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God's Design for Marriage

God's Call To A Husband – Part 2

Week 4

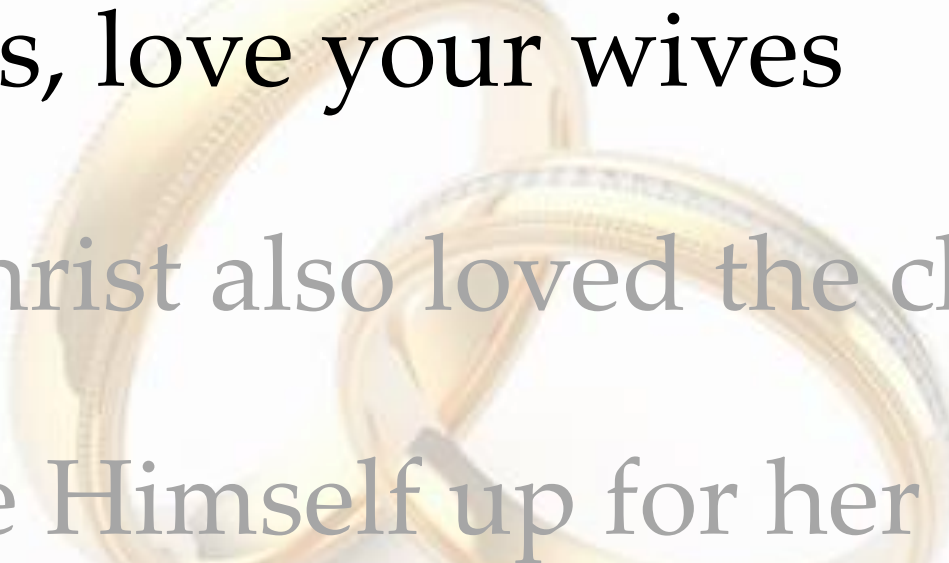
Isaiah 54:10

“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...”

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.

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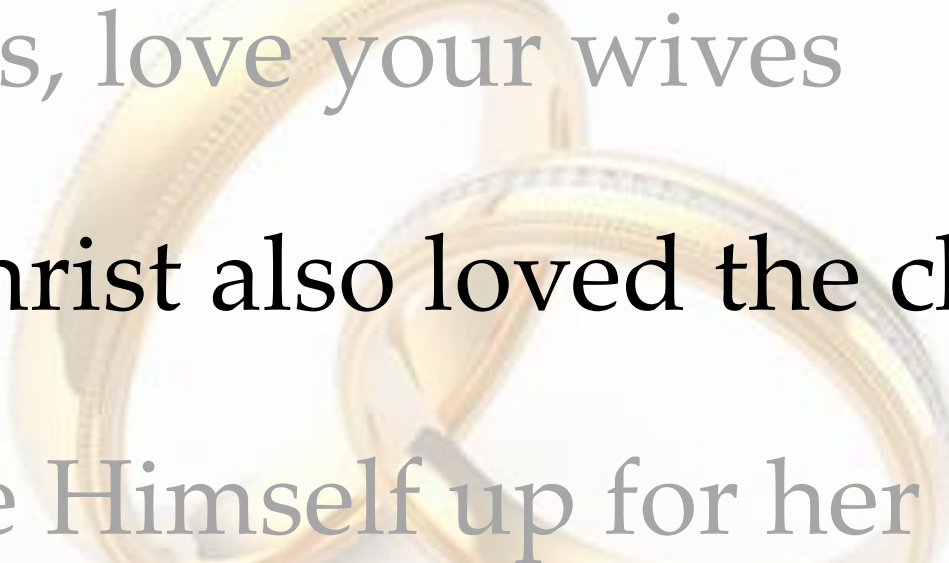
Husbands, Love Your Wife

“Love is the servant of the will,
not the victim of emotions”

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--Alistair Begg

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Isn't God asking a lot of husbands?

- Bonhoeffer: “When Christ calls a man, He bids him come and die.”
- Mk 8:34 Jesus said, “If anyone wishes to follow me, let him deny himself, take up his cross, and follow me.”

Ephesians 5:26

- Hopeful Purpose – Jesus did what was necessary for the church’s sanctification
- Sanctify = to set apart, make holy
- John 17:19 – Jesus sanctified Himself in order to sanctify the church.

