LISTENER GUIDE

You’ve Come a Long Way, Baby!

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B. The Premise: To be happy, woman must claim her right to name

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C. The Process: Name Self > Name World > Name God

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III. The Message of the Bible

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

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