

Session 3

ENMITY BETWEEN

Battle For The Seed

Genesis 3: 14 - 22

Genesis 3:15 “ And I will put enmity between you and the woman and between your seed and her Seed; He shall bruise your head and you shall bruise His heel.”

Enmity

“Declaring war between you and the woman, between your offspring and hers.” Gen 3:15 msg

Woman becomes the focus of the enemies attack to stop, divert and pollute the Seed of the divinely begotten future Messiah. The fall and redemption of man comes through a woman.

“Yet your desire and craving will be for your husband, and he will rule over you” Gen 3:15 amp

God changes the order. Women are submitted to husbands as their covering as a (servant) leader.

“Husbands, love your wives, just as Christ loved the church and gave himself up for her to make her holy, cleansing her by the washing with water through the word”. Eph. 5:25–26 NIV

The Blessing of Submission

We are submitted to each other

*Eph. 5:22 “ Wives, submit to your own husbands, as to the Lord. For the husband is **head** of the wife, as also Christ is head of the church; and He is the Savior of the body. Therefore, just as the church is subject to Christ, so let the wives be to their own husbands in everything.”*

Head - Hebrew root ‘*rosh*’ = head of a line, supreme; first, top, prince of the highest part, summit, foremost, leader and chief.

Col. 3:18 “Wives submit to your own husbands, as is fitting in the Lord.”

1Peter 3:1 “Wives, likewise, be submissive to your own husbands, that even if some do not obey the word, they, with out a word, may be won by the conduct of their wives,”

Be good wives responsive to our husband’s needs. Wives, understand and support your husbands by submitting to them in ways that honor the Master. Wives, understand and support your husbands in ways that show your support for Christ. The husband provides leadership to the his wife the way Christ does to His church, not by domineering but by cherishing. So just as he submits to Christ as he exercises such leadership, wives should likewise submit to their husbands.

Submitting to one another is key to successful relationships.

Submit - In Hebrew = Hypotasso - to arrange under, to subordinate, to subject, put in subjection, to subject one's self, obey, to submit to one's control, to yield to one's admonition or advice, to obey, be subject

1 Peter 5:5 "Likewise you younger people, submit yourselves to your elders. Yes, all of you be submissive to one another, and be clothed with humility, for God resists the proud, but gives grace to the humble."

Submitting to one another is key to successful relationships. It keeps us humble. As we submit to God we submit to others laying ego aside and our children follow suit.

All rightful authority is derived from God; therefore to submit to authority honors God. Submission is an act of faith. The higher the authority, the greater the accountability to God.

God designed marriage to illustrate the relationship He intends to have with His people. The husband is to give his wife honor and understanding, protecting her and acknowledging that she is fully partnered heir of God. The wife is to accept the care and authority of the husband, living in a manner that honors him. The beauty of character and gentleness of spirit of such a woman will be precious to God and to her husband.¹

It is an act of faith to submit to those put in authority over us, recognizing that God is the ultimate authority over

¹ Pg 1916 Truth in Action 5,6 Spirit Filled Life Bible



The Cost of Motherhood

Multiply Your Sorrow

Gen 2:16 “ To the woman He said: “I will greatly multiply your sorrow and your conception; In pain you shall bring forth children; Your desire shall be for your husband, And he shall rule over you.”

Mother: noun = female parent / verb = to give birth, to give rise to, produce, to bear, deliver

Women’s Greatest Struggles in this Life After the Fall of Mankind

- Conceiving and giving birth
- Worry about our children
- Value connected to relationships

A woman’s battle for the seed (truth/identity) is in trusting God in conception and being equipped to mother well and capture our husbands heart strings. Most women have a fear of losing their husbands heart strings, thus our need for our heart to be pursued.

Psalms 121 “ The Lord is your keeper; the Lord is your shade at your right hand”

TO GIVE RISE TO

BRING FORTH

Man's Struggle

Gen 2:17 “ Then to Adam He said, “Because you have heeded the voice of your wife, and have eaten from the tree of which I commanded you saying; You shall not eat of it’ : “Cursed is the ground for your sake; In toil you shall eat of it all the days of your life. Both thorns and thistles it shall bring forth for you, and you shall eat the herb of the field. In the sweat of your face you shall eat bread till you return to the ground. For out of it you were taken; for dust you are, and to dust you shall return.”

