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**Constructing A Missional Hermeneutic for Equipping Korean Women's Self-determination**  
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**Abstract**

Since 2015 in Korea, vivid expression on women's own narrative has appeared by diverse method. For example, the novel *Jiyoung Kim born in 1982* depicts pervasive sexism and misogyny in Korea through woman Jiyoung Kim's life. This literary revelation, evoking a social empathy on women's alienation from both public and private sphere in society, manifests that Korean women's self-determination to achieve their inner desire is disregarded consistently. Strong encouragement towards best choice of life is necessary to Korean women. Therefore, Korean church which is called to participate in Triune God's mission should provide an adequate theological inspiration and spiritual power to support women struggling to find their own path.

This paper examines a missional hermeneutic to Luke 10:38-42 which is the famous story of Martha and Mary. The paper scrutinizes previous understandings of this text, which are briefly divided into patriarchal perspective and feminist interpretation. Focusing on logical defects in these investigations that exclude the self-determination of both Martha and Mary, This paper demonstrates that Jesus advocates not only Mary's listening but also Martha's work 'equally'. Illuminating the spirituality of encouraging one's choice in the ministry of Jesus will be an essential biblical foundation for a missional church celebrating women's self-determination.

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