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## Man, Where Art Thou “Where art Thou Man?”

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### GENESIS 3:

8. And they heard the voice of the Lord God walking in the garden in the cool of the day: and Adam and his wife hid themselves from the presence of the LORD God amongst the trees of the garden.
9. And the LORD God called unto Adam, and said unto him, **Where art thou?**
10. And he said, I heard thy voice in the garden, and I was afraid because I was naked; and I hid myself.
11. And he said, Who told thee that thou was naked? Hast thou eaten of the tree, whereof I commanded thee thou shouldest not eat?
12. And the man said, **The woman whom thou gavest to be** with me, she gave me of the tree, and I did eat.
13. And the LORD God said unto the woman, What is this that thou hast done? And the woman said, **the serpent beguiled me,** and I did eat.
14. And the LORD God said unto the serpent, Because thou hast don this, thou art cursed above all cattle, and above every beast of the field: upon thy belly shalt thou go, and dust shalt thou eat all the days of thy life:
15. And I will put enmity between thee and the woman, and between thy seed and her seed; it shall bruise thy head, and thou shalt bruise his heel.

**Where have all the men gone? Where has the natural order of life gone?**

**How many of you are saying, Make me over Lord? Make me better?**

**How many of you are content with the way you are or how many of you are saying Lord change me.**

Notice the instructions that God gave in the bible

- For parents to raise this children
- For father to teach and train their children (Not the schools or the government)
- For a man to be a bishop
- For a man to be a deacon
- For a man to be a husband
- For a woman to be a wife
- For children to be children

The only conclusion that I can reach from all this training is that man does not know what the roles are and man is not following the roles.



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So if these are the instructions and the roles, then why don't we follow them?

## Let's look at the building blocks of life and civilization.

You may not like the order of things and it may not fit with the way you believe things are, but God created the Man first. After that he created the Woman.

- A man and a woman is the basic unit of the family
- Children are a product of that union (Genesis 4:1. And Adam knew Eve his wife; and she conceived, and bare Cain, and said, I have gotten a man from the Lord)
  - Children come from the Lord (back then we realized that)

### The Seed of man is in the man

- Genesis 1:11. And God said, Let the earth bring forth grass, the **herb** yielding seed, and the fruit tree yielding **fruit after his kind**, whose **seed is in itself**, upon the earth: and it was so. (12) and the earth brought forth grass, and **herb yielding see after his kind**, and the **tree yielding seed after his kind**, and the **tree yielding fruit, whose seed was in itself, after his kind**: and God saw that it was good.
- 1 Corinthians 15: <sup>21</sup>For since by man *came* death, by man *came* also the resurrection of the dead. <sup>22</sup>For as in Adam all die, even so in Christ shall all be made alive. <sup>23</sup>But every man in his own order: **Christ the firstfruits**; afterward they that are Christ's at his coming. <sup>45</sup>And so it is written, The first man **Adam was made a living soul**; the last **Adam was made a quickening spirit**. <sup>46</sup>Howbeit that was not first which is spiritual, but that which is natural; and afterward that which is spiritual. <sup>47</sup>The first man **is of the earth, earthy**: the second man **is the Lord from heaven**. <sup>48</sup>As *is* the earthy, such *are* they also that are earthy: and as *is* the heavenly, such *are* they also that are heavenly.
- God placed his seed in Mary, and she bore the son of God
  - St Luke 1: <sup>26</sup>And in the sixth month the angel Gabriel was sent from God unto a city of Galilee, named Nazareth, <sup>27</sup>To a virgin espoused to a man whose name was Joseph, of the house of David; and the virgin's name was Mary. <sup>28</sup>And the angel came in unto her, and said, Hail, *thou that art* highly favoured, the Lord *is* with thee: blessed *art* thou among women. <sup>29</sup>And when she saw *him*, she was troubled at his saying, and cast in her mind what manner of salutation this should be. <sup>30</sup>And the angel said unto her, Fear not, Mary: **for thou hast found favour with God**. <sup>31</sup>And, **behold, thou shalt conceive in thy womb**, and bring forth a son, and shalt call his name JESUS. <sup>32</sup>He shall be great, and shall be called the Son of the Highest: and the Lord God shall give unto him the throne of his father David: <sup>33</sup>And he shall reign over the house of Jacob for ever; and of his kingdom there shall be no end. <sup>34</sup>Then said Mary unto the angel, How shall this be, seeing I know not a man? <sup>35</sup>And the angel answered and said unto her, **The Holy Ghost shall come upon thee, and the power of the Highest shall overshadow thee: therefore also that holy thing which shall be born of thee shall be called the Son of God.**



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## Let's look at the role that Man has been put in:

