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# God's Design for Marriage

God's Call To A Husband – Part 1

Week 3

# Review

- Adam and Eve were created equal before God, yet were “wired” differently for Adam’s benefit.
- After the Fall, Men were cursed in the area of his focus – work, providing food, survival
- After the Fall, Women were cursed in the area of her focus – family relationships

## MAN

Ground Cursed

Strenuous Toil to Get Food

Thorns and Thistles – Ground Will  
Not Naturally Offer Food

Eat Bread by the Sweat of Your Face

## WOMAN

Multiplied Pain in Pregnancy and  
Birth

Painful, Strenuous Toil in Childbirth

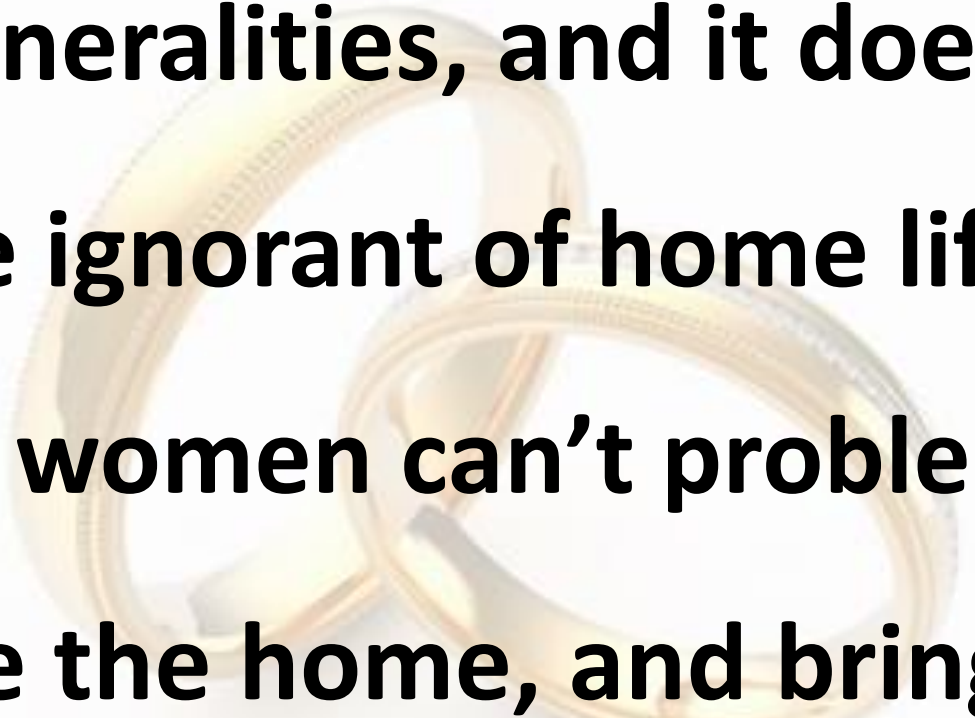
Desire Shall Be For Your Husband

Husband Will Rule Over You

You Will Return To The Dust

# Key Point #4

- Shorthand for Male vs Female Thought Processes
  - Men: Mechanical Thinking
  - Women: Relational Thinking

