Sunday Worship Services at 9am

In-Person in the Sanctuary, Live Online (YouTube, Facebook, reedleymbc.org) On Demand after 1pm on Monday

> **Children's Church** Ages 3 through 1st Grade

Fellowship on the Green at 10:20am

Adult and Children's Classes at 10:40am

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REAL ID

A Sermon Series on the Image of God







Welcome

Welcome to Reedley MB. We're pleased to have you join us today for our worship service. It's our prayer that you will meet the living God in this place as we hear from the Word of God. We are here to **GLORIFY** God, **GROW** together as equipped disciples of Jesus Christ, and **GO** proclaiming His gospel to all. If you have questions, please ask, check our app, scan the digital OR code on the back of the Bulletin, or stop by The Welcome Center on our main lawn.

Sermon Materials

Each week, we send out sermon materials ahead of Sunday's sermon. You can find them on our App. If you'd like to receive these in your email, please contact the Church Office.

Upcoming Events

We have upcoming events! Don't miss out: check the RMBC Website, App, and online Bulletin.

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RMBC JOURNAL

REEDLEY MENNONITE BRETHREN CHURCH

WORSHIP TODAY

Sunday - February 20, 2022

We will continue our Real ID series today, by looking at biblical gender roles. Our culture has distorted what God has created men and women to be. We will look at God's design for men and women today. Genesis 2:18-25

We encourage you to bring a friend with you to worship or invite a friend to join you online for worship!

If you are visiting with us today we encourage you to download our app (search: reedleymbc), visit our website (reedleymbc.org), or visit our Welcome Center where you can get more information and a gift.

Join the 5 Day Bible Reading Challenge! This week's passages: Week 8 Day 1: Leviticus 8-11; Ps 110; Hebrews 4 Day 2: Leviticus 12-14; Ps 111; Hebrews 5

Day 3: Leviticus 15-18; Ps 31; Hebrews 6 Day 4: Leviticus 19-20; Hebrews 7 Day 5: Leviticus 21-23; Hebrews 8

OPPORTUNITIES

PRAYER OPPORTUNITIES

Prayer Line - Would you like to receive our daily Prayer Line? You can via email, or through our App. Please contact the Church Office.

Sunday Morning Prayer - Meets in the Conference Room 8:15am.

Wednesday Morning Prayer - Meets at 6:30am in the Fellowship Hall. Come and join us as we seek the Lord for our church, our community, and our world.

MISSION OPPORTUNITIES

From Carmen Owen, Naomi House Business and Ministry Liaison, Missionary of the Week "Praise God for over 50 people who attended, the first ever, Naomi House family camp this past weekend! Pray that the Gospel seeds sown and lives transformed would bear lasting fruit. Pray for Siriwan and Wichian, national partners who lead the work, as they navigate many joys and trials in ministry leadership - for wisdom and discernment. We also invite you to pray for the "next stage" facility for Naomi House as they've outgrown their current walls. Thank you so much for your partnership in seeing the Gospel reach many in SE Asia!" ~ Carmen Owen

ANNOUNCEMENT

The family of **Genevieve Janzen** expresses deep thanks for all the prayers, visits, and expressions of remembrance and support through cards, memorial donations, flowers, plants, and phone calls during her passing and celebration of God-given life. We realize that our Lord has been honored and she is now with Him.

STEWARDSHIP

Worship Service - Feb 13 498 YTD Goal \$875,953 YTD Surplus \$47,926

GIVING @ RMBC

- Text reedleymbc to 1-888-364-4483
- reedleymbc.org > Give U S Postal Service
- RMBC App > Giving Office, M-F, 8:30-5pm

OPPORTUNITIES

Wednesday Night Fellowship Meals

Join us in the Fellowship Hall from 5:30 to 6:10pm. *Advance reservation required.* Sign up online, see Sheila on Sunday mornings, or email sheila@reedleymbc.org. Pay by cash/check at the door. Cost is \$5 for featured meal, \$3 for Kid's Option, or \$20 per household. Sign up by noon February 21st for February 23rd meal. Featured Menu: Sweet & Sour Meatballs over Rice, Green Beans, Orange Slice and Dessert. Kid's Option: Chicken Nuggets, Green Beans, Orange Slice and Dessert.

New Rejoice Devotion Books for March, April & May are available at the church office, Monday through Friday between 8:30 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. or see Sheila today at the Welcome Tent. Cost is \$5.00 each.