Father: noun = male parent, verb = beget, to be the founder, producer, author of

Man's Greatest Struggles in this Life After the Fall of Mankind:

- Working to provide through many obstacles
- Ego connected to production/ fear of failure

A man's battle for the seed (truth/identity) is in trusting God as their ultimate provider and battling a fear of failure, thus their need for respect.

Acknowledging and accepting that we are in a spiritual battle and choosing to align ourselves with His purpose for our family is crucial for success. Even if that causes conflict to bring about change we need to be bold and stand our ground. We have a choice to align ourselves with the assignments against our family, or to speak life into God's seed and potential in each of them. It takes a purposeful heart to conquer our thoughts and words to align with His.



Adam and Eve Drove Out of the Garden

“Then the Lord God said, ‘Behold the man has become like one of Us, to know good and evil. And now, lest he put out his hand and take also of the tree of life, and eat, and live forever’ So He drove out the man; and He placed Cherubim at the east of the garden of Eden and a flaming sword which turned every way, to guard the way to the tree of life.” Gen 3: 22-24

Exiled from God’s Original Intent

A loss of dominion over what God originally created for the blessing, glory and joy of fellowship one with another. It was also protection from living in sin for all of eternity. As our redeemer He bridged the gap of sin for us to have eternity with Him in heaven.

Free Will - God created man for intimacy with Him, it was and is not a forced fellowship, it is a chosen fellowship. What we choose to do effects fellowship with God and each other.

We are no longer submitted to each other when self rules.

Phil. 2:1-4 / Col 3:12-17 / Gal. 5:19-26 / Rom.12:10 / Phil 1:16

Side Note - Scientists are currently trying to rebuild the Tree of Life - “Based on the results of the new algorithm, scientists can select only the most informative genes to build phylogenetic trees, an approach that could make the process more accurate and efficient. “I think it will help us quite a bit in speeding up the reconstruction of the tree of life,” said Khidir Hilu, a biologist at Virginia Tech in Blacksburg.” <https://www.quantamagazine.org/a-new-approach-to-building-the-tree-of-life>

Highlight

My Hearts desire for you is to not forget Gods original intent for you (in the first lesson). It gives us a connection to His goodness. The fall of man answers why life is hard. I have asked so many times why marriage is so hard. Why is parenting such a challenge? The comfort comes in knowing that wasn't His original intent. When sin entered this world a war began and we as women are the target. Submitting to our husband is a gift and part of God's protection. It is part of God's order for the family that covers us and hides us in the secret place. We have a choice to submit to it and find rest or to fight it. This is not a popular subject and worth questioning why.

The fall of man created certain vulnerabilities of the heart to be aware of and to guard against. A man's battle to provide and the fear of failure is real. Our words and how we align our words and actions to support them are crucial to bringing about God's purpose for the family. Men pursuing their wives heart and understanding the struggles and sorrows related to child bearing brings life to a marriage.

The relief and restoration from struggles only comes by taking refuge in the Lord. It is the only place we find our sanity and direction for the day. Life will pull us in so many directions and we may want to run away from it all sometimes. Run to the secret place of prayer to find rest for your soul. Intercede for your family and leave it there at the cross. He has you. He knows how hard it is. Parenting will drive you to your knees where God can and will show himself true if you let Him.



The Heart of a Mother

Accepts that we are in a battle for the Seed of truth to take root in our children individually and as a family. We are willing to intercede and engage in the battle until victory manifests itself. God's order is best.

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4. Discernment is vital as we lead/parent. We are that covering for a season allowing God's seed to take root. What does that look like in everyday life?

1 John 2:15 - 17 _____

1 John 2:26,27 _____

1 John 4: 1-6 _____

5. When interceding and contending for promises, truth and a 'right' relationship with our kids, why is it so important to keep a 'future perspective' with eyes wide open?

Heb. 12: 6 -15 _____

Prov. 12:1 / 15:32 / 19:18 / 29:15,17 /13:24 / 23:13

Rev. 3:19 _____

Gal. 6:7-9 _____