Ephesians 5:27

- For His own joy!
- That Jesus might present the church to Himself in all her glory
 - No spot or wrinkle
 - Holy, without blemish
- Heb 12:2 – For the joy set before Him, endured the cross...

Pause and Reflect (end of week 3)

- How do we as husbands respond to these passages in light of the fact that we are not Jesus?
- Why did the Holy Spirit leave words like “sanctifying her, presenting her in her glory, without blemish” in a passage directed to husbands?



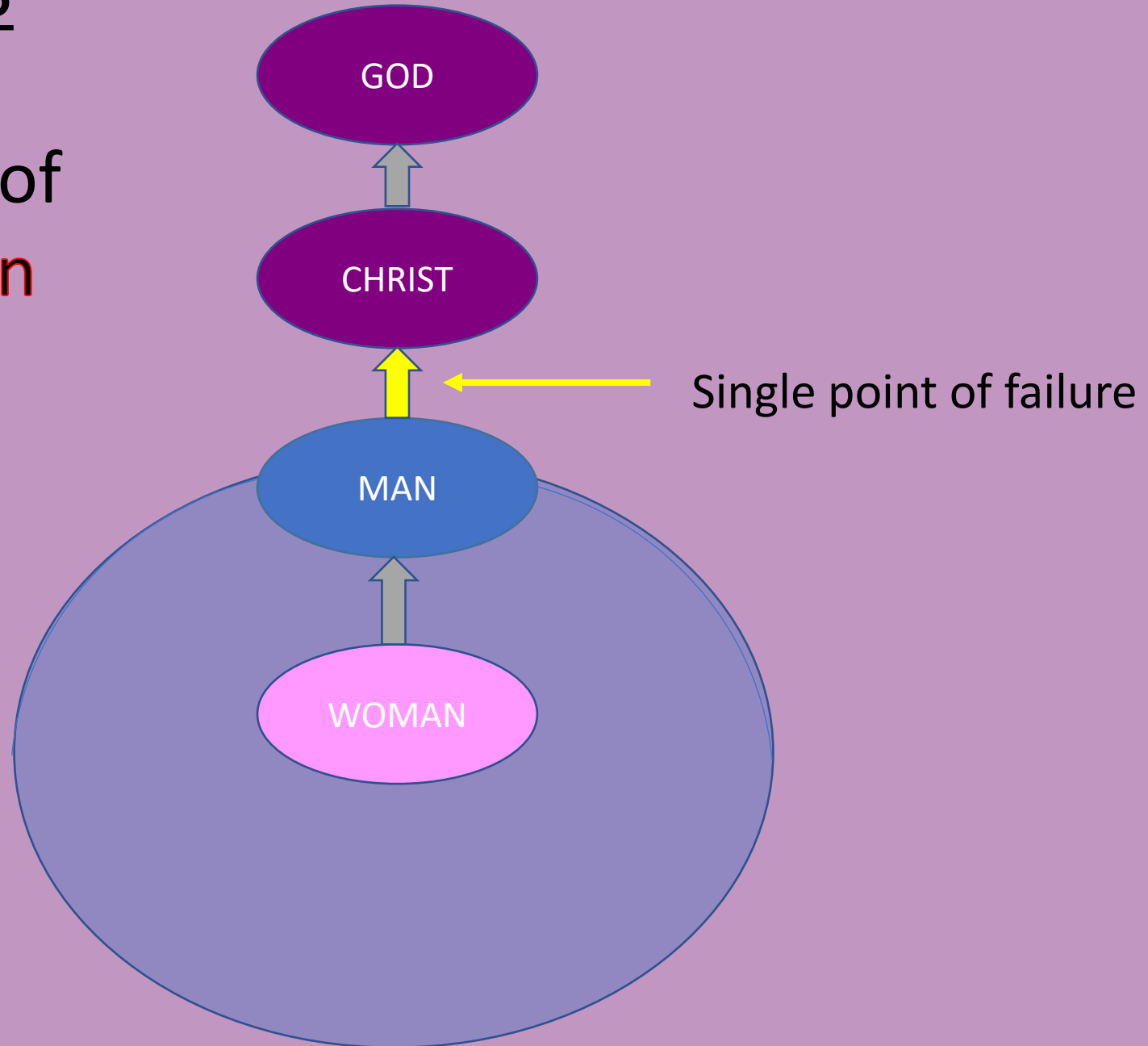
Week 4: The Role of the Husband in Servant Leadership