Ephesians 5:21 - 6:1 (KJV) <sup>21</sup>Submitting yourselves one to another in the fear of God. <sup>22</sup>**Wives, submit yourselves unto your own husbands, as unto the Lord. <sup>23</sup>For the husband is the head of the wife, even as Christ is the head of the church: and he is the saviour of the body.** <sup>24</sup>Therefore as the church is subject unto Christ, ***so let the wives be to their own husbands in every thing.*** <sup>25</sup>**Husbands, love your wives, even as Christ also loved the church, and gave himself for it;** <sup>26</sup>That he might sanctify and cleanse it with the washing of water by the word, <sup>27</sup>That he might present it to himself a glorious church, not having spot, or wrinkle, or any such thing; but that it should be holy and without blemish. <sup>28</sup>**So ought men to love their wives as their own bodies. He that loveth his wife loveth himself.** <sup>29</sup>For no man ever yet hated his own flesh; but nourisheth and cherisheth it, even as the Lord the church: <sup>30</sup>For we are members of his body, of his flesh, and of his bones. <sup>31</sup>**For this cause shall a man leave his father and mother, and shall be joined unto his wife, and they two shall be one flesh.** <sup>32</sup>This is a great mystery: but I speak concerning Christ and the church. <sup>33</sup>Nevertheless let every one of you in particular so love his wife even as himself; and the wife see that she reverence *her* husband. <sup>1</sup>Children, obey your parents in the Lord: for this is right.

Let's look at the Love of God:

- God loved us when we were unlovable
- God loved us when we were deep in sin
- God loved us when we were not even thinking about him
  - When we had rejected him
  - When we didn't even want him
  - When we were not looking for a way out

God sacrificed himself for the unknowing, unloving, and caring

## Why are men and women different?

Let's put some perspective on this monologue that I'm about to give.

Let me first say that I'm not a doctor nor a scientist, which is not what I'm called to be.

I'm not a government person or lawmaker worried about your civil and gender rights.

I am called to be a spokesman for God and my authority comes from him through his Word. I want to discuss this in light of what God has taught me through the scriptures

Man was designed to be the head of the marriage.

- When man was created, he was complete in the image of God
- God caused man to sleep, took parts of him (both physical and emotionally) and created a woman to be a help meet for him
- The woman was created as the weaker vessel

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- **Genesis 3:16 (KJV)** <sup>16</sup>Unto the woman he said, I will greatly multiply thy sorrow and thy conception; in sorrow thou shalt bring forth children; **and thy desire shall be to thy husband, and he shall rule over thee.**
- **1 Peter 3:1 - 8 (KJV)** <sup>1</sup>**Likewise, ye wives, be in subjection to your own husbands**; that, if any obey not the word, they also may without the word be won by the conversation of the wives; <sup>2</sup>While they behold your chaste conversation *coupled* with fear. <sup>3</sup>Whose adorning let it not be that outward *adorning* of plaiting the hair, and of wearing of gold, or of putting on of apparel; <sup>4</sup>But *let it be* the hidden man of the heart, in that which is not corruptible, *even the ornament* of a meek and quiet spirit, which is in the sight of God of great price. <sup>5</sup>**For after this manner in the old time the holy women also, who trusted in God, adorned themselves, being in subjection unto their own husbands:** <sup>6</sup>**Even as Sarah obeyed Abraham, calling him lord**: whose daughters ye are, as long as ye do well, and are not afraid with any amazement. <sup>7</sup>**Likewise, ye husbands, dwell with them according to knowledge, giving honour unto the wife, as unto the weaker vessel, and as being heirs together of the grace of life**; that your prayers be not hindered. <sup>8</sup>Finally, *be ye* all of one mind, **having compassion one of another**, love as brethren, *be pitiful, be courteous*:

God has directed man to give honour unto the wife because she is the weaker vessel

Most of us will acknowledge that women are much more emotional than men, so let look at what we know about this from the word of God.

- Men have been designed primarily to order things according to the word of God
  - These are logical decisions
  - It lines up with the word
  - To make those tough choices, you generally leave emotions out of it
  - Very seldom have you seen ruthless women leaders, most of the time they are men
- Women have been designed primarily to bring forth life and to nurture
  - They are sensitive and in-touch with

Are you asleep or dead? If you stay sleep long enough, it is called death.

Your marriage is either growing or dying!

Marriage is the hardest job in the world, and something you have to work on every day!

Husbands, are you

- honouring your wives?
- Ministering to their spirits
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Men, you can capitalize on the characteristics of the woman and use that to really push your relationships:

- Women are sensitive and they pick up things in the spirit (look at Jesus' mother, Mary)
  - She always pondered what was happening to Jesus in her heart
  - She was looking for meaning and understanding in what he was doing
- First build the things you want to do in your spirit, then it will come out in your actions
  - So a man thinketh in his heart, so is he
  - What do you think and feel about your wife in your spirit
    - Is it consistent with the Word of God
    - Does it honor her
    - Does it dream of her
    - Do you fantasize about her
    - Is it all about her

Men, if you are going to be successful in marriage, you first have to be willing to die for it, then you have to do it. Your marriage and its success have to be first and you have to be willing to sacrifice all that you have for it? You have to walk by faith and believe that your investment will be rewarded.



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