

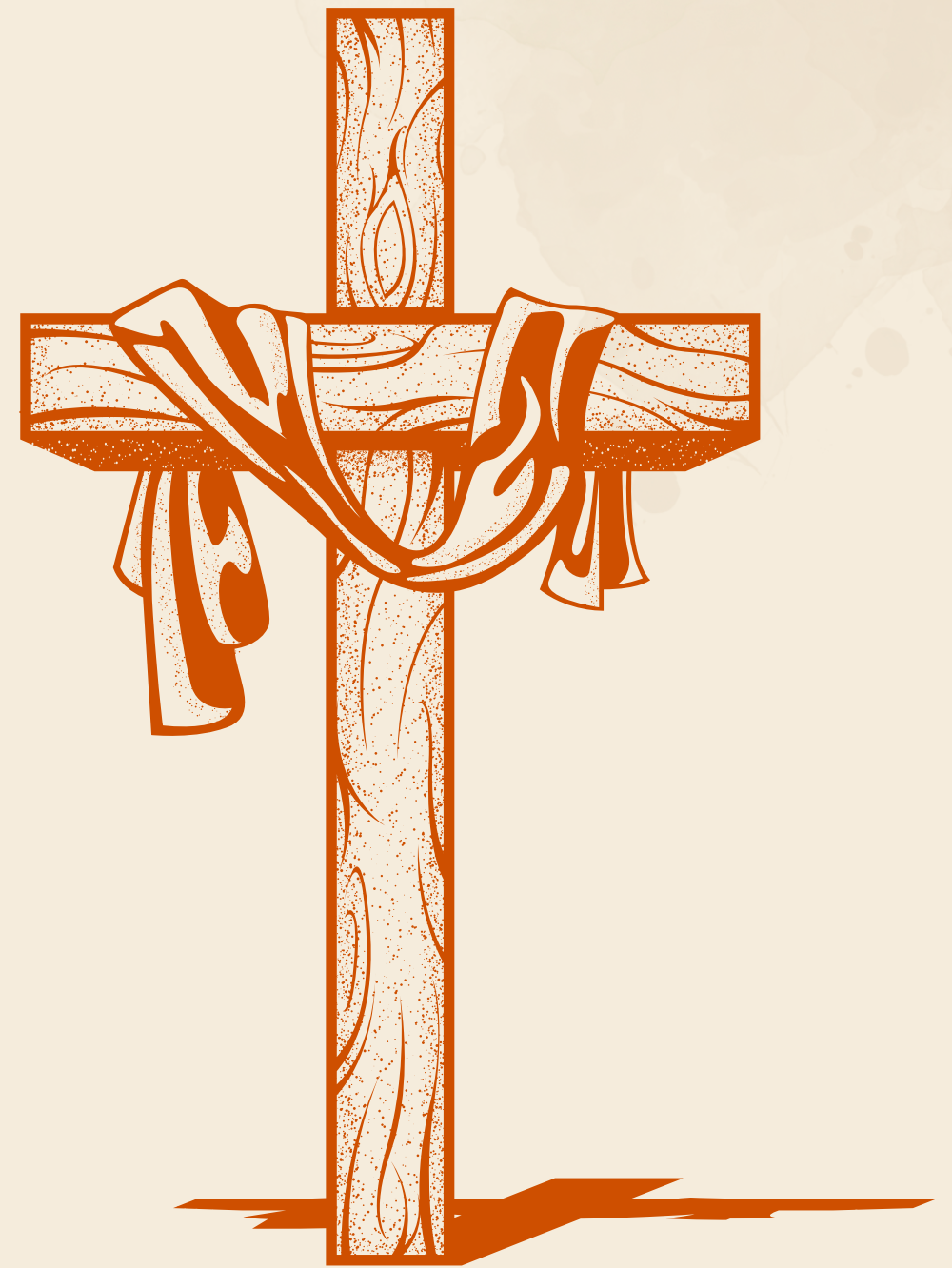


Alignment

Week 3: Difficult Areas
A Man's Role

Is Submission a
bad word?

