

Building a Hedge around your marriage

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Building Hedges series will be on 4 specific areas

- Marriage
- Mind
- Finances
- Family

What is a hedge? Proactive Protection: It is not a reaction to a crisis, but a preventative measure to keep the marriage strong.

Several things we'll touch on in the next few weeks about hedges in general.

- Different types
- How they help
- What ones are better for specific applications
- The important things we must do to create & then maintain that hedge

◆ And with today being on marriage I felt it proper to start at the beginning

- Marriage is the bedrock of your life, & the life of your family
- If the devil can destroy it, look at the lives he's disrupted
- And so, a good marriage is crucial in society today
- It's the soil in which you are planted in

With that said, the single biggest thing that's needed when building a hedge is....

- Good soil——-God must be the at the head of your marriage if you want that hedge to be effective
- With good soil also comes the need for ground preparation-we must take time to loosen up the soil before planting. Till the dirt, so that the roots can take hold
- And so as we start off with this hedge let us see in the Bible, certain requirements that are needed
- Let us look at how God intended marriage to be-the example of it

🛡️ Let us look in Genesis for the very first marriage

Gen 2:20 The man gave names to all livestock and to the birds of the heavens and to every beast of the field. But for Adam there was not found a helper fit for him.

Gen 2:21 So the LORD God caused a deep sleep to fall upon the man, and while he slept took one of his ribs and closed up its place with flesh.

Gen 2:22 And the rib that the LORD God had taken from the man he made into a woman and brought her to the man.

Gen 2:23 Then the man said, “This at last is bone of my bones and flesh of my flesh; she shall be called Woman, because she was taken out of Man.”

Gen 2:24 Therefore a man shall leave his father and his mother and hold fast to his wife, and they shall become one flesh.

- So, Adam needed a helper....fit for him.....
- Help, or helper literally means to aid him

- Definition of aid; help, support, assist

◆ So God himself recognized that Adam needed a helper. To help, support, & assist him

- So wives, first off, you have a responsibility don't you?
- To help, support, & assist your husband

▼ And it says a helper FIT for him.....or meet for him n the KJV

- A counterpart in Hebrew- corresponds to that of another person or thing in another place.
- She was to correspond with Adam
- Correspondence; a close similarity, connection, or equivalence.

◈ So, Adam is alone & there wasn't none found that was similar, or connected to him, or was equal to him.....

- And God, knowing this sets out to fulfill this void
- God sees the need, he's going to create the perfect match to fit this criteria

- Not gonna make her less than, not making her to b treated badly, unfairly, or to be abused
- Not making her to be down upon, dismissed, or set to the side
- He's going to create her with specific purpose....to correspond with Adam
- They will be similar, will share a connection, & she's going to be equal to him

 THIS IS THE ORIGINAL CREATION ORDER OF MARRIAGE!

- If ya don't like it, don't take it up with me, talk to God about it
- Men, if you're not treating your wife this way, you're missing the point of why God has given her to you. Period.
- Wives, if you're coming up short in this category, you too are missing the point——An equal helpmate

◆ She's taken from his side, not his back

- Adam calls her bone of my bone, flesh of my flesh

- Even naming her woman cause she comes from his body
- No other creature on earth shares this trait with the man. Only the woman

 And to echo this, Jesus said.....

Mat 19:6 Wherefore they are no more twain, but one flesh. What therefore God hath joined together, let not man put asunder.

- One flesh

 And so, in order for a hedge to begin taking shape around our marriage, a climate of helping must exist

- Where an Equalness & correspondence takes place
- Correspondence happens n many ways doesn't it? They are made for each other
- Correspondence also means, the one that will communicate with the other
- So, correspondence & equalness help build a hedge

Next up, it's very important for hedges, to have extensive root systems, to have enough loose dirt in which to really thrive.

- Often a trench system of digging is recommended
- This loosen up plenty dirt instead of for individual plants
- And allows plenty of water to get to the roots
- So in other words, each plant can grow healthy as their roots intertwine with each other—Marriage is no different

◆ And as our roots intertwine we begin to share more

- We see that each of us have a responsibility w/ in that hedge to the another because we are so intertwined

- Husbands & wives have unique responsibilities w/in the marriage too so that the hedge will remain strong

Eph 5:22 Wives, submit yourselves unto your own husbands, as unto the Lord.

Eph 5:23 For the husband is the head of the wife, even as Christ is the head of the church: and he is the saviour of the body.

