



## Real-Life Stories

### Scenario I

**Narrator:** These real-life examples of what has happened in our local groups takes place in the church fellowship hall or in the church basement. The LWML ladies are preparing for a funeral dinner.

**Young Woman:** Since the funeral is on a Saturday, I was able to come to help you ladies out.

**LWMLer:** I'm glad you are here. We have been trying to get you young ladies to join us for years. You can help with the cleanup.

**Young woman:** OK

**Narrator:** The young woman helps with the dishes and puts them away. She enjoys working with the seasoned women and is considering helping out whenever she can. Then, all of a sudden:

**LWMLer:** *(In a yelling voice)* WHO PUT THE SPOONS IN THE UPPER PART OF THE DRAWER?

**Young woman:** *(timidly)* I did.

**LWMLer:** *(In a yelling voice)* You can't just come here and start moving things around. For 20 years we have been putting the spoons in the same spot, now I am going to have to stay after and put everything back where it belongs.

**Young woman:** *(Holding back the tears)* I'm sorry. The drawer was empty so I thought I could just put them in any order.

**LWMLer:** Just go on. I'll take care of it.

**Narrator:** The young women went away never to return to LWML service again.

Another young woman approached Vice President Kaye and said "Y'all ain't nothing but a bunch of hens that only do funeral dinners." VP Kaye responded, "Then why don't you start a group of chicks and plan some events of your own? I'll help."

**Narrator:** Now let's do this again and value the young woman's work.

**LWMLer:** *(calmly speaking)* Who put the silverware away?

**Young woman:** I did! The drawer was empty so I put them in an order that I thought would be best for serving.





**LWMLer:** (*calmly*) Hmm! For 20 years we have been putting them in the same way. I'm just so used to seeing them set up another way. Your way works well too. We'll try it a while. I hope you come work with us again, and come to meetings and events as you are able.

**Young woman:** I will. Keep inviting me.

**Narrator:** We just changed the way we put silverware in the draw, and it worked.

## Scenario II

**LWMLer:** When are you going to join our LWML group? We meeting on the 1<sup>st</sup> Thursday of each month at 11:00 a.m. in the church library.

**Young woman:** I would like to join, but I work during the day. Have you considered changing to an evening or weekend meeting? I know a few other young women that would like to get join too.

**LWMLer:** Nope! We always have our meetings on Thursday morning. Oh well! Bye now!

**Narrator:** How about this to encourage and empower our young woman?

**LWMLer:** We have always had our meetings on Thursday morning, and now that we are older, we don't like being out at night. Did you know that you can start your own LWML group with the other ladies you mentioned? We can help you get it started and mentor you. You can probably show us a thing or two. There are also some great ideas on the LWML website!

**Narrator:** The LWML ladies helped the young women start a new group and they agree to meet together as one group on 5<sup>th</sup> Sundays after church.