Does being
under
authority suck?

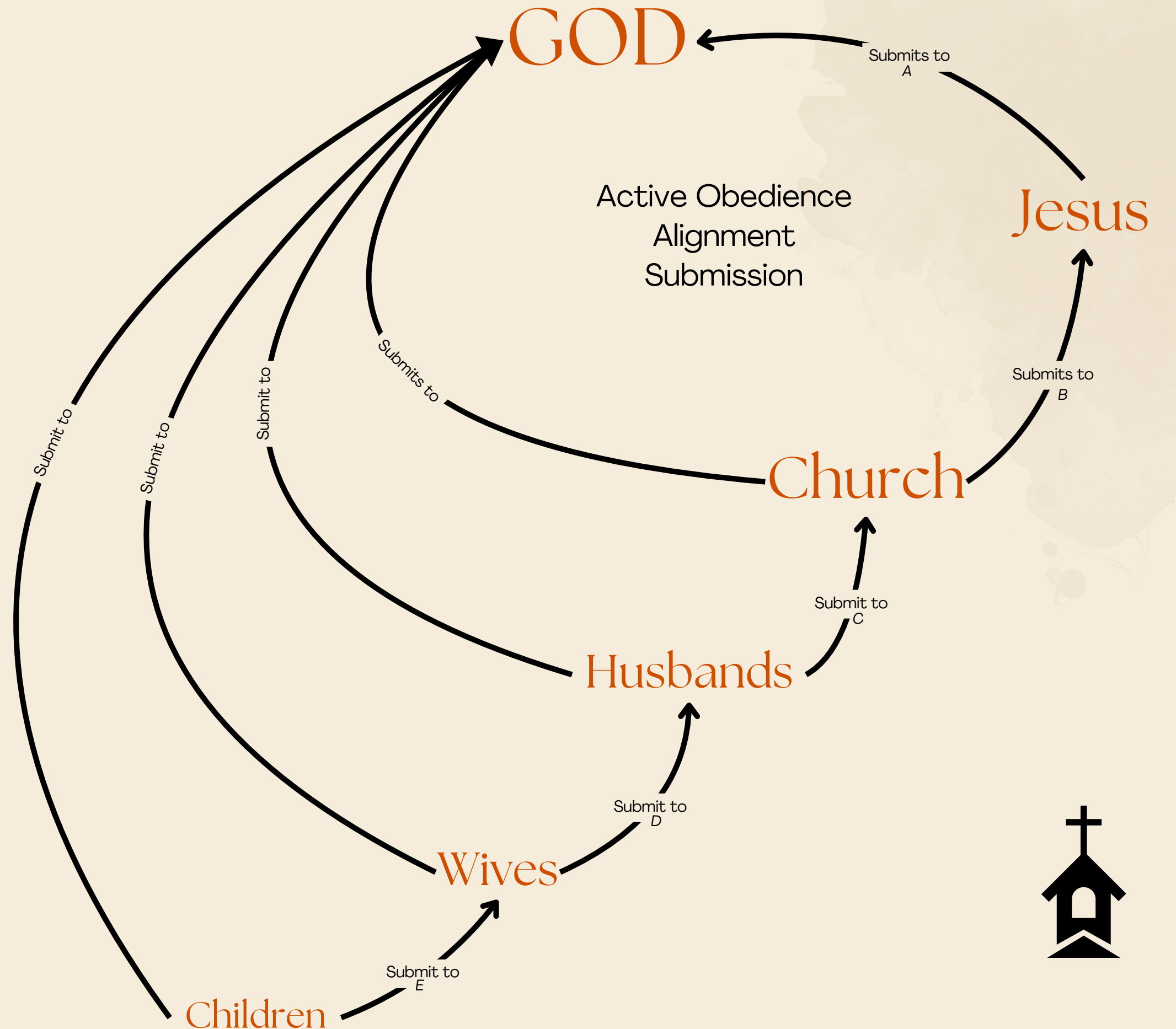


Mark 2:17

On hearing this, Jesus said to them, "It is not the healthy who need a doctor, but the sick. I have not come to call the righteous, but sinners."