Psalm 127: To Build a House

- The starting point for an effective Christian husband is **submission to Jesus Christ.**
- What kind of house do you want to have?
 - Take command and be the Captain
 - Submit to Christ and rely on Him

1 Cor. 11:3

Hierarchy of Submission

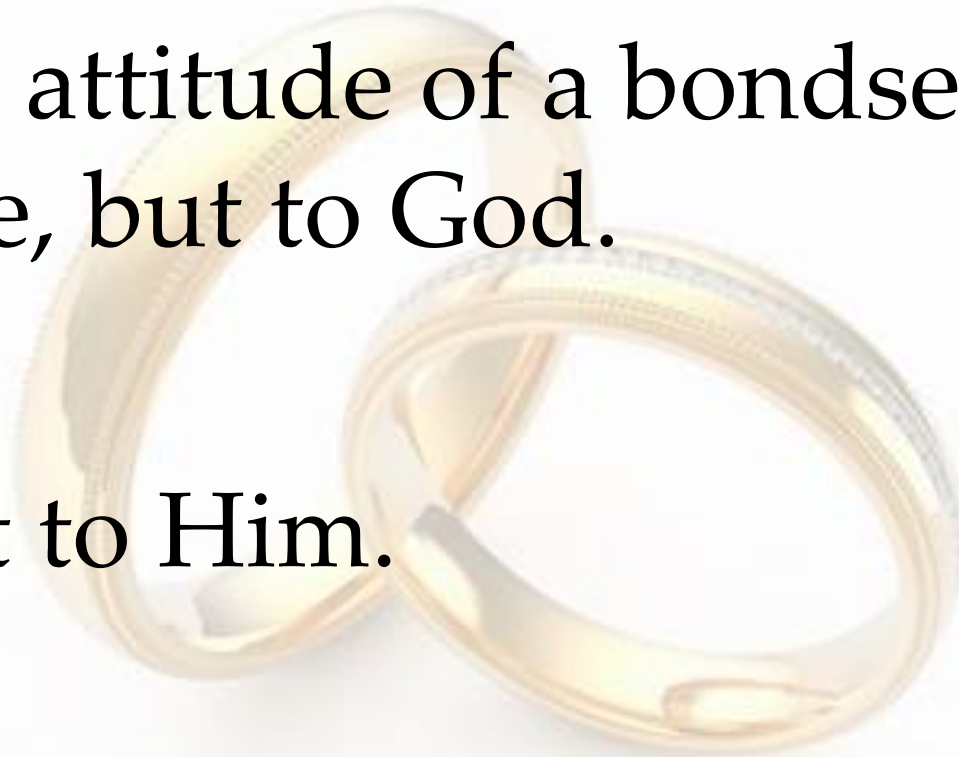


Phil. 2:3-8: A Servant's Unselfish Attitude

- Jesus was 100% God but chose NOT to assert that as a man.
- He didn't NEED people to be wowed by Him and have the adulation of the crowd.
- He knew Who He was, and that nothing was going to change that.

Phil. 2:3-8: A Servant's Unselfish Attitude

- Take on the attitude of a bondservant, NOT to your wife, but to God.
- Be obedient to Him.



Mt. 20:25-28 Servant Leadership

- Rulers of the Gentiles – The world's way
- Whoever is great must be your servant.
- 2 Chron. 19-20 – Jehoshaphat, King of Judah
 - What should we do?