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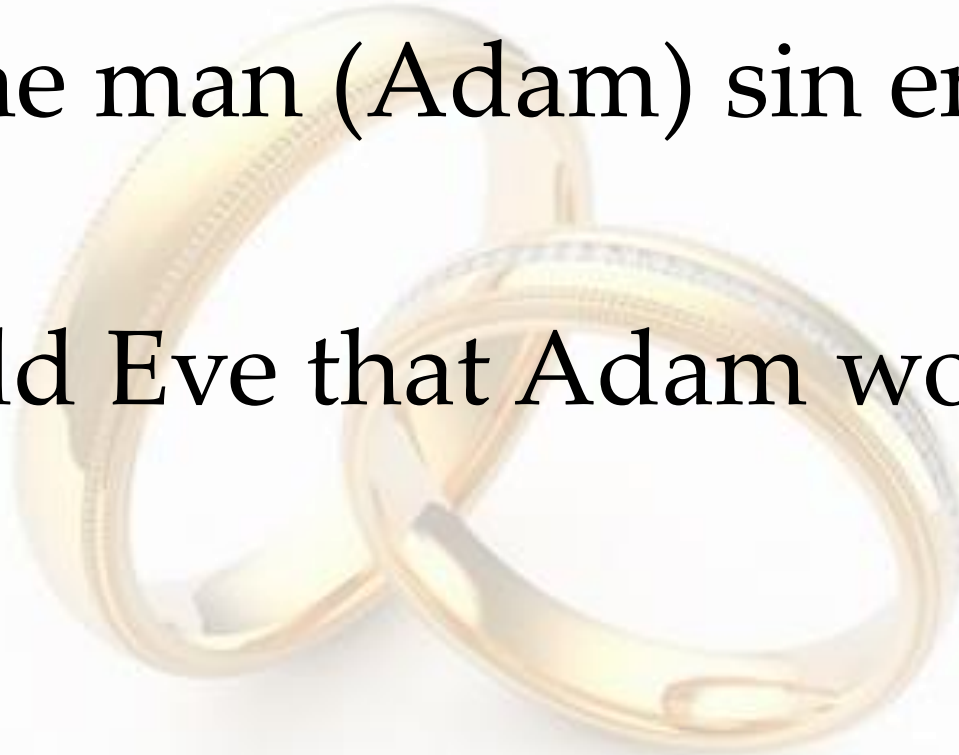
**These are generalities, and it does not mean that men are ignorant of home life; not does it mean that women can't problem solve, work outside the home, and bring in income.**

# Husband – Responsible Party

- Take charge of the Garden
- Not eat from the Tree of the Knowledge of Good and Evil – which he also told Eve about
- God blamed Adam because he “listened to his wife” instead of obeying God

# Husband – Responsible Party

- Through one man (Adam) sin entered into the world;
- Yet, God told Eve that Adam would rule over her.