God's Plan for Alignment *Resource*



Study and Show Thyself Approved

Biblical References

1 Corinthians 11:3 - Headship

"Now I want you to realize that the head of every man is Christ, and the head of the woman is man, and the head of Christ is God."

God's Design for Alignment

A. **Jesus Submitting to God:** Luke 22:39-45, John 5:19-21, John 6:38, John 14:31, Philippians 2:5-11, Hebrews 5:7-8, 1 Corinthians 15:27-28, Colossians 1:15-18

B. **Church Submitting to Jesus:** John 10:27, Ephesians 1:22-23, Ephesians 5:23-24, Colossians 1:18

C. **Men & Women Submitting to the Church:** Ephesians 5:21, 25-27, 1 Peter 5:5, Hebrews 13:17, 1 Corinthians 7:19

D. **Wives Submitting to Husbands:** Proverbs 31:10-12, Ephesians 5:22-24, Colossians 3:18, 1 Peter 3:1-6, Titus 2:4-5, 1 Corinthians 7:4, & 13-14 & 34, 1 Timothy 2:9-15

Husband's Responsibility to Wife: Ephesians 5:25-33, Colossians 3:19, Proverbs 5:15-20, Malachi 2:13-16, 1 Peter 3:7

E. **Children Submitting to Parents:** Ephesians 6:1-4, Colossians 3:20-21, Proverbs 1:8-9, Proverbs 6:20-23, Proverbs 13:1, Proverbs 15:5, Proverbs 23:13-14 & 24-15, Proverbs 30:17, Exodus 20:12,

Instruction to Parents: Proverbs 14:26, Proverbs 13:24, Proverbs 18:18, Proverbs 22:6 & 15, Proverbs 23:24-25, Proverbs 29:15&17,

Purpose & Rewards

F. **Obedience to God:** Deuteronomy 5:33, John 14:23

G. **Peace:** Isaiah 26:3, Philippians 4:6-7

H. **Joy:** John 15:10-11, Psalm 16:11

I. **Marriage:** Genesis 2:22-24, Ephesians 5:21-33, 1 Peter 3:1-7, Proverbs 31:10-12, 28-19

J. **Purity:** Psalm 119:9, Matthew 5:8, Eph 5:3

K. **Captivation:** Song of Solomon 4:9-10, 6:8-9, Proverbs 5:15-20

L. **Protection:** Acts 9:4, Psalm 91:1-4, Proverbs 30:5

M. **Glory:** Philippians 2:5-11

Difficult Areas

N. **Spiritual leadership:** God gives a promise and plan to the husband, whose responsibility is to patiently, lovingly, and gently guide his wife into alignment with God's plan for the family. The wife's responsibility is to first understand then help execute the plan.

1. Promise & Plan Done Well: Genesis 12:1-8, 1 Samuel 25 (Abigail)

2. Promise & Plan Compromised: Genesis 3:16, Genesis 3:6-7 (promise & plan)

3. Barriers against submission to God: Romans 8:7, James 4:7

O. **Relationships:** 1 Corinthians 5:33-34, Job 2:11-13 (inner circle), Job 42:7-10 (friendships & forgiveness)

P. **Sexual Intimacy:** 1 Corinthians 7:3-5, 1 Corinthians 6:12-20, Song of Solomon 5:2-8, Hebrews 13:4

Q. **Parenting:** Genesis 25 (Isaac & Rebekah - lack of alignment), Proverbs 10:1, 13:24, 15:5, 17:21 & 25, 18:18, 22:6, 22:15, 23:13-14, 29:15, 29:17 30:17 (Instructions for parenting)

R. **Money & Giving:** Deuteronomy 8:17-18, Proverbs 3:7-10, Proverbs 11:28, Matthew 6:19-24, Malachi 3:6-10, Haggai 2:8, 2 Corinthians 9:8-10, Hebrews 13:5

Whose will wins?

"Father, if you
are willing, take
this cup from
me; yet not my
will, but yours
be done."