Spring Break Service Opportunity -

All Ages! Volunteer to serve as a Short-Term Missionary (STM) at the Joni and Friends annual Family Retreat April 10-15 in Wonder Valley. Our own Matt Harder will be the camp pastor for the week. Link to register is on the app and website! Contact Christa Scott with questions (559)908-7379. No experience needed.

Roxanne Marshall is also looking for individuals to provide respite care at her home in Selma for her 20 year old son who has autism. This would allow her to run errands or get work done at home while he is occupied by you. Hours are flexible to your schedule and your work would be compensated. Contact Christa Scott if you are interested! (559)908-7379

CHILDREN'S MINISTRIES

Children's Sunday School - Age 3 through 4th grade meet in the Children's Center; 5th & 6th grade are upstairs in the Student Center at 10:40am (please don't send them to Sunday School until 10:35am) Check in children prior to church service in the breezeway or after service in the lobby of the Children's Center. Children ages 3-4th grade will need to be picked up from their classrooms in the Children's Center instead of the playground. Please PROMPTLY pick up your children after Sunday School and have your parent check-in tag with you.

Nursery is available for children birth through Age 2 in the Children's Center.

Children's Church is available for kids 3 years old - 1st grade. Children meet in the breezeway when dismissed from the service. Children's Church is located in the Children's Center in the Seashore Room.

RKids 6:30-8pm, for ages 3 (fully potty trained) through 5th grade. Please register your child on the app or website.

Contact tanya@reedleymbc.org for more information on Children's Ministry.

WOMEN'S MINISTRY

MOMS 2022

M.O.M.S. Ministry welcomes Pastor Sam Estes as he teaches us about Parenting and the Importance of Play Time. Join us Thursday, February 24th at 9am, and bring a friend! Breakfast and Childcare provided. Stop by the Perk on the way and purchase your favorite beverage.

WOW Community Bible Study 2022 - Tuesday mornings, 9-11am, in the Fellowship Hall. Please join us and bring a friend!

Women's Bible Study - Wednesday nights at 6:45 - 8pm in EC 205. Join us as we study Ruth.

Fueled Fitness Exercise Class - Every Tuesday and Thursday night, 5:30 - 6:30pm. Join a fun group in the Student Center for a variety of exercises; pilates, cardio, weights, and mobilization. All ages and levels are welcome. It's Fitness, Fellowship, Fun and it's Free!

ROOTED STUDENT MINISTRIES

Sunday School

Junior high meets in the Student Center upstairs in SC200.

High school will join the Equipping Class in the Fellowship Hall for "The Truth Project."

Junior High School Ministries

Junior high students meet together for Rooted Wednesday nights from 6:30-8pm in the Student Center. Bring a friend and join us for fellowship, fun, and teaching from the Word of God.

High School Ministries - February Schedule

February 16: Parent meeting *"Purpose for Passion"* presentation in SC100 at 6:30pm. February 20: Student presentation *"Purpose for Passion"* February 25-27: Hume Winter Camp February 27: no Rooted High School

RMBC COLLEGE & YOUNG ADULT MINISTRY

Sunday School: Equipping Class in the Fellowship Hall for "*The Truth Project*" at 10:40am.

Sunday Nights: Meet at the church in the Student Center, SC 200.

We love<u>,,,</u>because He first loved us. 1 John 4:19 kju 99

Biblical Manhood and Womanhood

Genesis 2:18-25

Pastor Matt

February 20, 2022

God designed His world to work in a certain way. If you live the way God designed His world to work, then in general, you will live a blessed life. If you do not, then life will turn out poorly for you. Think about a train locomotive. It is designed to work on tracks. It can pull an immense amount of weight when it is doing what it is designed to do. But take that same locomotive and put it on the dirt right next to the tracks and what will happen? Nothing, it won't be able to pull anything, it will just sink into the ground. That is the way God has designed men and women. He created them differently. One of the lies the world is telling us, is that there is no difference between men and women. Any sane person can see that is a lie. But if you say that in the wrong crowd, you considered a neanderthal for thinking such archaic things. Why do I bring this up today? Part of understanding our real ID in Christ is understanding who He made us to be as a man, as a woman, and what our role is in His world.