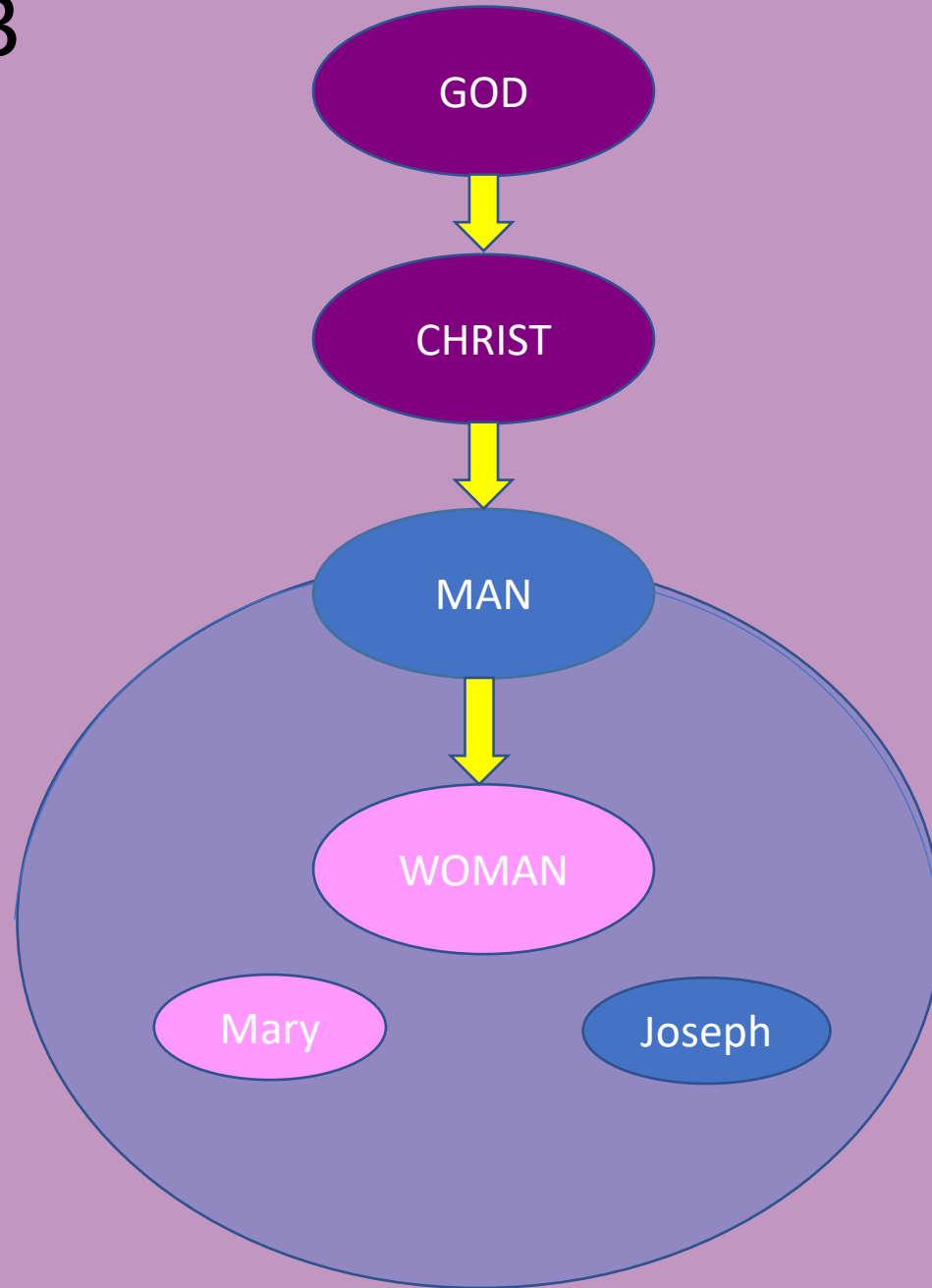


# God's Command to Husbands to Leave

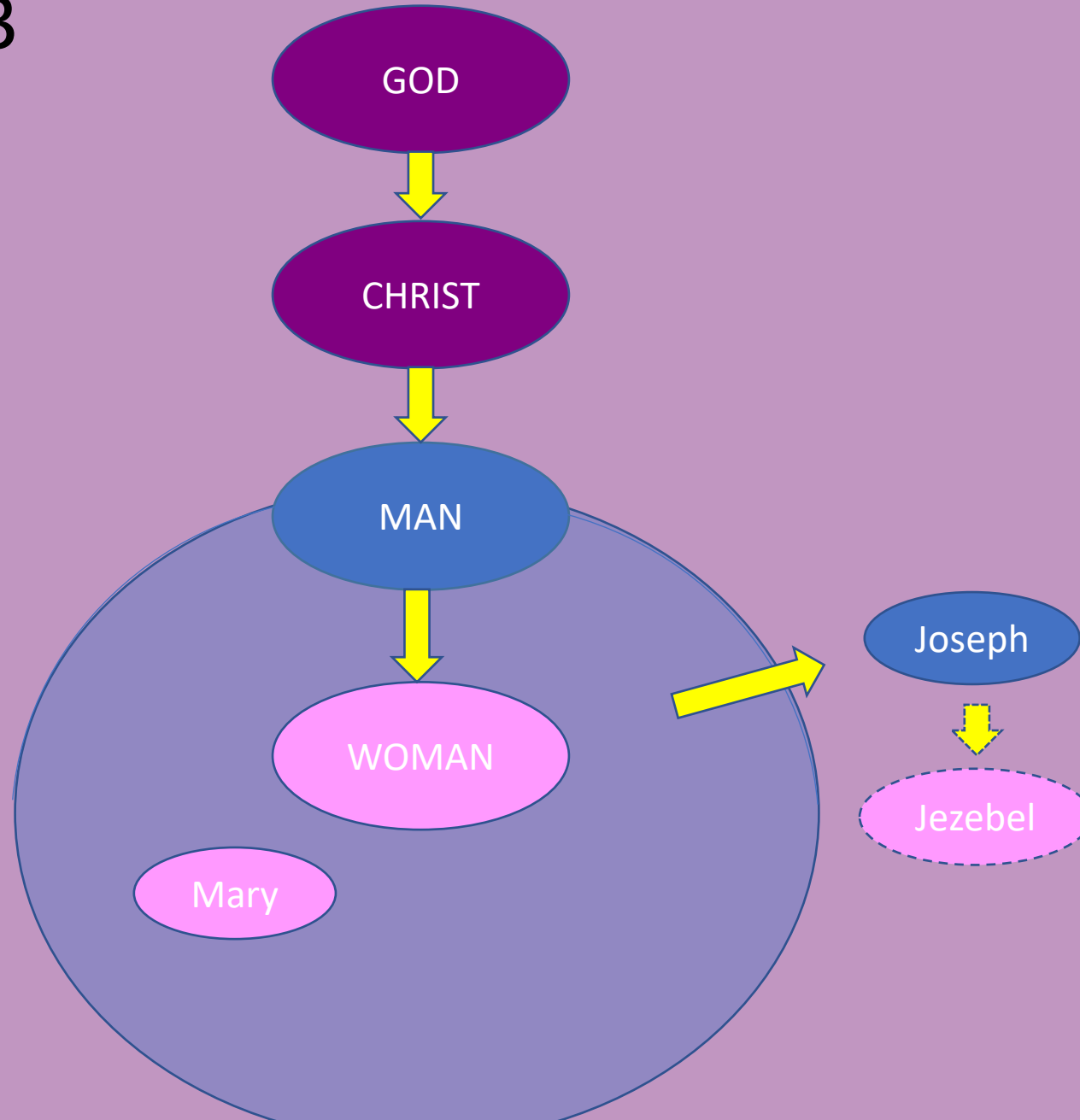
- We explained this in terms of 1 Cor. 11:3, the “hierarchy of submission”:
  - Christ is the head of every man;
  - The man is the head of a woman
  - God is the head of Christ
- Leaving involves...



