

Two Become One Preparing for Marriage Boot Camp

Session Three: Perceiving & Practicing Biblical Marital Roles

Proverbs 3:3

*“Let love and faithfulness never leave you;
bind them around your neck, write them on the tablet of your heart.
Then you will win favor and a good name in the sight of God and man.”*

Foundations

- Genesis 1:27 God created man in His own image... male and female.
- Genesis 1:28 God’s blessing; encouraged to bear children; given authority over all earthly creation.
- Genesis 2:15, 16 The man was responsible to work in and care for creation and to obey.
- Genesis 2:18 Man was created with need for others; therefore, need for woman.
- Genesis 2:18, 20, 22, 23, 24 & 1 Corinthians 11:8, 9 The woman was made for the man.

Marital Roles

- The husband is the head of the wife Ephesians 5:23
 - “as Christ is the head of the Church”
 - man is also in a headship relationship 1 Cor. 11:3
 - not commanded, declared
 - husbands are instructed to carry out that headship in submissiveness (“not-my-willness”) in relationship to wives “out of reverence for Christ”, and that looks like loving self-sacrifice (Eph. 5:21, 25, 33), understanding, and honor (1 Peter 3:7)
- wife is a helper perfectly suited “for him” Gen. 2:18
 - as Church is the bride of Christ
 - wives are instructed to be in subjection (hupotasso) to their own husbands in everything “just as the Church is subject to Christ.”
 - wives are not commanded to love their husbands, but to respect (phobeo)
- man is the glory of God; woman is the glory of man 1 Corinthians 11:7
 - glory = “doxa”; opinion, hence praise, honor, glory; also approval, dignity

Effects of Sin

- Individually

Man	Woman
* abdication of leadership Gen. 3:1-6	* usurpation of leadership Gen. 3:1-6; Titus 2:5; 1 Pet. 3:1-6; Eph. 5:22-24
* unadmirable behavior & attitudes Gen. 3:8-13, 17 - deceit Gen. 3:8, 10; 1 Tim. 2:14 - justifying Gen. 3:10, 12 - blaming Gen. 3:12	* disrespectful behavior & attitudes Eph. 5:22-24, 33 2 Cor. 11:3 (was deceived) - shifting blame
* domineering Gen. 3:16	* unyielding Gen. 3:16; Eph. 5:33

- Together

- failed to partner in battling temptation & sin; joined together in yielding to temptation & sin
- strategized their own earthly solutions to address their sin; instead of looking to God
- tried to cover their sin and hide from God; instead of confessing their sin and running to God