Luke 22:42



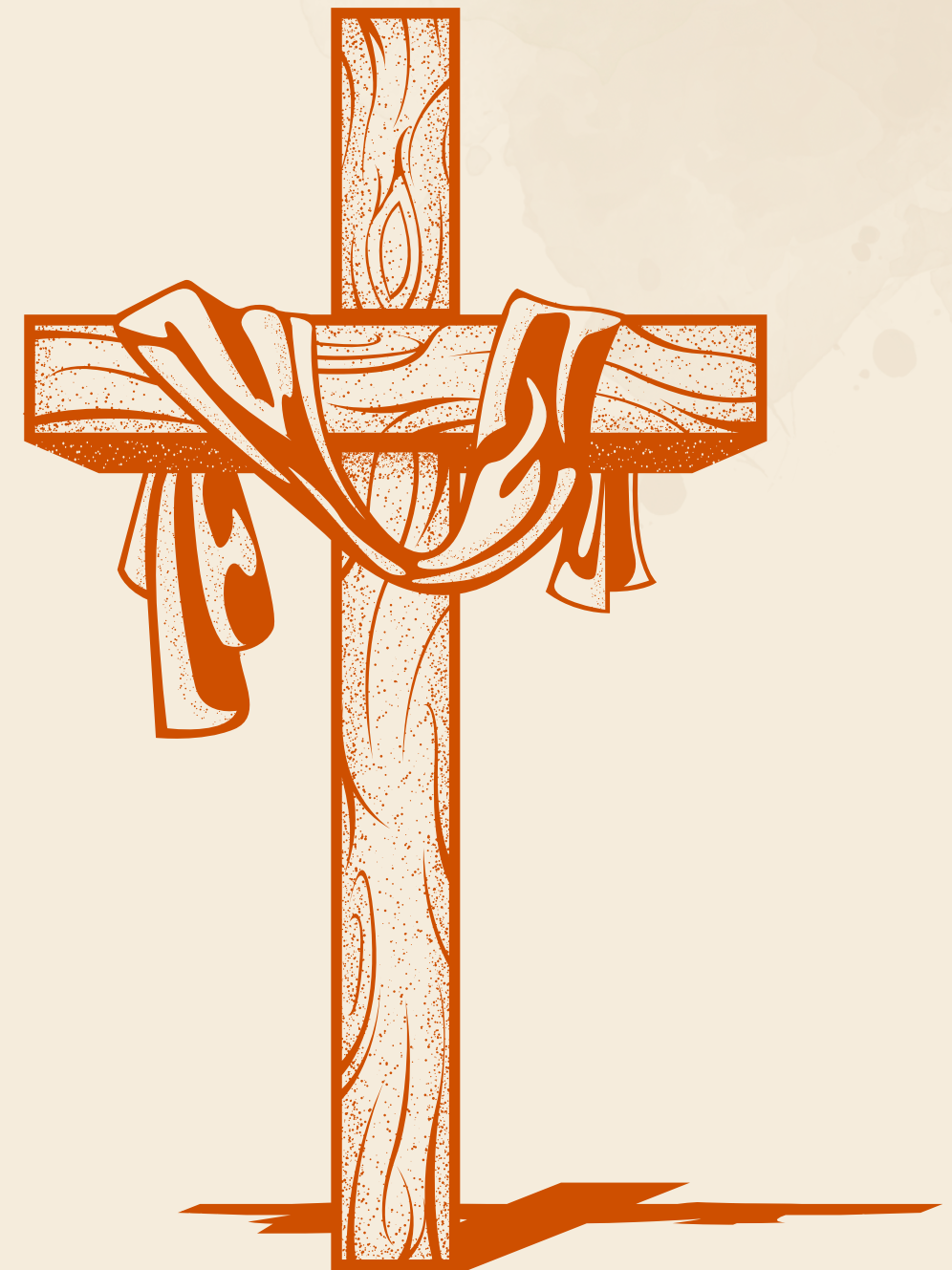
A Man's Role-'The Question'



Is a Submission request necessary?

Real question-.....

Is the expression of authority necessary?



