

LISTENER GUIDE

You've Come a Long Way, Baby!

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_____ power.

III. The Message of the Bible

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(Isa. 45:9-12, Rom. 9:20-21, 1 Cor. 11:9,12)

What is the answer to woman's problem? To her yearning? To her discontent? _____ is the solution. Christ alone.

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