We see that in Genesis 2 we see that God said, "*It is not good that Man should be alone; I will make him a helper fit for him.*" So, God made the woman out of the side of Adam. She came from Adam's flesh and bone, and she was called woman. She is to be Adam's helper. In what ways is she to be a helper to the man? The term "help" is in the sense of aid and support. There is no sense that the woman is a lesser person than the man. Quite the opposite is true, the woman is an indispensable partner required to achieve the divine commission. What the man lacks the woman accomplishes. Paul says, the man was not made for the woman, but the woman for the man (1 Cor. 11:9). The woman makes it possible for the man to achieve the blessing that he otherwise could not do alone. And obviously, the woman cannot achieve it apart from the man.

So, what do we glean from this? What is God's design for men and women? God is the provider and sustainer of the man vs. 2:9. Adam is to imitate God by providing and sustaining his wife. He is to submit to God by being obedient to God in the tending of the garden and working it. Men are to lead well. Ephesians 6:2 tells the man that he is not to provoke his children to anger. Men are to treat their employees in a God glorifying way (1 Peter 2:18-20). Husbands have a biblical responsibility to motivate their wives to submit (Ephesians 5:25-33; 1 Peter 3:7). As a father, a man is to model God (Philippians 4:9). He is to imitate God (Ephesians 5:1). Dads are to follow God (1 Corinthians 11:1) as they put Him on display (Galatians 2:20). Biblical fathers are to teach their children about God (Deuteronomy 6:4-9) and lead them to God (Proverbs 22:6). And husbands and fathers are to provide a grace-filled, joy-filled, and love-filled environment that motivates each member of the family to submit to God and his authority in the home. As he submits to God, they are to follow suit by submitting to God and his leadership.

Eve is to be Adam's helper and submit to Adam. All women who choose to marry will have three authority figures in their lives. She must submit to God, she must submit to her father, and she must submit to her husband. Wives you are to be subject to your own husbands (Ephesians 5:22; 1 Peter 3:1). You are to have a gentle and quite spirit (1 Peter 3:4). She is to respect her husband (Ephesians 5:33). These are tall orders. Prior to the fall, it was a pleasure for Eve to do these things, and it was natural for Adam to serve his family in a God honoring way.

As God finished creating the man and the woman, God gave them a command; they are to leave their parental household, be joined in marriage, and establish a new home. In doing so, they become one flesh, a new thing: two becoming one. The man as the head of the home and the woman as his helpmate. **Their God given task is to establish Christ's glorious kingdom in their home**. The biblical family is to be the foundation for life, peace, liberty, social order, and human flourishing. The family is to be the bedrock of society. Societies flourish when men and women join in marriage, love God and each other, use their God given roles to raise godly children, who go and do likewise. This is God's design for men and women.

Men are designed by God to lead their families. Sin has corrupted our understanding of what this is to look like. Many men do a great job of leading at work, but when it comes to their homes, they abdicate their leadership role to their wives. Even though the wife is leading the home, that does not change the fact that men are responsible before God for how they lead their families. **The man is the God-ordained and God-accountable leader**. Not every man is passive, some are angry or harsh leaders. No matter the failure in leadership styles, poor leadership brings about terrible fruit in the family. The angry husband leads his family to either emulate or rebel as a response to his anger. The weak husband leads his family to respect those who are strong. The authoritarian husband leads his family to rebellion. The porn husband leads his family to their own versions of self-centeredness.

What does God honoring leadership look like? The encouraging husband leads his family to be thankful. The sin-confessing husband leas his family into vulnerability. The praying husband leads his family to God-reliant attitudes. The communicating husband leads his family into relational wholeness. **It is not if you are leading**, **it's how you are leading**.

When a husband is not leading well the wife is tempted to be critical of her husband. Resentment builds when she sees what is wrong in the marriage and that the man is not doing what God has called him to do. So, she takes things into her own hands and tries to motivate him to change through criticizing him. (Proverbs 18:22) You have a choice in how you want to use your tongue. (Proverbs 15:4) You can destroy your relationship with your tongue, or you can bring life by your tongue. You need to remember that **your spouse is your greatest asset**.

