

**Lesson 3: Enjoying the Difference, Part 2**

**Intro:**

There are times when we \_\_\_\_\_ the differences. There are times when we \_\_\_\_\_ the differences.

**Question:** When do we hate the differences between us?

BIG IDEA: As God’s image, women reveal \_\_\_\_\_ .

<sup>20</sup> The man gave names to all livestock and to the birds of the heavens and to every beast of the field. But for Adam there was not found a helper fit for him. <sup>21</sup> So the LORD God caused a deep sleep to fall upon the man, and while he slept took one of his ribs and closed up its place with flesh. <sup>22</sup> And the rib that the LORD God had taken from the man he made into a woman and brought her to the man. <sup>23</sup> Then the man said, “This at last is bone of my bones and flesh of my flesh; she shall be called Woman, because she was taken out of Man.”

<sup>24</sup> Therefore a man shall leave his father and his mother and hold fast to his wife, and they shall become one flesh. <sup>25</sup> And the man and his wife were both naked and were not ashamed. **Genesis 2**

- If we consider the primary task of men to be “*subdue and rule*”, or “*work and keep*”, then we see the \_\_\_\_\_ task of women as “*fill the earth.*”
- Women have a \_\_\_\_\_ role in “*subdue & rule*”. It is NOT sinful for women, including married women with children, to \_\_\_\_\_ outside of the home.
- Adam \_\_\_\_\_ Eve to be able to fill the earth. God made us \_\_\_\_\_.
- She was made \_\_\_\_\_ Adam, and \_\_\_\_\_ Adam. She was part of him, to be his partner.

<sup>8</sup> For man was not made from woman, but woman from man. <sup>9</sup> Neither was man created for woman, but woman for man. **1 Corinthians 11**

- Adam didn’t just need help, but he needed \_\_\_\_\_ help.
- She is like Adam- “*bone of my bone.*” She’s \_\_\_\_\_ too.
- There should be \_\_\_\_\_ in a man’s strength (not a \_\_\_\_\_).
- There should be \_\_\_\_\_ in a woman’s tenderness (not a \_\_\_\_\_).
- God designed her to provide what Adam lacks, but enough like him for \_\_\_\_\_.

## Marriage: A Practical Theology

- Peter tells husbands to “*live with your wives in an understanding way.*” Understand her!
- Men tend to consider the \_\_\_\_\_ - the task at hand and the best way to get it \_\_\_\_\_.
- Women tend to consider the \_\_\_\_\_ implications of the task and process.
- Men tend to focus on \_\_\_\_\_ & women are \_\_\_\_\_.
- Men’s minds are usually on \_\_\_\_\_ while women’s are on \_\_\_\_\_.

### Designed for Marriage

- The first woman was made to be Adam’s \_\_\_\_\_.
- A man leaves his family of origin in order to \_\_\_\_\_ or \_\_\_\_\_ to his wife.
- We \_\_\_\_\_ one family in order to form a \_\_\_\_\_ family. Full \_\_\_\_\_!
- Each of us leaves the \_\_\_\_\_ of our family of origin to create a new \_\_\_\_\_ culture.
- They are not simply a new family but now one \_\_\_\_\_. There is a \_\_\_\_\_ that takes place.

<sup>15</sup> Did he not make them one, with a portion of the Spirit in their union? And what was the one God seeking? Godly offspring. So guard yourselves in your spirit, and let none of you be faithless to the wife of your youth. <sup>16</sup>“For the man who does not love his wife but divorces her, says the LORD, the God of Israel, covers his garment with violence, says the LORD of hosts. So guard yourselves in your spirit, and do not be faithless.” **Malachi 2**

- This union is a \_\_\_\_\_ union, one created by the \_\_\_\_\_.
- We have a responsibility to \_\_\_\_\_ this union, to watch our hearts to we are \_\_\_\_\_.
- While apartness is vital, too much often \_\_\_\_\_ our resolve.
- This \_\_\_\_\_ is to run in both \_\_\_\_\_.

### Relationship Under Authority

- Both Adam and Eve were created under God’s \_\_\_\_\_. She is also under \_\_\_\_\_.
- Adam was created first, and the account focuses on him.
- God gave His \_\_\_\_\_ to Adam, who was to communicate them to her.
- Adam exerted authority by \_\_\_\_\_ the animals. He also \_\_\_\_\_ her “woman.”

<sup>20</sup> But if you have gone astray, though you are under your husband's authority, and if you have defiled yourself, and some man other than your husband has lain with you, ... **Numbers 5**

- In Numbers 30 we see that a woman's vow can be over-ruled by her \_\_\_\_\_ or \_\_\_\_\_ (if unmarried).
- Both man and woman \_\_\_\_\_ the authority & responsibility of their \_\_\_\_\_.
- She becomes under the \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ of her husband.
- A man receives \_\_\_\_\_ from his wife as well as Scripture, weighs it & sets the course.

### **An Honest Relationship**

- Both Adam and Eve were \_\_\_\_\_. Everything about them was plain to see.
- They had nothing to \_\_\_\_\_ from God or one another.
- Men are all about the \_\_\_\_\_ intimacy. But there is more, and most women want it.
- Real intimacy has \_\_\_\_\_, emotional and \_\_\_\_\_ aspects.
- They want to know men's thoughts and \_\_\_\_\_. Men \_\_\_\_\_ to communicate these.
- The more \_\_\_\_\_ you become, the more \_\_\_\_\_ you should become.

### **Why the Gospel Matters**

- We all struggle to guard our \_\_\_\_\_, and therefore our marriages, from \_\_\_\_\_.
- The vow to forsake all others is there because we will experience \_\_\_\_\_.
- We will meet people we \_\_\_\_\_ with, find \_\_\_\_\_, or who treat us very well.
- We are only able to remain faithful, to guard our hearts, in the \_\_\_\_\_ of the \_\_\_\_\_.
- Our \_\_\_\_\_ thru Christ provides an environment conducive to true intimacy.
- He frees us from \_\_\_\_\_ & \_\_\_\_\_ so we can talk about our lives apart and together.
- He provides us a safe place to build \_\_\_\_\_.

What relationships can threaten your exclusive relationship with your spouse?

What kinds of walls or barriers can people put up that block intimacy?