BY DEFINITION....Yes!



“Wives, submit to your husbands as to the Lord. For the husband is the head of the wife as Christ is the head of the church, his body, of which he is the Savior. Now as the church submits to Christ, so also wives should *submit to their husbands in everything*. 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, and to *present her to himself as a radiant church*, without stain or wrinkle or any other blemish, but holy and blameless...”

Ephesians 5:22-27 (and through 33)



How did he love the church?
How did people win?



Luke 4 & Isaiah 61

“Lavish Nature of God”





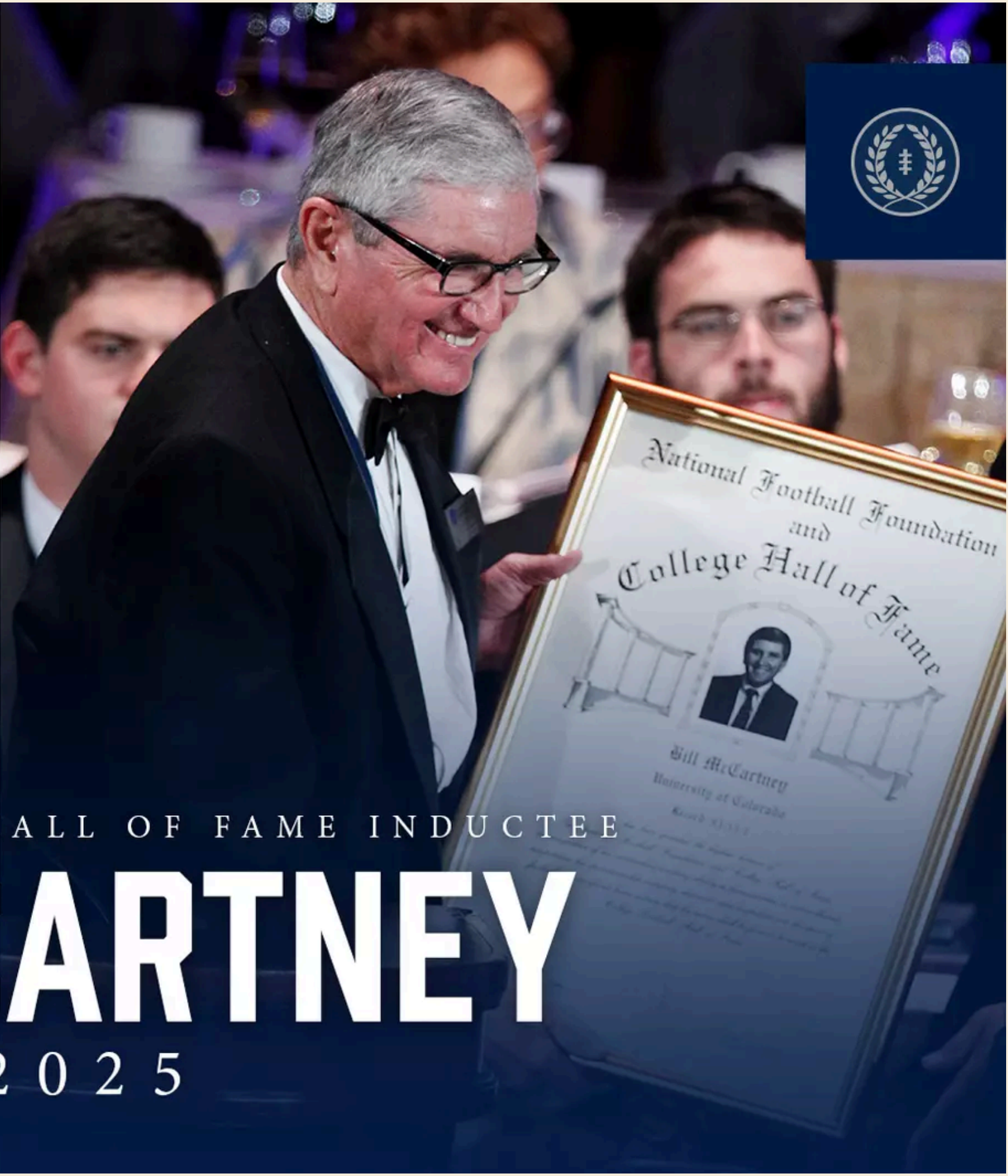
The Narrow Road

**Passive
Disregard of
God's
Instruction**

**Legalism
Abuse
over bearing**

**Alignment
(Biblical Submission)**





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A Man's Role – People should win around him.....EVERYWHERE