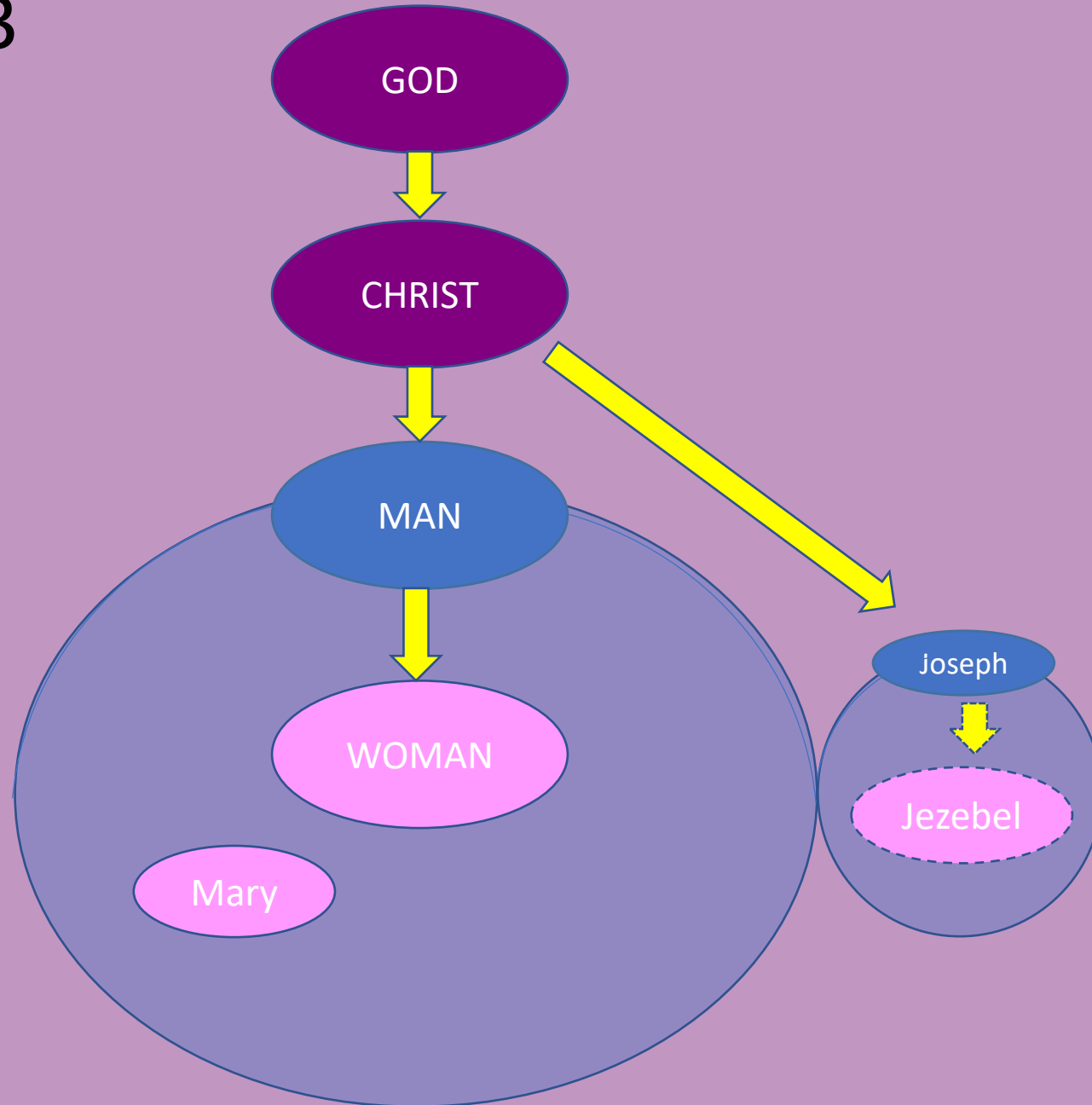
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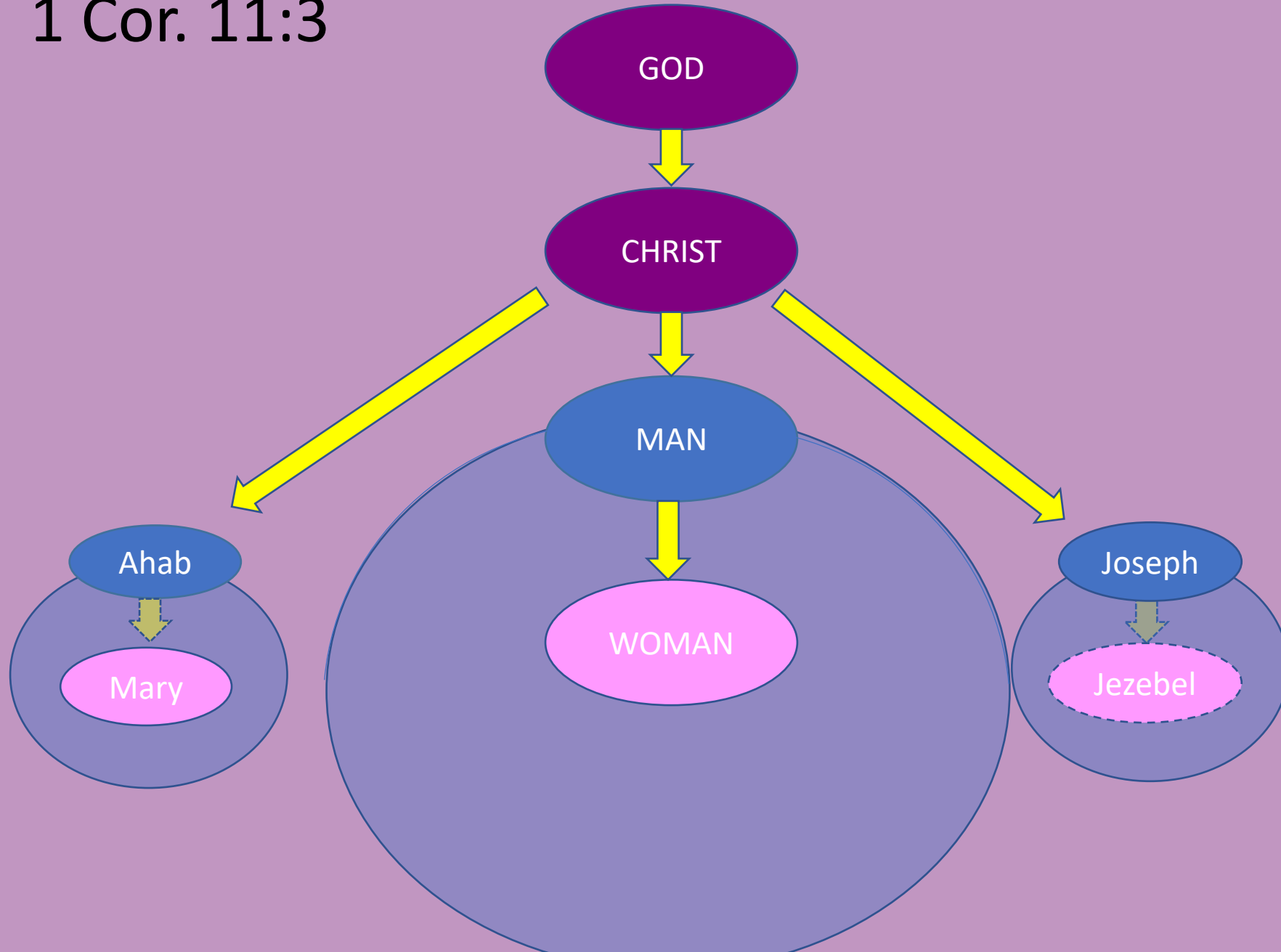
