

# Intro

## 1. Culture Up

(1) House w/ flat roof

1. roof = his domain

(2) Then = v19 offensive

Now = v18 offensive

(3) Evolving → nothing prevents us from evolving back

(4) Cultural pitfalls:

1. Chauvenism -

- Obliterates dignity

- Everyone loves evolution until you get to ideas like this

2. Feminism

- Obliterates distinction

## 2. Kingdom Down

(1) God has a design, plan for flourishing

# I. Silent, But Deady Projections (v18-19)

## Four Things This Text Is Not Saying:

1. Not speaking to single / dating people.
2. Not speaking to men & women, generally.  
(I have daughters)
3. No extension of context: workplace, politics, etc.
4. No disclosure of basis: intelligence, competence, significance  
(1) Husband & wives aren't shoe-horned into definitive personality trait stereotypes

## II. Women, The Church's Metaphor (v 19)

**Ephesians 5:22-24, 33** - Wives, submit to your own husbands, as to the Lord. 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. Now as the church submits to Christ, so also wives should submit in everything to their husbands...and let the wife see that she respects her husband.

1. Plural Leadership, Singular Headship
2. If basis not about intelligence, competence or significance, then you're left with calling.

**Colossians 3:17, 24b** - And whatever you do, in word or deed, do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him...you are serving the Lord Christ.

### 3. What is "submit"?

- (1) It does not say "obey", like in v 20.
- (2) Your husband is God's imperfect mediator of His will for your life & instrument of His grace in your life.
  1. Sometimes to take better care of you, than you would
- (3) You cannot submit to sin & recklessness
- (4) Respect
  1. Can vary in small ways from man to man
- (5) Imaging Jesus
  1. He was in & under authority

**John 12:49** - For I have not spoken on my own authority, but the Father who sent me has himself given me a commandment-what to say and what to speak.

**Matthew 28:18** - And Jesus came and said to them, "All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me.

(6) Does not mean:

1. You agree w/ Him
2. You stifle independent thoughts or feelings
3. Women aren't leaders in their homes
4. Women should influence their husbands (not manipulate)

(7) Submission is not about hands, but heart.  
(not begrudging, or forced)

4. Reversal of Context Reaction

(1) Then = v19 offensive  
Now = v18 offensive



### III. Men, The Christ Metaphor (~18)

**Ephesians 5:23,25,28,31**, - 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...Husbands, love your wives, as Christ loved the church and gave himself up for her... In the same way husbands should love their wives as their own bodies. He who loves his wife loves himself... "Therefore a man shall leave his father and mother and hold fast to his wife, and the two shall become one flesh"...

#### 1. What is a "head"?

(1) Gardener → Garden  
(love their own bodies)

1. Curate life & flourishing

(2) Guard → Treasure (Eph. 5:26-27)

1. Her heart & her life

(Next page) 2. Boy dies, so girl can live

(3) Servant not selfish

1. You are not in charge,  
you are responsible  
(control = safety)  
(marriage = faith)

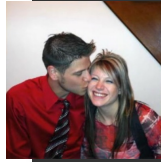
2. You are not her spiritual  
mediator  
You are her spiritual  
covering

3. You are not making all the  
decisions.  
You are involved in every  
decision (abdicate?)

In the wake of Friday's devastating theater shooting in Aurora, Colo., President Obama remarked that it will be the "good people" — the heroes who took action — that remain in our memories long after James Holmes, the alleged gunman, has been forgotten.

And as stories from the darkened chaos begin to emerge, three among many share similar heroic stories: they all died shielding their girlfriends from bullets.

Jon Blunk had served in the Navy and was planning to re-enlist. On Friday, the 26-year-old took his girlfriend, Jansen Young, to see the "Dark Knight" — when the assault began, Young says he saved her life. "Jon just took a bullet for me," Young said in an interview on "Today". "He knew and threw me on the ground, and was like, 'We have to get down and stay down.'"



While Holmes walked up and down the aisles shooting, Young says her boyfriend was a constant presence, pushing her further under the seats and out of the line of fire. Finally, as the shots slowed, she crawled out and attempted to pull up Blunk by the shoulder, but he didn't move.

"I guess I didn't really know he had passed, up until I started shaking him and saying, 'Jon, Jon, we have to go... It's time for us to get out of here,'" she told the *Denver Post*.