Leading More Effectively: Spiritual Leadership

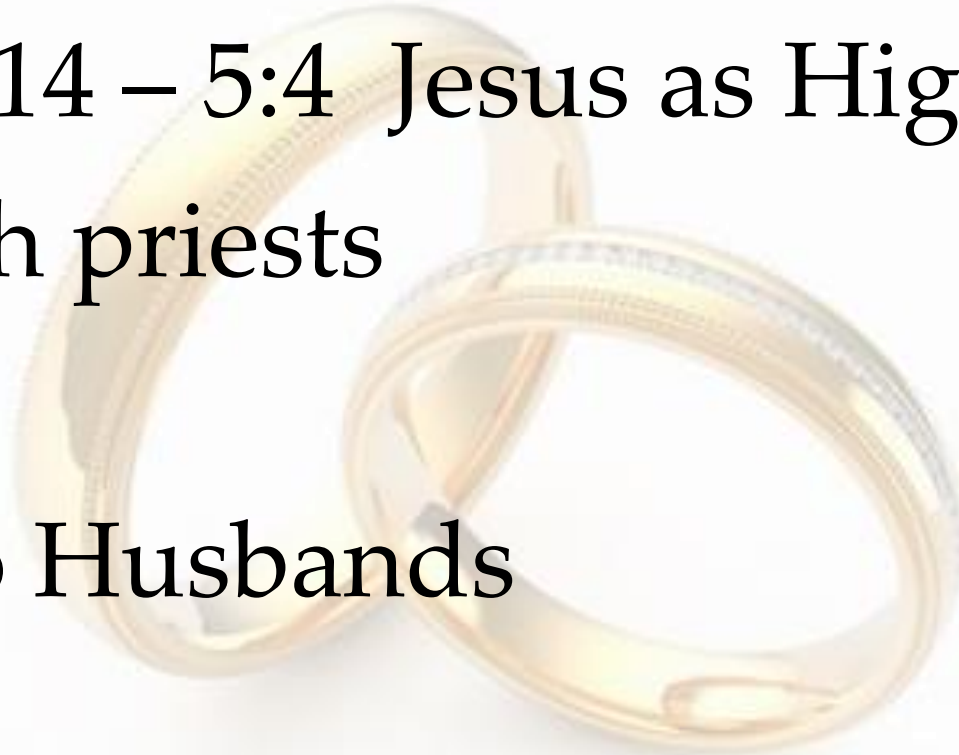
- Human spirit = Human heart
 - It is the core of who we are
 - It is the deepest level where we commune and communicate between people
 - It is where we commune, communicate, and worship God

Husband: “Spiritual Leader”

1. A husband who is learning to recognize his wife’s spirit or heart, understand it, and know how to care for it; and
2. Who is alert for what God may be saying to both of them.

Love Your Wife as Christ Loved the Church

- Hebrews 4:14 – 5:4 Jesus as High Priest
- Earthly high priests
- Translate to Husbands



EARTHLY HIGH PRIEST (HUMAN)	HUSBANDS
Works on behalf of people spiritually	Watches over and intercedes on behalf of wife and children
Able to deal gently with those led astray	Able to minister gently to wife and children
Correction tempered by his knowledge of his own sinfulness	Can correct and resolve issues, my attitude tempered by the knowledge of my own sinfulness
Was called by God	Is called by God

Hebrews 4:14 – 5:4

JESUS	HUSBANDS
Is able to sympathize with our weaknesses	Do I understand her weaknesses, let alone sympathize with them?
Was tempted in all things as we are (no sin)	In what ways is my wife tempted?
Is approachable giving confidence	Can my wife approach me about anything and feel confident I will receive her, even when it is not convenient for me?
Gives mercy and grace in our time of need	Do my words and actions convey mercy and grace when she is needy?

Husbands: Do you do these things in
Heb. 4:14-5:4?



HOW WOULD YOU KNOW?

Husband as Ruler/Protector



Ruler: Romans 13:1-4

1. Principle #1: There is no authority except from God, and those which exist are established by God.
 - No need to defend
 - Cannot be taken away

Ruler: Romans 13:1-4

2. Principle #2: The authority is to be a minister of God for good.
 - Husband, your headship must be for the benefit of your wife and children.
 - More than decisions or choices, but in attitudes and interactions.

Protector: Prayer

- God as protector is displayed many places in Scripture, especially in the Psalms;
- Pray for your wife – John 17
 - For her to grow in Christ
 - For things she struggles with
 - For her ministry
 - For your home to be a sanctuary where the Holy Spirit abides and evil is not welcome.

Protector: Vows – Numbers 30

- A man's vow must be filled
- A father may allow or annul the vow of his unmarried daughter on the day he hears of it
- A husband may allow or annul any vows taken by his wife on the same day he hears of them, even those she made before marriage.

HUSBANDS

- God has given you an amazing amount of responsibility!
- You are God's minister of grace in your home, so your wife and children may be more Christlike.
- God has given you a helper to learn how to do this, to help you become more Christlike