be motivated by a quest for power, for honor, and for revenge.

#### **3. Fear**

Fear controls the Muslim man's thinking. He fears what the Muslim community thinks of him and has a great fear of displeasing Allah. He believes that he is superior to women and therefore justified to treat them accordingly.

God opened the eyes of the world to the reality of fundamental Islam when He uncovered the plight of Muslim women in Afghanistan. God was removing the veil of the eyes of the world and exposing the truth about those who strictly follow the Qur'an. The mind-set of the Muslim man was revealed through the lives of the Afghanistan people. But Afghanistan is not the only nation where women receive this type of treatment. This occurs in the lives of Muslim women dozens of nations around the world.



## **B. Women's rights based upon the Qur'an** (See also: Sections 12-13 of the "I" Manual)

### **1. Superiority of men over women**

Islam teaches the superiority of men over women (sura 2:228 and sura 4:34).

### **2. Women are unequal to men**

Muslim women are considered unequal to men in worth in at least two major areas:

- A woman's share of an inheritance is half that of a man (sura 4:11).
- In court: The witness of two women equals the witness of one man (sura 2:282).

### **3. Veiling**

When going outside their homes, Muslim women are required to be veiled and fully covered in many countries (sura 24:31 and sura 33:59).

### **4. Women are unclean**

Islam teaches that women are unclean. If a Muslim man touches a woman (even his wife) before praying, he is considered unclean for prayer (sura 4:43 and sura 5:6).

### **5. Wife is a possession**

In a marriage relationship: Islam considers the wife a possession of her husband (sura 3:14).

### **6. Wife is subject to punishment from husband**

Islam teaches that a wife is subject to punishment by her husband. He may beat her, or abstain from sexual relations (sura 4:34).

### **7. Punishment for adultery**

According to sura 4:15, if adultery is proven for women through the testimony of four witnesses, she is to be confined to her house until death claims her, or Allah ordains for her some other way. (There is no specified punishment for the man.)

### **8. No rights as mothers**

Women have no rights as mothers. Children must be raised according to their Muslim father's religion. If a couple divorces, he obtains custody of the children and the woman will not be able to see the children again. There is no such thing as a visitation right in Islamic law.

### **9. Not allowed to marry a Christian**

A Muslim woman is not allowed to marry a Christian man. However, under Islam it is pleasing to Allah if a Muslim man marries a Christian woman. It is vital we teach our young women what will most likely happen if they marry a Muslim. More than 7,000 young American women marry Muslim men each year. (*Insert statistics for your nation.*) After being controlled and abused, the woman wants out of the relationship. More than 90% of marriages of Christian women to Muslim men in our nation end in divorce!

## **C. Sex and marriage according to the Qur'an**

### **1. Marriages are arranged**

Marriages are mostly arranged, often within one year of puberty. Many times young girls are given to men who are wealthy and much older, even 3-4 times their age.

### **2. Polygamy**

Islam allows polygamy. Men may marry up to four women at one time and also have sex with concubines (sura 4:3).

### **3. Wife is a sex object**

Islam considers the wife a sex object (sura 2:223).

### **4. Man can divorce by spoken pronouncement**

A man is permitted to divorce his wife by spoken pronouncement. The Qur'an does not give

the woman any right to divorce her husband (sura 66:5).

#### **D. The plight of the Muslim woman**

##### **1. Majority of people in hell are women (per Muhammad)**

Muhammad taught that the majority of the people in hell were women.

*The Prophet said, "I was shown the Hell-fire and that the majority of its dwellers were women." (vol. 1, nos. 28, 301; vol. 2, no. 161; vol. 7, no. 124)*

##### **2. Women believed to be deficient in intelligence**

*Muhammad believed that women are "deficient in intelligence" so they should not be given equal rights under Islamic law.*

*The Prophet said, "Isn't the witness of a woman equal to half that of a man?" The woman said, "Yes." He said, "This is because of the deficiency of a woman's mind." (vol. 3, no. 126)*

##### **3. Women are victims more than disciples of Islam**

It is estimated that less than one percent of Muslim women around the world have ever read the Qur'an or are aware of its teachings, except for what is forced on them. These women are victims more than disciples of Islam. They struggle with shame, powerlessness, and rejection.

##### **4. Islam is set to cause women to fail.**

It appears that Islam is set up to cause a woman to fail. If her husband takes another wife, it is because she was inadequate. If men fall into sexual misconduct, both the Qur'an and Hadith (traditions of Muhammad) blame the woman's enticement of the man.

##### **5. Women have a small chance of reaching heaven**

A tradition taught in Islam is that the bridge to heaven is as thin as a hair and only one of 100 can cross it. Only those women who have successfully pleased their husbands can make the crossing. If she displeases her mother-in-law, she will have to crawl across the bridge on her knees, a nearly impossible feat.

##### **6. Public executions of women— honor killings**

Many Muslim women have been publicly executed for even the smallest infringement of religious law, such as an exposed ankle or wrist. Their own fathers, brothers and husbands report them to Islamic authorities, assuring their deaths.

