

**Today: Restoring Order + Bringing Vision**

Not a traditional vision. But a Biblical vision.

Metaphor: Compass not GPS

**Key Passage:** Genesis 1-3

Hebrew Historical Narrative Literature<sup>1</sup>

**Male and Female**

**Same**

1. Created to reflect the glory of God (*image of God - male and female he created them*)
  - a. We are like statues, images of God to be placed in the garden and declare to all of creation that God has dominion over it.
  - b. Possess equal worth and dignity
  - c. *Co-heirs of the grace in life* (1 Peter 3:7)
2. Both necessary for being fruitful and multiplying

**Different**

1. We live in a world that has perverted that:
  - a. By seeing one sex as inferior (usually women)
  - b. By abolishing distinctions
  - a. By treating gender as fluid or interchangeable

Compass pointing back to a Biblical Vision

**WHAT WAS VERY GOOD:**

1. **Covenant Partnership** (sex) - *man shall leave and unite with his wife - and the two shall become one flesh, naked and unashamed*
  - o Fully known, fully loved
2. **Kingdom Mission** - *be fruitful and multiply*

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<sup>1</sup> <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=VhmlJBUIoLk>

## WHAT CHANGED BECAUSE OF SIN:

### 1. How it happened

- a. Enemy's presence - "did God really say?" (a DECEIVER) - we have a real enemy
- b. Eve's being deceived - *when she saw, she took it and ate*
- c. Adam's passivity - *who was with her*

### 2. What it resulted in

#### a. Adam was the one who bore primary responsibility and was called to give an account

- He was given the command (Gen 2:16-17)

*15 The LORD God took the man and put him in the garden of Eden to work it and keep it. 16 And the LORD God commanded the man, saying, "You may surely eat of every tree of the garden, 17 but of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil you shall not eat, for in the day that you eat [d] of it you shall surely die."*

- He was the one that God asked for after they sinned (3:9)

*9 But the LORD God called to the man and said to him, "Where are you?"*

- He was the one held accountable for the sin

Romans 5:12 Therefore, just as sin came into the world through one man, and death through sin, and so death spread to all men because all sinned—

#### b. Blaming (response to guilt)

- Adam blamed Eve
- Eve blamed the Serpent

#### c. Covering (response to shame)

- Covering Nakedness (no longer naked and unashamed ... clothed and with shame)

#### d. The places where they were called to bring fruitfulness were now difficult

- Women - Childbearing (3:16)
- Man - Ground (3:17-19)

#### e. Their relationship was disrupted by sin ("battle of the sexes")

**Genesis 3:16b:**

*And you will desire to control your husband,  
but he will rule over you."*

## The Result:

What was meant to be FOR one another becomes OPPOSED to one another.

**Both marriage and singleness are referred to as a gift.**

**1 Corinthians 7**

*7 I wish that all were as I myself am. But each has his own gift from God, one of one kind and one of another.*

**TO THOSE WHO ARE SINGLE:**

**1 Corinthians 7**

*32 I want you to be free from anxieties. The unmarried man is anxious about the things of the Lord, how to please the Lord. 33 But the married man is anxious about worldly things, how to please his wife, 34 and his interests are divided. And the unmarried or betrothed woman is anxious about the things of the Lord, how to be holy in body and spirit. But the married woman is anxious about worldly things, how to please her husband. 35 I say this for your own benefit, not to lay any restraint upon you, but to promote good order and to secure your undivided devotion to the Lord.*

**Action Items:**

**TO THOSE WHO ARE MARRIED**

**WIVES**

**Ephesians 5**

*22 Wives, submit to your own husbands, as to the Lord. 23 For the husband is the head of the wife even as Christ is the head of the church, his body, and is himself its Savior. 24 Now as the church submits to Christ, so also wives should submit in everything to their husbands.*

**Submit:**

Respect, yield, defer, put another's good ahead of your own

*Ephesians 5:21* submitting to one another out of reverence for Christ.

It is about yielding and giving your trust to another. This is found through the Scriptures.

- *Citizens to government*
- *Angels to God*
- *Children are to submit to parents*
- *The members of the church to elders*
- *Members of the family to other members of the family (co-workers, co-laborers)*

**Why this verse is significant:** All women are not called to submit to all men. This is one woman (wife) to one man (husband) - in covenant with each other.

**Titus 2:3-5**

*3 Older women likewise are to ... train the young women to love their husbands and children, 5 to be self-controlled, pure, working at home, kind, and submissive to their own husbands, that the word of God may not be reviled.*

**Action Items:**

## HUSBANDS

*25 Husbands, love your wives, as Christ loved the church and gave himself up for her, 26 that he might sanctify her, having cleansed her by the washing of water with the word, 27 so that he might present the church to himself in splendor, without spot or wrinkle or any such thing, that she might be holy and without blemish. 28 In the same way husbands should love their wives as their own bodies. He who loves his wife loves himself. 29 For no one ever hated his own flesh, but nourishes and cherishes it, just as Christ does the church, 30 because we are members of his body. 31 "Therefore a man shall leave his father and mother and hold fast to his wife, and the two shall become one flesh." 32 This mystery is profound, and I am saying that it refers to Christ and the church. 33 However, let each one of you love his wife as himself, and let the wife see that she respects her husband.*

### Action Items:

### QUESTIONS TO CONSIDER:

1. Practical: Compass
  - **Wife to your husband:** *What does it look like for me to submit to you? When have you experienced that in a way that brought you life?*
  - **Husband to your wife:** *What does it look like for me to love you by caring, initiating, and sacrificing myself for you? When have you experienced that in a way that brought you life?*
2. There are some things that you will only learn from older people who are actually in your life. (Titus 2). Submit to one another out of reverence for Christ. Who has God put in your life for you to learn from? How can you prioritize those relationships?
3. Whether you're a man or woman, married or single, ... your body and your station in life does not make you any more lovely to God.  
*Galatians 3:26-28 For you are all children of God through faith in Christ Jesus. 27 And all who have been united with Christ in baptism have put on Christ, like putting on new clothes. 28 There is no longer Jew or Gentile, slave or free, male and female. For you are all one in Christ Jesus.*