Sin has distorted God's design for men, women, and the family. The ideals of the Christian family have been under attack for well over 150 years now. Sexual freedom and radical feminism have shifted the attitude of our coulter toward men, women, and the family. Biblical marriage is considered slavery for women by many of the radical feminists. Their anti-biblical egalitarianism has feminized both the church and society to such a degree that many today view the biblical understanding of marriage and family as a draconian form of patriarchy. The promotion of pornography, sexual freedom, legalization of marijuana, abortion, and same sex marriage are all undermining the foundations of the family. Men no longer need to treat a woman with love and protection to see their sexual desires met. So, instead of getting married, they look at porn and smoke pot, losing all desire and initiative to court a young woman, get married, and have children.

In addition to legalizing sin, the state is trying to destroy the family by controlling the raising of our children. The state is seeking more and more power over our children. They seek to indoctrinate them earlier and earlier through a humanistic, pagan state school system. God has given moms and dads the responsibility to raise and educate their kids not the state. The state is seeking to make medical decisions for children, allowing children to seek abortions without parental consent, provide COVID shots for children 12 and over without parental consent, and if you stand in the way of your child "transitioning," the state can take your children from you. The God honoring family stands in direct contrast to the humanistic state system that is trying to destroy the fabric of our society.

So what? Men, women, and the family are the key to seeing things change. Men understanding their God given role to lead their families, women seeing their femininity as something to be treasured as they raise the next generations of leaders, and children being educated with a Christian world view understanding their God given place in this world are how Christian men and women need to be living. We must understand and teach that God designed His world to work a certain way. We must follow His design. The key to godly transformation, the key to the future, is in our homes, as individuals living in humble obedience to Christ and as families saying, "*as for me and my house, we will serve the Lord*" (Josh. 24:14-15). This is the key to the flourishing of the kingdom of God.

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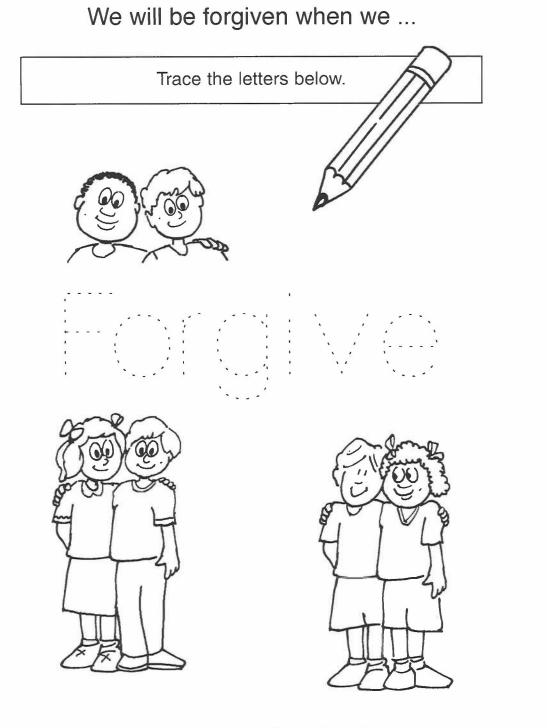
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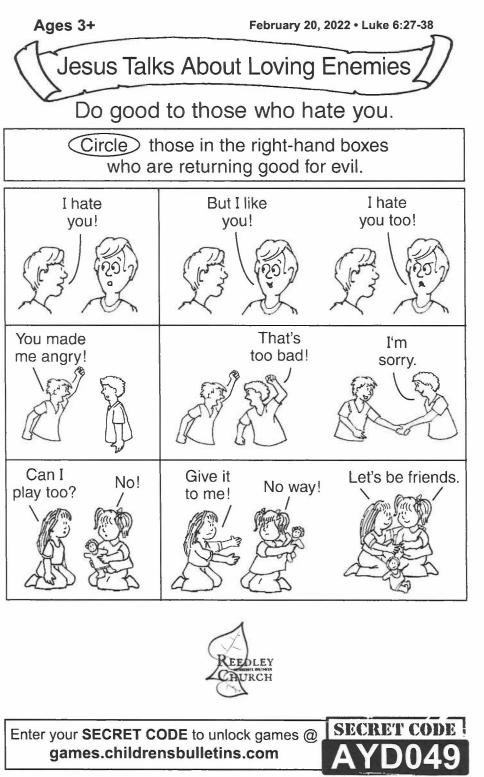
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Your spouse is your greatest ______.

What is your action step? _____





"Give to everyone who asks you, and if anyone takes what belongs to you, do not demand it back."

Circle the picture that is different.







Pray for those who mistreat you.

