

Manhood and Womanhood - Part 6

1 Peter 3:1-7

All the problems with marriage that we see in the world are not because of God's design of headship and submission, but because of sin's impact upon headship and submission.

Pic 1 of Lebron and JR

Pic 2 of Lebron and JR

Frustration: Escalating anger that comes from the pushback of a fallen world against living well and doing things right.

- The pushback of the imperfect fallen world around you.**
- The pushback of the imperfect fallen person within you.**

So how can we overcome the problem of frustration in marriage?

If you want to be mature, you must not think of the gospel just as your eternal source of salvation but also as your daily source of power.

Romans 8:1-4

There is therefore now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus. ² For the law of the Spirit of life has set you free in Christ Jesus from the law of sin and death. ³ For God has done what the law, weakened by the flesh, could not do. By sending his own Son in the likeness of sinful flesh and for sin, he condemned sin in the flesh, ⁴ in order that the righteous requirement of the law might be fulfilled in us, who walk not according to the flesh but according to the Spirit.

Two ways the gospel has power to transform you:

- 1. You can be forgiven of your failures.**
- 2. You can have the supernatural power of a relationship with God.**

Two ways the gospel has power to transform your marriage:

- 1. You can live according to God's design in your marriage.**
- 2. You can forgive the failures of your spouse.**

P - Pray for your spouse.

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James 5:16

Therefore, confess your sins to one another and pray for one another, that you may be healed. The prayer of a righteous person has great power as it is working.

O - Own your role.

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1 Peter 3:1-2

Likewise, wives, be subject to your own husbands, so that even if some do not obey the word, they may be won without a word by the conduct of their wives- ² when they see your respectful and pure conduct.

Lies Women Believe About Marriage:

- It is my responsibility to change my mate.
- If I submit to my husband, I'll be miserable.
- If my husband is passive, I've got to take the initiative or nothing will get done.

1 Peter 3:7

Likewise, husbands, live with your wives in an understanding way, showing honor to the woman as the weaker vessel, since they are heirs with you of the grace of life, so that your prayers may not be hindered.

Lies Men Believe About Marriage:

- My wife should never question my opinions or decisions.
- The only way to get my way is through a show of force.
- I need to belittle my wife to keep her in her place.
- I can't lead when she just resists my leadership.
- As long as one of us is leading, what does it matter if it's me or not.

On this side of glory, your spouse will never be everything that God has designed him or her to be so if you are waiting around for that to happen in order to do your part, you never will!

W - Wait for the Lord.

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Isaiah 40:31

They who wait for the LORD shall renew their strength; they shall mount up with wings like

eagles; they shall run and not be weary; they shall walk and not faint.

Frustration: Escalating anger that comes from the pushback of a fallen world against living well and doing things right or from just not getting your way.

E - Embrace the gospel and your spouse.

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Ephesians 4:31-32

Let all bitterness and wrath and anger and clamor and slander be put away from you, along with all malice. ³² Be kind to one another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, as God in Christ forgave you.

R - Repeat the process throughout your entire marriage.

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Matthew 18:21-22

Then Peter came up and said to him, "Lord, how often will my brother sin against me, and I forgive him? As many as seven times?" ²² Jesus said to him, "I do not say to you seven times, but seventy times seven.

P - Pray

O - Own

W - Wait

E - Embrace

R - Repeat