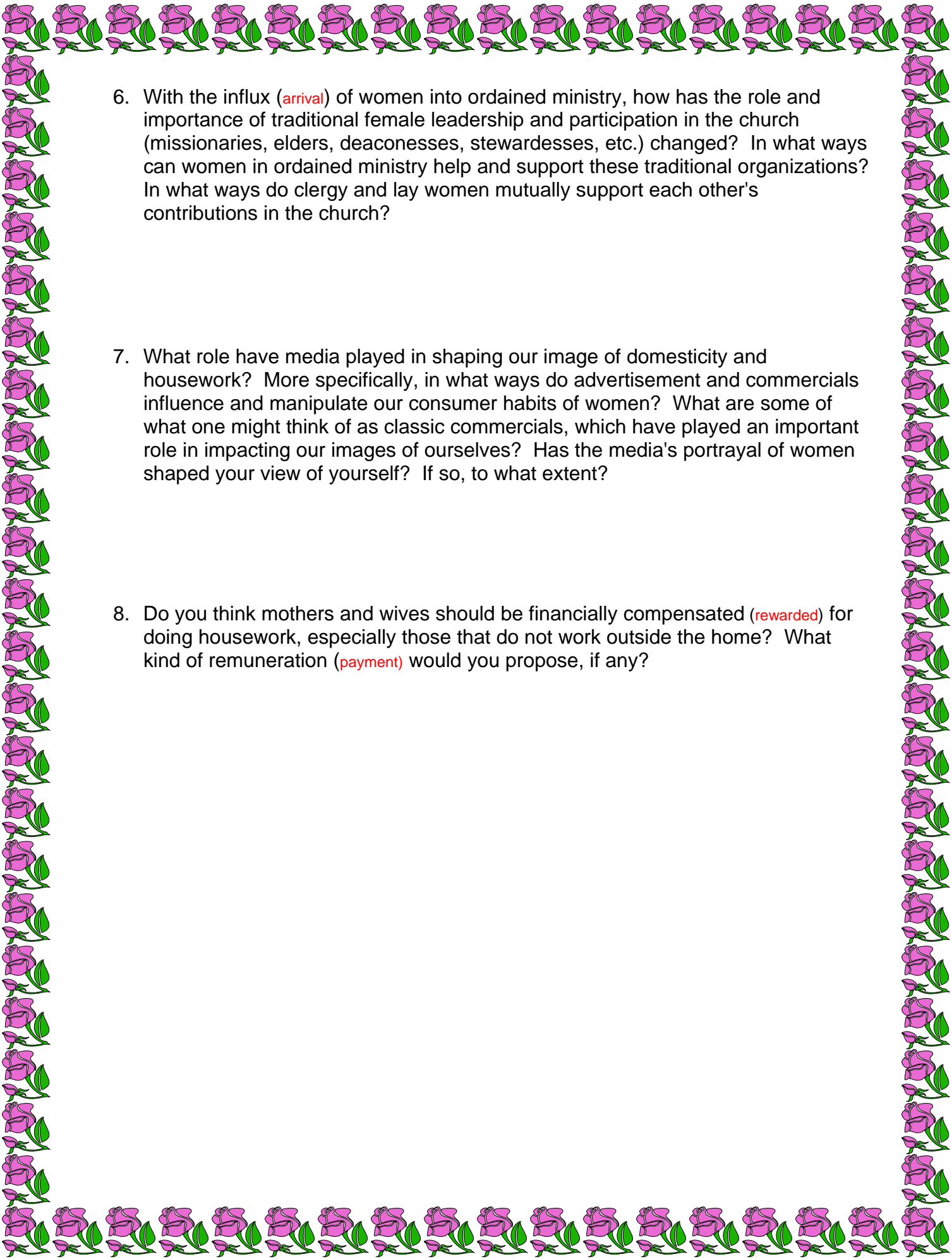


*"JUST A SISTER AWAY" By DR. RENITA WEEMS*

### Chapter 3 - "My Sister's Keeper" Questions for Thought

1. How would you evaluate the relationship between Mary and Martha? Was one sister more at fault than the other? In what ways? Which sister do you most like?
2. In what way(s), if at all, does Jesus' response to Martha's complaint alleviate (*lessen*) or add to the tensions already evident between the sisters?
3. Is sibling rivalry inevitable among children? How can parents best respond to and negotiate the jealousy, insecurities, and competitions that arise among siblings for parents' attention and affections?
4. What are the ways in which you and your own sister(s) are similar? How are you different? How have your differences been helpful in your growth? In what ways do your differences compliment one another?
5. What are your personal values concerning "serving" versus "learning" as seen in the story of Martha and Mary? How/where do the Martha and Mary parts of yourself conflict? Which side of your Mary and Martha sides needs more nurturing and developing?

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6. With the influx (**arrival**) of women into ordained ministry, how has the role and importance of traditional female leadership and participation in the church (missionaries, elders, deaconesses, stewardesses, etc.) changed? In what ways can women in ordained ministry help and support these traditional organizations? In what ways do clergy and lay women mutually support each other's contributions in the church?
  
  7. What role have media played in shaping our image of domesticity and housework? More specifically, in what ways do advertisement and commercials influence and manipulate our consumer habits of women? What are some of what one might think of as classic commercials, which have played an important role in impacting our images of ourselves? Has the media's portrayal of women shaped your view of yourself? If so, to what extent?
  
  8. Do you think mothers and wives should be financially compensated (**rewarded**) for doing housework, especially those that do not work outside the home? What kind of remuneration (**payment**) would you propose, if any?