Reached for comment by the *NY Daily News*, Young's mother described Blunk as "loving, the kind of guy you want your daughter to be with."

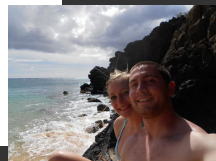
In another part of the theater, 27-year-old Matt McQuinn was also shielding his girlfriend, Samantha Yowler, 26. "When the gunman started shooting, Matt and [her brother] Nick ... pulled Samantha to the ground and shielded her," Rob Scott, an attorney representing the McQuinn and Yowler families, told *USA Today*.



Samantha suffered a bullet wound to the leg and is recovering, reports the *Dayton Daily News*. McQuinn, putting himself in danger to save his girlfriend, died at the theater after having been hit three times. Nick Yowler, her brother, was uninjured.

"Both the Yowler and McQuinn families thank everyone for their concerns, thoughts and prayers during this difficult time," Scott added in a statement to the local paper. "The families ask for everyone to be patient and respect their wishes during this very difficult time."

Similarly, Alex Teves, 24, shielded his girlfriend Amanda Lindgren when the gunman unleashed a barrage of bullets. "He was gonna hit the floor himself, but he never made it," his aunt, Barbara Slivinske, told the *NY Daily News*.



# 1. The Harder Call To Love

(1) If it's about calling, then it does not increase intelligence competence or significance.

(2) What love "doesn't" mean:

1. 5 love languages  
(Quality Time, Gifts, Words, Acts of service, Physical Touch...)
2. Sex
3. Provision (lifestyle)

What love "does" mean:

**1 Corinthians 13:4-8** - Love is patient and kind; love does not envy or boast; it is not arrogant or rude. It does not insist on its own way; it is not irritable or resentful; it does not rejoice at wrongdoing, but rejoices with the truth. Love bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things. Love never ends. As for prophecies, they will pass away; as for tongues, they will cease; as for knowledge, it will pass away...

(3) When reciprocated, love manifests at its apex as friendship:

**John 15:13** - Greater love has no one than this, that someone lay down his life for his friends.

- Types of marriage }
  1. Back-To-Back
  2. Shoulder-To-Shoulder
  3. Face-To-Face

**Exodus 33:11** - Thus the LORD used to speak to Moses face to face, as a man speaks to his friend.

## 2. The "Harsh" Reality

Harsh = embitter (in gut)

### (1) Boast / Envy / Resentful

1. Boast - Flaunt what you have & she doesn't (career, position, pay, health)
2. Envy - ill-content w/ what you have juxtaposed against what she does
3. Resentful - allow your insecurity to blame her for her success or ambition
  - She is your standard of beauty

### (2) Arrogant / Rude

1. Arrogant - overestimation of your intelligence, competence, significance
2. Rude - the coinciding posture produced
  - Verbal
  - Publicly criticize or humiliate

(3) Insist on own way

1. Your restaurants, your friends, your vocation (story)
2. Inconsiderate
3. Controlling

(4) Not irritable

1. Not fun (stress, depressed, or cheap).

**Ecclesiastes 9:9** - Enjoy life with the wife whom you love...

2. How do you come home or welcome home?
3. Detached / Unengaged

(b) Does not rejoice at wrong doing, but w/ truth

1. Are you leading your marriage into sin.
2. Drunkenness, sexual perversions
3. Spiritual apathy or disengagement

## (7) Bears all things

1. She's pregnant <sup>your</sup> golfing, video games, etc.
2. Cancer, calling

## (8) Believes all things

1. Do you assume the best?
2. Do you treat her w/ the presumption of intelligence, competence, & significance?
3. Condescending?

## (9) Hopes all things

1. Not unreasonable optimism, which ignores reality
2. Refusal to take failure as final... grace bounds... & as a result, love...

## (10) Endures all things

1. Every dark night of marriage
2. Every failure

## (11) Doesn't end

1. Contract vs. Covenant  
View

# Conclusion

## 1. Complementarianism

(1) Flourishing despite agreement

## 2. Objectives

(1) MEN =  
Safe, healthy, life-giving place  
for His daughter (before your wife  
she is His daughter)

(2) WOMEN =

You allow your marriage to image  
the true & better  
bridegroom story.

1. Jesus pursued us.
2. Took responsibility for our sin
3. We are made better in His care & love
4. Because His love is covenantal
5. So, it never ends.

# All Hail King Jesus

