



## **Ephesians 5:22-33 (Genesis 1-3)**

*“Christ-Like Leader and Christ-like ‘Helper’”*

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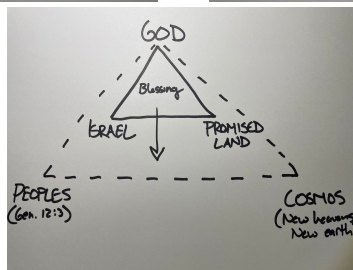
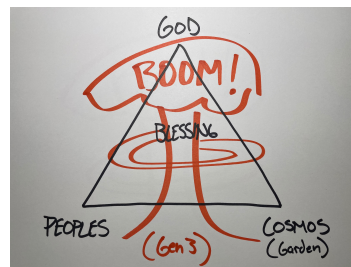
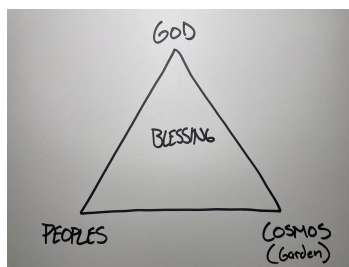
### **Consult the Scriptures:**

**Genesis 1-3 (ref. 1:26-28, 2:24-25, 3:14-19)**

**Ephesians 5:22-33**

(See also: 1 Tim. 2:13-14, 1 Cor. 11:8-9, 11-12, 1 Pet. 3:1-6,

### **Consult the Scholars:**



**Kathy Keller—**

*“Using all qualifiers in the world, in general, as a whole and across the spectrum, men have a gift of independence, a ‘sending gift.’ They look outward. They initiate. Under sin, these traits can become either an alpha male individualism, if this capacity is turned into an idol, or dependence, if the calling is utterly rejected and the opposite embraced in rebellion. The first sin is hyper-masculinity, while the second sin is a rejection of masculinity.*

*“Using all the qualifiers in the world, on the whole and across the spectrum, women have a gift of interdependence, a ‘receiving gift.’ They are inwardly perceptive. They nurture. Under sin, these traits can become either a clinging dependence, if attachment is turned into an idol, or individualism, if the calling is utterly rejected and the opposite embraced in rebellion. The first sin is hyper-femininity, while the second sin is a rejection of femininity.”* (Tim Keller and Kathy Keller, *The Meaning of Marriage* [New York, NY: Dutton, 2011], p. 180)

**Kathy Keller—**

*“Men see women’s need for ‘interdependence’ as sheer dependence, and women see men’s need for independence as pure ego.”* (Tim Keller and Kathy Keller, *The Meaning of Marriage* [New York, NY: Dutton, 2011], p. 183)

**Discuss:**

1. Pastor Patrick used a whiteboard to illustrate the “big picture” of the story of God from Gen. 1-3 (Above). As a group, review the pictures above rehearsing the story. As an aside, how might being familiar with the big picture (i.e. metanarrative) help our understanding of Scripture and God’s plan of redemption?
2. Why did Pastor Patrick take the time to unpack the big picture before talking about marriage? What is the connection between Gen. 1-3 and the subject of marriage from Eph. 5?
3. What is God’s ideal for marriage? Why? In other words, what is the purpose of marriage as relates to the big picture?

4. Read Ephesians 5:22-33 and discuss. What stands out to you in this passage? How does it contrast with the world's views concerning both leadership and submission?
5. How might God's ideal for marriage serve both within your marriage itself (if you are married), but also within the larger community of the church?
6. Read the above quote from Kathy Keller and discuss. Do you agree or disagree? Why?
7. What challenged you with this week's sermon? What questions do you still have? What's your next move?