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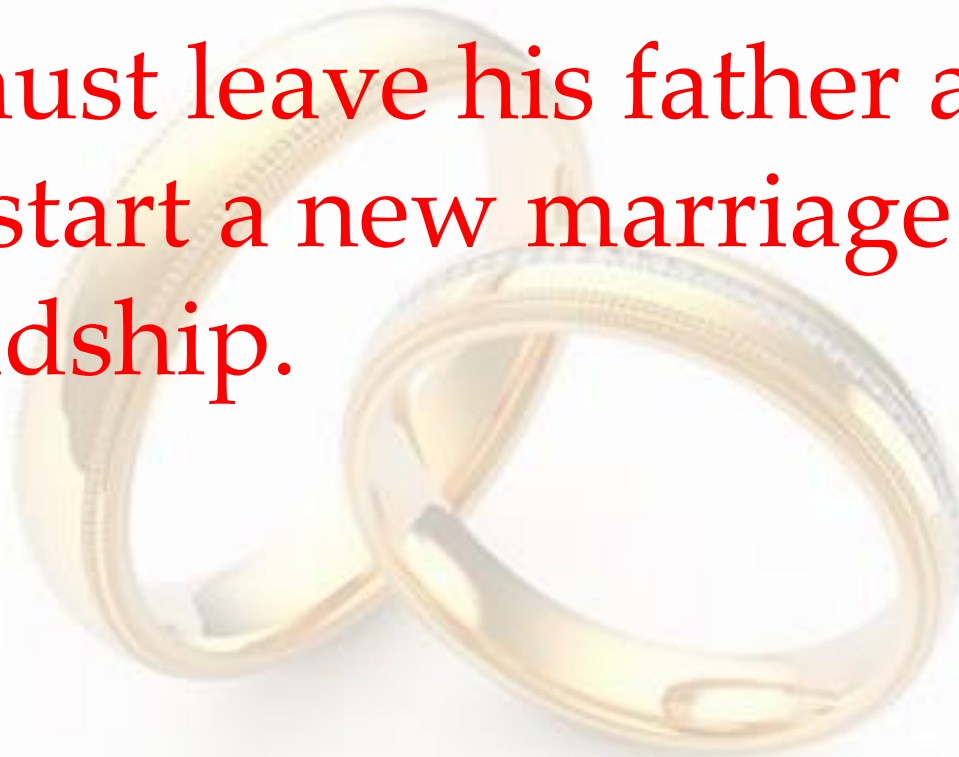


