

## based on “You’ve Come a Long Way, Baby!” by Mary Kassian

### 1. What do the men of Issachar in 1 Chronicles 12:32 have to do with us and the history of feminism?

The men of Issachar understood the times and knew what Israel should do. It’s the student of history who understands current culture and is equipped to envision a path for the future. The reason we’re examining the history of feminism is so we’ll know what to do and how to live.

### 2. What are some of the changes that have taken place in the last 50 years?

The ideal of a happy, fulfilled woman has gone from one who serves and exalts her children, her husband, and her community to one who serves and exalts herself. Back then, heterosexual marriage and marital fidelity were highly valued concepts and the norm. Most agreed the primary role of the male was to lead, protect, and provide for his family; the primary responsibility of the female was to nurture and care for children and home. There was a low divorce rate. Almost no one lived common-law. There was no birth-control pill. Abortion was illegal, etc.

### 3. How does media tend to portray men and women today? Do you have an example from something you watched recently?

Women are now portrayed with as in charge. They have the mentality “I don’t need a guy; I’m powerful; traditional marriage and family and morals are outdated; I have the right to rule; how dare you tell me what to do.” Men are whiny, needy, not too bright, and totally unreliable. They’re marginalized and de-masculinized.

### 4. How did Betty Friedan suggest women should find fulfillment?

She believed that in order to find fulfillment, women should begin to question, challenge, and rebel against being wives and mothers. A woman could only be fulfilled if she had a life plan for herself that included education, a career, and work that was of serious import to society.

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**5. What were feminists convinced was the problem?**

Patriarchy, or the condition of having males in leadership. Feminists were convinced that this was the cause of women's heartache and heartbreak.

**6. What do you think the problem is? Why are women unfilled, heartbroken, and needy?**

Sin.

**7. How did the leadership of the women's movement move women from simple awareness to all-out allegiance?**

They "enlightened" women through consciousness-raising in the context of small groups. They sought to stir up pain and bitterness by speaking painful things.

**8. Betty Friedan said, "There is no way any man, woman, or child is ever going to escape the nature of our revolution." Was she right or wrong? How do you know?**

**9. Feminists claimed the right to name self, the world, and even God. What does this mean?**

Ultimately, it means they themselves are God. They believe they shouldn't bow or submit to any external power, but that's not the message of the Bible. It is God who made the earth and created mankind upon it. We have no right to question the wisdom of His directives for our behavior.

**10. On a scale of 1 to 10 (10 being the most positive) do you believe that God's instructions in the Word for women are good, pleasant, and desirable? ♀**