

The Model

3: "The Man"

The Message

Series

- God's plan is that through his sons and daughters, he would bring his peace and reconciliation to the world
 - the Church is the hope of the world
- That often is not the reality of Christians or the church
- It is a problem because Satan destroys John 10:10
 - Satan wants to destroy our world.
- We want to be like the church of Acts 2:43-48
 - This inspires us
- the reason we do not live this out is because we have been following the wrong model
 - in the church, as Christians, as men and women
 - If you build with the wrong plans, you won't build what you wanted
- We will look at God's model for the church, man, woman, and Christian

The model for a man

- How did God make man?

How this might help you:

- Single woman: Show you what kind of man you are/should be looking for
- Married woman: Vision of what a redeemed version of your husband would be
- Young man: What God wants you to be
- Man: What God wants you

Our broken models

Provider

- and nothing else
- This fulfills what society requires
- but he does not take his family or the family of God, towards something

Yield leadership to the women in his life

- because of laziness
- But he lets things go by, he becomes a spectator of his own life

Dominant

- He doesn't let any one else breathe

- But he crushed the spirit of his wife and children, he doesn't truly lead others
 - but accomplishes nothing important in life
- teenage years extended
- We need a new model

Difficult

Today will be hard, because what we will see that what God says about the model for a man goes against what our society says the model for a man is.
Let's just listen to what God says in the bible, and then decide what we will believe...

Big Idea: God's model for man is Headship

principal leadership

The same, but different

We are equal in value, different in role and function

Caveat - Do not assume what this means for women (we are going to talk about that next week):

Women are leaders, they are minimized historically by the church, they are extremely important, we are talking about the model of a man and this isn't to belittle women

- For women: This is only the side of the model for men. Do not take this to determine what it means the model for women is
- The man is not the only one who thinks or leads, but the leader at the front
- It is not a question of value or importance or superiority, but of function
- Both are equally important, valuable
- They are different in form and function, not value or potential or meaning

Headship in the Bible

Senior leadership

Genesis 1:26

God gave dominion, authority, the position of headship, to the man

In the next verse, it seems that the woman shares authority over the creation

But then, in the structures that God forms in the world: the church and the family: God gives primary leadership to the man.

In other words, the two have authority over creation, but God gave man headship, or primary authority.

1 - Home / Marriage

His wife (not all women)

Ephesians 5:22-25

1 Peter 3:7

1 Timothy 3:4-5

1 Timothy 3:12

Ephesians 6:4

2 - Church

elders / pastors, key leaders are men

Definition of *headship*

1 - Gives direction

Purpose of headship: Take those he leads to Jesus

Joshua 24:15

The man provides this direction whether he is present or absent

Hosea 4:9

2 - Serves in front

He doesn't do everything, but he also doesn't just give orders

Luke 22:26

Because he has headship, he must serve and working more

3 - Accept responsibility for everything

(everything under his headship)

- he's not guilty for everything, but he is responsible for everything

Story of Adam and Eve

- She sinned
- God first asked Adam to give an account

His sin was giving up his leadership: not giving direction, not serving his wife by talking to Satan instead of her, not protecting her from Satan.

It doesn't makes sense

It's hard to accept, because our goal is to be fulfilled, satisfied

- man says "I do not want this responsibility,"
- Woman says "I do not want him to have authority over me"

Why did God set things up like this?

God made us to glorify him

Isaiah 42.6

Genesis 1:26-27

He made us in his image

We give him glory by reflecting who he is

- We create
- We have a soul and a conscious

Man uniquely reflects God in these ways:

- His authority, his kingdom, his leadership
- his being responsible for everything
- his care and protection of his world
- by being at the front to lead others (to God)

So, if we give glory to God by following his model, then What should we do?

Application: Accept, instead of giving up, headship

We are tempted to give it up

Like Adam

We don't like to accept it because it is hard.
We don't like to live it out because it is hard.
You have to be a person worthy of imitation and being followed
You have to do a lot

Accept the responsibility

1 Corinthians 16:13

1 - personal headship

- Self-Discipline
- Relationship with God
- Worker
- Responsible

2 - families

- Wife
- Children

3 - church

- Serve
- guide it

Why do this: God works, he moves

What happens in each environment: family person church: when the man takes his headship
There is forward movement
There is movement towards a better relationship with God
There is protection from Satan and his destruction

Next Step

If you are not Christian, your next step is to enter into a relationship with God

- and He alone can redeem us to be the men that we should be
 - And forgive us when we fail
- only by him can you be single, or married to a less than perfect man, and still be completely happy

For the man:

Repentance: In what ways have you been following the world's model

Change: What do you need to change in order to live out your headship

- Married: Take the responsibility of being the head
- Single: Be responsible, do not be lazy

For Her: Let the man that God has given you in your home take his place, by following him, by submitting to his leadership, by respecting him

- Single Mothers: It is up to you to take this responsibility
- Wives: Follow the guidance of your husband
- Wives of non-Christian men: Take responsibility for your relationship with God. Follow your husband's guidance:
- Singles women: When you look for someone, it should be a man who will accept the responsibility of headship

Communion

Hope in the Gospel

when we are not the man who should be, the perfect life of Jesus is applied to us and covers our sin with His righteousness

(Women) When you don't have the perfect man, you can be totally happy, because you have Jesus