- Men MUST lead in accordance with God's plan
- Leadership must abound in love
- Love must be characterized by gentleness, kindness, forgiveness, and patience
- Chief servant (first to the floor)



A Man's Role- By the Letter



- Malachi 2:13-16
- 1 Peter 3:7
- No prayer line?



Advance or Not?

*Check out the
resource center!*

Prayer Promises

GOD'S PROMISES TO HEAR AND ANSWER PRAYER

"And when you pray, do not be like the hypocrites, for they love to pray standing in the synagogues and on the street corners to be seen by others. Truly I tell you, they have received their reward in full. But when you pray, go into your room, close the door and pray to your Father, who is unseen. Then your Father, who sees what is done in secret, will reward you. And when you pray, do not keep on babbling like pagans, for they think they will be heard because of their many words. Do not be like them, for your Father knows what you need before you ask him."

Matthew 6:5-8

"Ask and it will be given to you; seek and you will find; knock and the door will be opened to you. For everyone who asks receives; he who seeks finds; and to him who knocks, the door will be opened."

Matthew 7:7-8

"If you believe, you will receive whatever you ask for in prayer."

Matthew 21:22

"Therefore I tell you, whatever you ask for in prayer, believe that you have received it, and it will be yours."

Mark 11:24

"So I say to you: Ask and it will be given to you; seek and you will find; knock and the door will be opened to you. For everyone who asks receives; he who seeks finds; and to him who knocks, the door will be opened."

Luke 11:9-10

"And I will do whatever you ask in my name, so that the Son may bring glory to the Father. You may ask me for anything in my name, and I will do it."

John 14:13-14

"Until now you have not asked for anything in my name. Ask and you will receive, and your joy will be complete."

John 16:24

"If my people, who are called by my name, will humble themselves and pray and seek my face and turn from their wicked ways, then will I hear from heaven and will forgive their sin and will heal their land."

2 Chronicles 7:14

"You will pray to him, and he will hear you, and you will fulfill your vows."

Job 22:27

"I call on you, O God, for you will answer me; give ear to me and hear my prayer."

Psalms 17:6

"In my distress I called to the Lord; I cried to my God for help. From his temple he heard my voice; my cry came before him, into his ears."

Psalms 18:6

"The eyes of the Lord are on the righteous and his ears are attentive to their cry... The righteous cry out, and the Lord hears them; he delivers them from all their troubles."

Psalms 34:15, 17

"I cried out to him with my mouth; his praise was on my tongue. If I had cherished sin in my heart, the Lord would not have listened; but God has heard my voice in prayer. He has not rejected my prayer or withheld his help from me!"

Psalms 66:17-20

"I love the Lord, for he heard my cry for mercy. Because he turned and called on him as long as I live."

Psalms 145:18-19

"The Lord is near to all who call on him in truth. He fulfills the desires of all who seek him; he hears their cry and saves them."

Psalms 145:18-19

"The Lord is far from the wicked but hears the prayer of the righteous."

Proverbs 15:29

"O people of Zion, who live in Jerusalem, no more. How gracious he will be to you! As soon as he hears, he will answer."

Isaiah 30:19

"Before they call I will answer; while they are still speaking I will hear."

Isaiah 65:24

"Then you will call upon me and I will listen to you. You will say, 'When you seek me with all your heart, I will answer you,' says the Lord."

Jeremiah 29:12-13

"Call to me and I will answer you and unsearchable things you do not know."

Jeremiah 33:3

"But as for me, I watch in hope for my Savior; my God will hear my cry."