One famous case was the 1977 execution of Princess Mishail (bint Fahd bin Mohammad) of Saudi Arabia. The princess was married to a much older relative against her will. She fell in love with someone of her age, but was caught along with the man she loved while both were trying to escape Saudi Arabia. The princess's "adultery" had shamed the family and the grandfather, Prince Mohammad ibn Abdul Aziz, demanded her execution to uphold tribal honor. The princess was shot dead and her lover was beheaded. The Saudi government tried to keep the execution secret but a foreign visitor caught it on tape. Later, a British television channel based the film, "Death of a Princess" on the incident.

These "honor killings" continue today by the thousands throughout the Muslim world.

## **VI. ISLAM IN THE WEST**

### **A. Islam in Europe** (See also: Section 14 of the “T” Manual)

#### **1. There are approximately 30 million Muslims in Europe.**

#### **2. High concentration in Germany, Britain, Holland, France**

There are those who now call Germany, *The door to Islam in Europe*. More than 2,200 mosques exist in Germany today. Islam is very strong in Britain with over 1,800 mosques and 3,000 Qur’anic schools. The city of London has more than 600,000 Muslims. In Holland, more Muslims go to mosques than Christians attend churches. According to demographic experts, the Muslim population in France could grow from 8% (5 million of France’s 60 million people) to a majority in 25 years.

### **B. Shari’a Law**

Fundamentalist Islamic leaders in western nations want the nations to be under Islamic or *Shari’a* Law. When a nation is ruled by *Shari’a* Law, freedom to preach the gospel is not allowed because it is not only illegal, but unthinkable for any Muslim to change his or her religion. Under *Shari’a* law, changing religion from Islam is punishable by death.

### **C. Islam in the United States**

#### **1. CAIR quote**

In a speech in Fremont, California, in July 1998, the Chairman of the Board of the Council of American-Islamic Relations (CAIR) made this statement:

*“Islam isn’t in America to be equal to any other faith, but to become dominant. The Qur’an, the Muslim book of scripture, should be the highest authority in America, and Islam, the only accepted religion on Earth.”*

#### **2. Muslims in the government**

Islam is growing in strength in the U.S. and its influence is being felt in the U.S. State Department and other areas of national, state, and local government. There are Muslims now serving as judges in the U.S. court system. It is estimated that the inner city of all major cities in the United States will be predominately Muslim by 2020.

CAIR has launched a voter registration drive, strongly encouraging their people to get involved in every aspect of our political system. Both political parties in this nation are wooing the Muslim vote.

## **VII. THE CHRISTIAN RESPONSE** (See also: Sections 15-16 of the “T” Manual)

### **A. God is not the author of fear**

#### **1. Ephesians 6:12**

First of all, we must not allow fear to rule us. Islam is not in control, God is in control. The Apostle Paul told us in Ephesians 6:12:

*“For our struggle is not against flesh and blood, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the powers of this dark world and against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly realms...”*

## **2. Zechariah 4:6**

The word of the Lord tells us that victory is not by might, not by power, but by His Spirit! (Zechariah 4:6) We must realize that the power of the living God is the greatest power in the universe.

There is a spiritual power behind Islam, an antichrist spirit. We must recognize we are not fighting flesh and blood.

## **3. Unveil the system, love the people**

Yes, we are to unveil the system. We have done that. But we are called to a higher calling! We are called to love the Muslim people.

It is vital that we do not allow fear or anger to rule us.

## **4. Love never fails!**

We are to do as Jesus commanded: love our neighbor and share the truth of the gospel. The majority of Muslims are not terrorists. Many of them have tasted the dark fruit of Islam but not the fruit of love. Now here in the Qur'an does it say that Allah loves Muslims. They have never known or experienced the love of God, the love of the One who created them.

They are thirsty for the water of life and hungry for the Bread of Life. We must share that with them. In many Muslim nations they are entering into faith in Christ. There are millions of "closet Christians" who are unable to tell their families or friends that they have converted.

Since God spoke prophetically to us in 1991 we have prayed for the Muslim people. Every day, on most continents, Aglow women praying for them, reaching out to them, seeking God on their behalf.

But it's a new day! It is a new season! God has entrusted us and placed in our hand a thread. We have been pulling it. But He wants us to press in to Him because He wants to completely unravel the garment, the veil of blindness that is over the people of Islam and in particular, the Muslim woman.

## **5. The big picture: Destiny in Christ**

The issue here is more than the level of abuse under which these women live. The real issue is their eternal destiny and purpose in Christ. God has called us and given us the privilege of being spiritual advocates for the millions of women around the world by praying and interceding on their behalf.

We are so blessed as women that we have had the light and truth of the gospel. Muslim women have not had that opportunity for truth to penetrate their hearts. God is no respecter of persons. He is calling us to stand on behalf of the Muslim women of the world who need Christ's liberation from religious bondage and salvation from their sins.

These women have kingdom potential that only they can reach. God's desires us to "put our hand to the plow" and see this generation of women have the opportunity to hear of Christ's love for them.

## **TAKE A MOMENT**

(Go slowly with this, allowing the Holy Spirit to reveal hearts.)

What is in our heart? Is there fear? Anger?

Do we need to repent of wrong attitudes or feelings?

Are there other things that God wants us to bring before Him?

What is He saying to us?

Are we willing to respond?

Are we willing to answer His specific call to us individually?

Are we willing to allow Him to give us His heart of love for the Muslim people?

**PRAY WITH THE WOMEN.**