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# God's Command to Husbands to Leave

- Husband must leave his father and mother in order to start a new marriage under Christ's headship.



# God's Command to Husbands to Cleave

- Hold fast to your wife
- Deut 11:22-23
  - "...God...hold fast to Him"
- She's no longer under her father's oversight
- She's not an "independent woman", i.e. woman of ill repute.

# God's Command to Husbands to Cleave

- Husband must cleave to his wife in order to help her feel more secure in his love and headship;
- ...in order for him to begin learning to understand her (Deut 24:5 and 1 Pet 3:7)
- ...in order to publicly continue her secure reputation.

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In both the OT and the NT one way God presents Himself is as the husband of His people.



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# The OT: God as Husband

# Hosea 2:16-20

- Hos 2:2-13 Harsh words of judgement
- 2:14 – A new day will dawn
- 2:16 – “Ishi” not “Baali”
- 2:18 – A new covenant for them with creation
- 2:19-20 Betrothal
  - “Then you will know the Lord”

# Jeremiah 31:31-37

- 31:2 Grace in the wilderness
- 31:3 Everlasting love
- 31:17 Hope for the future
- 31:21 Set up guideposts for when you come home

## Jeremiah 31:31-37

- 31:32 A New Covenant-Not like the old one that Israel broke with her husband.
- 31:33 My law in their hearts
- 31:34 I will forgive their iniquity, remember their sin no more.
- 31:35-37 The day I lose control over the universe will be the day I abandon Israel

# Hosea 2 and Jeremiah 31

- Common context?



## Isaiah 54:4-8

- No shame, disgrace or reproach
- 54:5 Your husband is your Maker (plural)
- 54:6-8 A young wife grieved in spirit, forsaken and rejected
- 54:7 I will gather you
- 54:8 Lovingkindness, compassion, redeemer

## Isaiah 54:10

“For the mountains may be removed and  
the hills may shake, but my  
lovingkindness will not be removed from  
you, and my covenant of peace will not  
be shaken...”

# NT: As Christ to the Church





# Ephesians 5

- 5:1-17 Written to all Christians
- 5:18-22 Only 2 verbs – Commands
  - Do not be drunk
  - Be filled with the Spirit
- “Be subject” in 5:21 carries over to 5:22
- Mutual submission or **accountability** in 5:21 has a place in a marriage.

# Ephesians 5:25

1. Husbands, **love** your wives
2. Just as Christ also loved the **church**
3. And gave **Himself up** for her

1 Corinthians 13:1-3

# Giving Yourself Up for Her

- Mk 8:34

“If anyone wishes to follow me, let him **deny** himself, take up his **cross** daily, and follow me”

# Ephesians 5:26

- Hopeful Purpose
- Jesus did what was **necessary** for the church's sanctification
- John 17:19
- Sanctify ≡ To set apart, make holy
- After already having forgiven her

# Ephesians 5:27

- For His own joy!
- That **Jesus** might present the **church** to  
Himself
  - No spot or wrinkle
  - Holy, without blemish

# Pause and Reflect



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- How do we as husbands respond to these passages in Ephesians 5 in light of the fact that we are not Jesus?
- Why do you think God chose to leave these things in this passage addressing husbands?
  - He made her holy
  - He cleansed her by washing of water and Word

## Hebrews 4:14 – 5:4

<b>JESUS</b>	<b>HUSBANDS</b>
<b>Is able to sympathize with our weaknesses</b>	<b>Do I understand her weaknesses, let alone sympathize with them?</b>
<b>Was tempted in all things as we are (no sin)</b>	<b>In what ways is my wife tempted?</b>
<b>Is approachable giving confidence</b>	<b>Can my wife approach me about anything and feel confident I will receive her, even when it is not convenient for me?</b>
<b>Gives mercy and grace in our time of need</b>	<b>Do my words and actions convey mercy and grace when she is needy?</b>
<b>EARTHLY HIGH PRIEST (HUMAN)</b>	<b>HUSBANDS</b>
<b>Works on behalf of people spiritually</b>	<b>Watches over and intercedes on behalf of wife and children</b>
<b>Able to deal gently with those led astray</b>	<b>Able to minister gently to wife and children</b>
<b>Correction tempered by his knowledge of his own sinfulness</b>	<b>Can correct and resolve issues, my attitude tempered by the knowledge of my own sinfulness</b>
<b>Was called by God</b>	<b>Is called by God</b>



# Next Week: Husbands Part 2

## **HOMEWORK:**

Husbands: Prayerfully meditate on Isaiah 54:10 for 15 minutes each day, personalizing it as a promise to your wife.