

DOES THE BIBLE REALLY SAY...

THE MAN IS TO BE THE SPIRITUAL LEADER OF
THE HOME?

WHAT IS YOUR PICTURE OF SPIRITUAL LEADERSHIP?

WHERE DOES THIS IDEA COME FROM ?

- 1 CORINTHIANS 11:3 "NOW I WANT YOU TO REALIZE THAT THE HEAD OF EVERY MAN IS CHRIST, AND THE HEAD OF THE WOMAN IS MAN, AND THE HEAD OF CHRIST IS GOD."
- EPHESIANS 5:23 "FOR THE HUSBAND IS THE HEAD OF THE WIFE AS CHRIST IS THE HEAD OF THE CHURCH"

THE PROBLEM WITH PITHY STATEMENTS

- STEREOTYPE - ONE SIZE FITS ALL
- LEGALISM - TAKES ON A LIFE OF ITS OWN
- EXPECTATION - BASED ON OUR EXPERIENCE

WHY DOES IT MATTER?

- WHAT IS GOD'S HEART FOR WOMEN?
- HOW DO YOU KNOW WHAT TO LOOK FOR IN A MAN YOU MIGHT MARRY?
- HOW DO YOU RELATE TO YOUR HUSBAND IN A BIBLICAL AND GOD-HONORING WAY?

SO, WHAT DOES THE BIBLE SAY?

- 1 CORINTHIANS 11:3 "NOW I WANT YOU TO REALIZE THAT THE HEAD OF EVERY MAN IS CHRIST, AND THE HEAD OF THE WOMAN IS MAN, AND THE HEAD OF CHRIST IS GOD."
- GOD HAS GIVEN US A METAPHOR, WE NEED TO STUDY IT.

HOW IS GOD THE HEAD OF CHRIST?

- EPHESIANS 1:19-22 "THAT POWER IS LIKE THE WORKING OF HIS MIGHTY STRENGTH, WHICH HE EXERTED IN CHRIST WHEN HE RAISED HIM FROM THE DEAD AND SEATED HIM AT HIS RIGHT HAND IN THE HEAVENLY REALMS, FAR ABOVE ALL RULE AND AUTHORITY, POWER AND DOMINION, AND EVERY TITLE THAT CAN BE GIVEN, NOT ONLY IN THE PRESENT AGE BUT ALSO IN THE ONE TO COME. AND GOD PLACED ALL THINGS UNDER HIS FEET AND APPOINTED HIM TO BE HEAD OVER EVERYTHING FOR THE CHURCH"

HOW IS CHRIST THE HEAD OF MAN?

- EPHESIANS 2:6-7 "AND GOD RAISED US UP WITH CHRIST AND SEATED US WITH HIM IN THE HEAVENLY REALMS IN CHRIST JESUS, IN ORDER THAT IN THE COMING AGES HE MIGHT SHOW THE INCOMPARABLE RICHES OF HIS GRACE EXPRESSED IN HIS KINDNESS TO US IN CHRIST JESUS."

HOW IS CHRIST THE HEAD OF MAN?

- EPHESIANS 1:18-19 "I PRAY ALSO THAT THE EYES OF YOUR HEART MAY BE ENLIGHTENED IN ORDER THAT YOU MAY KNOW THE HOPE TO WHICH HE HAS CALLED YOU, THE RICHES OF HIS GLORIOUS INHERITANCE IN THE SAINTS, AND HIS INCOMPARABLY GREAT POWER FOR US WHO BELIEVE."

HOW IS MAN THE HEAD OF WOMAN?

- EPHESIANS 5:25, 28 & 33 "HUSBANDS, LOVE YOUR WIVES JUST AS CHRIST LOVED THE CHURCH AND GAVE HIMSELF UP FOR HER. . . LOVE THEIR WIVES AS THEIR OWN BODIES. . . LOVE HIS WIFE AS HE LOVES HIMSELF,"
- 1 JOHN 3:16 "THIS IS HOW WE KNOW WHAT LOVE IS; JESUS CHRIST LAID DOWN HIS LIFE FOR US."

SO WHAT DOES IT MEAN TO BE THE HEAD?

- TO RAISE UP
- TO EMPOWER
- TO GIVE AUTHORITY
- TO DEMONSTRATE GRACE AND KINDNESS
- TO GIVE HOPE
- TO LOVE
- TO LAY DOWN ONE'S LIFE FOR ANOTHER

DECONSTRUCTION

- BEING THE SPIRITUAL HEAD IS NOT ONE-SIZE-FITS-ALL.
- BEING THE SPIRITUAL HEAD IS NOT THE SAME AS A LEGALISTIC STEREOTYPE OF LEADERSHIP.
- BEING THE SPIRITUAL HEAD DOES NOT HAVE TO LOOK LIKE WHAT YOU HAVE SEEN BEFORE.

RECONSTRUCTION

- GODLY HEADSHIP IS SERVANT LEADERSHIP

- MATTHEW 20:25-28 "YOU KNOW THAT THE RULERS OF THE GENTILES LORD IT OVER THEM, AND THEIR HIGH OFFICIALS EXERCISE AUTHORITY OVER THEM. NOT SO WITH YOU. INSTEAD, WHOEVER WANTS TO BECOME GREAT AMONG YOU MUST BE YOUR SERVANT, AND WHOEVER WANTS TO BE FIRST MUST BE YOUR SLAVE - JUST AS THE SON OF MAN DID NOT COME TO BE SERVED, BUT TO SERVE, AND TO GIVE HIS LIFE AS A RANSOM FOR MANY."

RECONSTRUCTION

- GODLY HEADSHIP IS SERVANT LEADERSHIP.

- HEADSHIP CAN REFLECT MANY DIFFERENT STYLES OF LEADERSHIP.

- HEADSHIP WILL REFLECT INDIVIDUAL PERSONALITY.

- HEADSHIP WILL REFLECT A VARIETY OF "GOD LANGUAGES".

WHY DOES IT MATTER?

- GOD'S HEART FOR YOU, AS A WOMAN, IS TO THRIVE AND BE RELEASED INTO ALL YOUR CREATED BEAUTY AND STRENGTH.

- IF YOU ARE DATING OR CONSIDERING MARRIAGE SOMEDAY, GET TO KNOW JESUS, SO YOU CAN RECOGNIZE A MAN WHO REFLECTS HIS PERFECT HEADSHIP.

- IF YOU ARE MARRIED. . .

IF YOU ARE MARRIED...

- CELEBRATE THE WAYS YOUR HUSBAND DOES HEADSHIP WELL.

- RELEASE YOUR HUSBAND FROM THE STEREOTYPES AND UNREALISTIC EXPECTATIONS.

- GRIEVE THE LOSS OF WHAT YOU THOUGHT IT WOULD LOOK LIKE, SO THAT YOU CAN EMBRACE WHAT IT IS.

- ENTRUST YOUR HEART TO THE GOD WHO TRULY WANTS TO SEE YOU THRIVING.