

Kingdom Preppers Week 4
God's Design for the Leadership of Men
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A Divine Appointment to Lead - Genesis 18:18–19 God chose Abraham with intentional purpose. Abraham was appointed to direct his children and household. His assignment: To keep (preserve) the way of the Lord. To do what is right and just. Leadership in the home is not self-appointed it is God-appointed. This moment occurs while Abraham is pleading for Lot in Sodom. In the middle of a sinful culture, God reminds Abraham of his primary responsibility: guard your household, lead your family, and preserve righteousness.

The Way of the Lord: The Way of the Lord is a lifestyle. It reflects: God's character, God's standards, God's righteousness. It stands in contrast to: Sodom's corruption. Cultural compromise. The question: How do we guide our families in righteousness while living in sinfulness? Answer: By doing what is right and just. By modeling obedience. By refusing to mirror the culture.

The Responsibility of Fathers: A father shapes future spiritual generations. A father teaches his son: What biblical manhood looks like. A father teaches his daughter: What biblical manhood should look like in a husband. Leadership in the home effects: marriage, children, grandchildren, and generations not yet born. When men lead well: families thrive, marriages strengthen, and children flourish. When men fail: the consequences ripple outward.

Leadership Over Worship: God not only placed men: over the wife, over the family, but over worship.

The Priesthood: Exodus 28:1, Numbers 3:3 God chose Aaron and his sons. Priesthood was not privilege — it was burden. Greater responsibility meant stricter accountability. Examples: Aaron's sons — killed for disobedience. Eli's sons — killed for corruption. Eli judged because he failed to restrain them. Samuel 3:12–14 - Spiritual leadership carries weight. Failure affects: the family, the nation. the presence of God among His people.

When Leadership Fails: National Consequences Under Eli: Israel defeated, Ark captured, God's presence withdrawn, in the days of Ezekiel and Jeremiah: Corrupt priests led to idolatry, moral decay, exile. In Malachi's time: Priests dishonored sacrifices, God cursed their blessings, national economic impact. Spiritual negligence always spreads.

National Leadership: God established kings, not queens, over Israel. Deuteronomy 17:14–20 defines a king. Leadership of the nation was male by divine design.

The Exception: Athaliah: Not appointed by God. Seized power. Promoted Baal worship. Attempted to destroy David's lineage. Overthrown when Joash was revealed as rightful king. Contrast: God's design vs. human ambition. Important: Scripture honors godly women: Deborah (judge), Huldah (prophet), Esther (deliverer). Leadership design does not imply inferiority. It reflects divine order.

Jesus Chose Men to Lead: Jesus chose twelve male apostles, not a cultural accident. a theological intention, they were flawed, they were weak, but they were chosen. Women displayed: courage at the cross, faith at the tomb, and loyalty in crisis. Women served, women testified women ministered. Yet apostolic authority was entrusted to men.

Leadership in the Home: New Testament Ephesians 5:22–24 - The husband is head of the wife; headship modeled after Christ. Leadership is sacrificial, loving, protective, and accountable. Leadership is not control, domination, or superiority.

Leadership in the Church: 1 Timothy 3:1–5 Qualifications of an overseer- uses the above reproach, faithful to his wife, self-controlled,

gentle, able to teach, and manages his household well. Principle: if a man cannot lead his home, he cannot lead God's church.

Overseer/Elder: teaching authority, spiritual oversight. Deacons: servant leaders, ministry assistants, not assigned governing or teaching authority over men. Phoebe: a servant of the church. not described as pastor or overseer.

The Role of Women in Ministry: Women are gifted. Women minister powerfully. Women: pray publicly, evangelize, teach (within biblical parameters), show hospitality, demonstrate mercy. The church depends on faithful women. Restriction of pastoral authority over men:

rooted in creation, rooted in design, not rooted in culture.

Creation Design — Not Cultural Preference: This pattern aligns with: Adam's headship, Abraham's calling, the priesthood, the kingship,

the apostles, the structure of the home and church leadership qualifications. It would be easier to let culture define design. But God defines His own order.

Male spiritual leadership: is not a power grab, not superiority, not a privilege. It is a burden, a calling, a responsibility and an assignment. When men step up - marriages thrive, children thrive, churches thrive, and nations stabilize.

When men step back - families weaken, churches struggle, and culture collapses.

God has appointed men to carry spiritual weight.

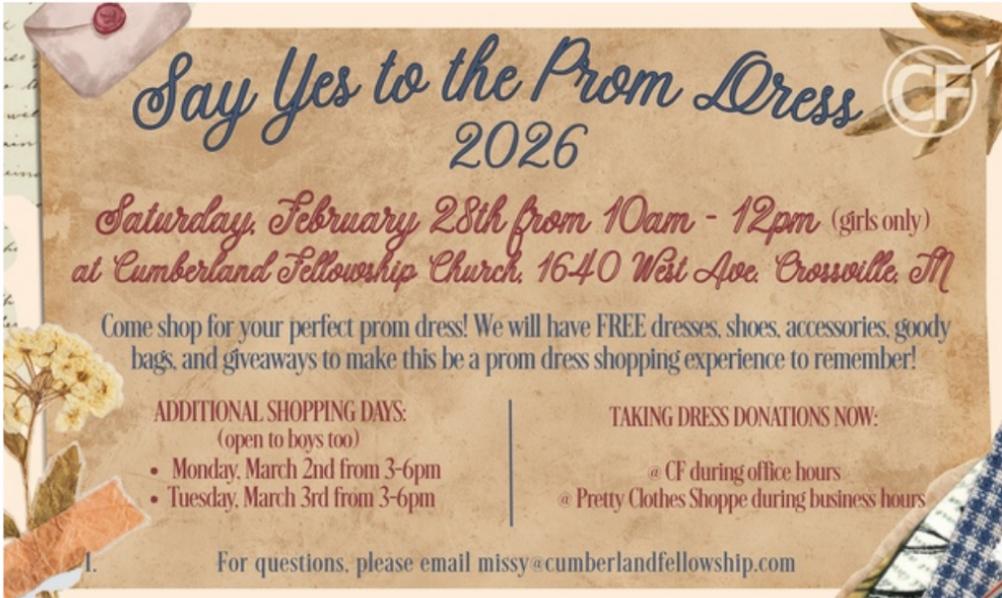
The question is not: Do we like the responsibility?

The question is - Will we carry it faithfully?

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