Micah 7:7

"Then he continued, 'Do not be afraid on the first day that you set your mind to do this, for I will be with you and to humble you before me. For God, your words were heard, and your cry was answered to them.'"

Daniel 10:12

Prayer Promises

GOD'S PROMISES TO HEAR AND ANSWER PRAYER

"In the same way, the Spirit helps us in our weakness. We do not know what we ought to pray for, but the Spirit himself intercedes for us with groans that words cannot express. And he who searches our hearts knows the mind of the Spirit, because the Spirit intercedes for the saints in accordance with God's will."

Romans 8:26-27

"And pray in the Spirit on all occasions with all kinds of prayers and requests. With this in mind, be alert and always keep on praying for all the saints."

Ephesians 6:18

"Do not be anxious about anything, but in everything, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God. And the peace of God, which transcends all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus."

Philippians 4:6-7

"Let us then approach the throne of grace with confidence, so that we may receive mercy and find grace to help us in our time of need."

Hebrews 4:16

"During the days of Jesus' life on earth, he offered up prayers and petitions with loud cries and tears to the one who could save him from death, and he was heard because of his reverent submission."

Hebrews 5:7

PRAYER HAS...

- Stopped the sun in the sky for a full day (Joshua 10:13)
- Parted the Red Sea (Exodus 14)
- Raised the dead (Peter and Tabitha - Acts 9:36-42)
- Cast out demons (Mark 9:14-29)
- Brought fire from the sky (Elijah - 1 Kings 18:36-38)
- Brought about and ended a drought (Elijah - 1 Kings 17-18)
- Saved the lives of 3 men in a blazing fire (Daniel 3)
- Released captives from prison (Paul & Silas - Acts 16:25-26)
- Opened the barren womb (Hannah - 1 Samuel 1-2)
- Relieved men and women in anguish (Hannah, Jesus, David)
- A king lost his mind and was restored (Nebuchadnezzar - Daniel 4)
- Saved a man from the lion's den (Daniel 6)
- Revealed and explained dreams (Daniel 2)
- Healed a man from a life-threatening illness (Hezekiah - 2 Kings 20)
- Fed five thousand people (John 6)
- A man talked to God face-to-face and was called his friend (Moses - Exodus 33:11)
- Men conquered enemies bigger and stronger than them (Gideon - Judges 6-8)
- Men lived pure lives prior to marriage (Isaac, age 40 - Genesis 24)
- Men and women did their job with excellence (Joseph - Genesis 39-41, Proverbs 31)
- Men honored the call to flee sexual immorality (Joseph - Genesis 39)
- A man went to God to express every positive and negative emotion known to mankind (David - Psalms)
- Established the foundation of the Christian Church (Acts 2)



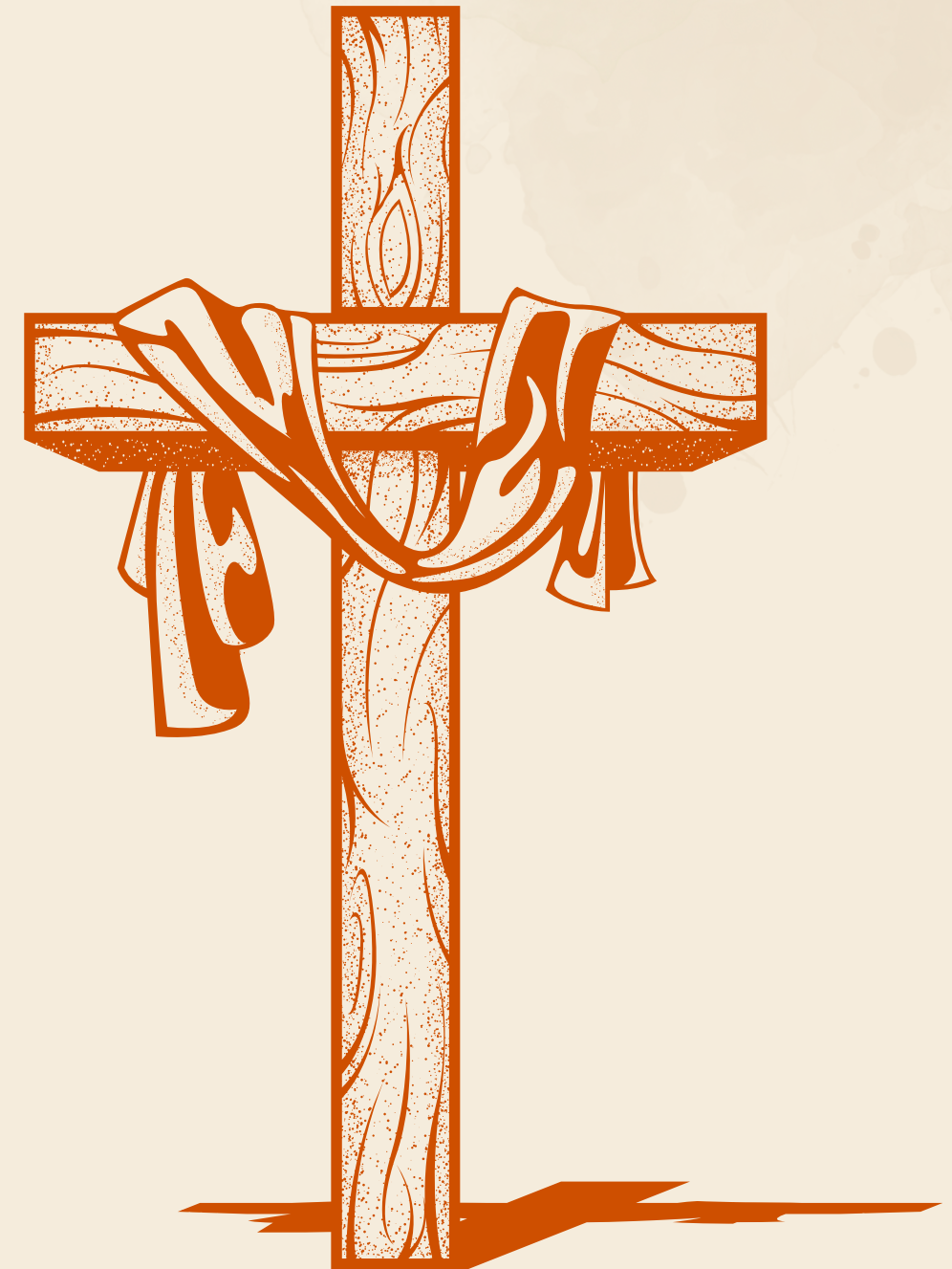
A Man's Role- By the Spirit

Be Like Your Father



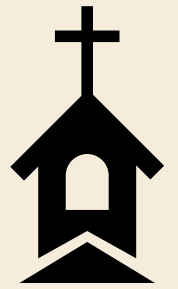
- 2 Peter 1:3-4 “Participate in the divine nature...”
- Nehemiah 9 (Key verse 17-18)
- Jonah 4:2
- Exodus 34:6-14

Love, not just tolerance.



Where Men Compromise

In Spiritual Leadership



Attitude

- Moses
- Jonah
- Peter
- Saul
- David





*The Narrow
Road*

**Neglectful &
Uninvested**

**Overbearing &
Harsh**

**Developing Your
Wife & Household**

Promise & Plan

Worksheet

Discover God's Promise and Plan for Your Family

God is not silent—He lovingly speaks into every area of our lives through His Word. He offers us both a **promise** to hold onto and a **plan** to walk out in alignment with Him. Pick one of the key categories below and list all the scripture (or promises) related to that category. Then, on the back, write out a detailed plan for God is leading you and your spouse and family to live out that scripture. What specifically must be done to come into alignment with your spouse and God to live out this plan? **Identify key roles in your family for the husband, wife, and kids. Be specific and practical!**

Key Categories: spiritual rhythms, parenting, finances, communication (conflict) and sexual intimacy in marriage.

Category: _____

Scripture (Promise).

Plan

How?



Let Us Pray