Eph 5:24 Therefore as the church is subject unto Christ, so let the wives be to their own husbands in every thing.

- Submit; ; to arrange in an orderly manner
- So your not submitting out of weakness, you're submitting for order

◆ DAVE SHOW THE PICTURE

- The order of things

▲ For the husband is the head, & that means the head, the leader of the home

- A husband that's dismissed by their wives will have children that dismiss their husbands later in life
 - Ever heard how physical abuse can be a cycle, wives guess what, IF you fail in this responsibility, that cycle may very well continue into the next generation as well
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✨ But why is this important preacher? It's very simple folks.....

- 1Co 14:33 For God is not a God of confusion but of peace
- God is a God of order, look at the creation message Pat preached
- Everything God does has order & structure to it

✨ Isa 60:22I am the LORD; in its time I will hasten it- IN ITS TIME, order, structure

When God spoke to Abraham he said

✨ Gen 15:15 As for you, you shall go to your fathers in peace; you shall be buried in a good old age.

Gen 15:16 And they shall come back here in the fourth generation, for the iniquity of the Amorites is not yet complete.”

- Not yet complete, order & structure

✨ Luke 21:24- Jesus said, until the times of the Gentiles are fulfilled.

- Order, structure
- Points to a specific order

🔴 BUT KNOW THIS wives, by submitting to your husband you are not degrading yourself, you are HONORING God

- You are honoring Gods Word & structure
- You are not coming “under his thumb”
- In fact, this submission is IS NOT out of weakness at all!
- Men, know this, if your wife is doing these things, it’s not just cause she thinks you’re all

that & a bag of chips, she coming into alignment

- You are coming into alignment with Gods Word
 - In fact, only strong, mature, spiritual women can do this
 - Men are not to Lord over u, but to love, protect, care for, & help complete you
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 Which brings me to husbands, I have news for you. Especially if you've been grinning a lot over the submitting part

- You have a responsibility too!

Eph 5:25 Husbands, love your wives, even as Christ also loved the church, and gave himself for it;

Eph 5:26 That he might sanctify and cleanse it with the washing of water by the word,

Eph 5:27 That he might present it to himself a glorious church, not having spot, or wrinkle, or any such thing; but that it should be holy and without blemish.

- Church let me draw your attn back to something
- Men pay close attn here.....
- WE ARE TO LOVE OUR WIVES AS CHRIST LOVED THE CHURCH, correct?
- What did he do for the church? Gave himself for it
- Was nailed to the cross, dying a sinners death so that u & I could go free
- HE SACRIFICED HIMSELF for her
- MEN, if your not rising to this occasion you are not fully grasping your responsibilities

 Tara is not under me, she's in a place of honor

- Beside me, my equal, my correspondence, my connection
- I was not complete without her.
- God joined us together specifically to complete me & her

- If you try to harm her, you'll have to go thru me first, & I'm not afraid to bite lol
- No harm shall come to her, as long as I'm here. Period
- Not cocky, but it's my responsibility & I take that seriously

🔥 With that said let me draw your attn to a detail.....

- Genesis 2:21, the rib is taken out of Adam & it's closed up with flesh
- So Adam had a scar didn't he!?
- That scar forever served as a reminder to Adam, that every time he looked down, who his bride was

🔥 In turn, when Jesus is sacrificing himself for us, bleeding & dying on the cross, after he says it is finished

- The Roman soldier took his spear & thrust his side & forthwith came water & blood
- Just as Adam bore a scar for his bride, Jesus does for his

- Husbands we are to love our wives as such, in a sacrificial way
- Being a husband is to be one who sacrifices. If u don't like that, tough!
- But what u get out of it is far, far greater.
- You're getting the completion of two halves

 You are to sacrifice, love, care for her, be a team. Put her in a place of honor

- She in turn will submit herself to you
- Bringing the entire family under the protective umbrella of Gods holy word
- Coming into alignment with Gods structure & order

 This allows each member of that hedge to begin relying on the other, intertwining together, becoming stronger together so that the devil can't peer through

- The purpose of this order & structure?
- So that the root system can intertwine as they grow together, making them a much more formidable hedge

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- ◆ So now, to wrap up the hedge around our marriage today let me draw a direct line
- As Adam & Eve were created equally for each other
 - To complete & correspond with each other
 - This outlook gives you good soil for your marriage

- ◆ Next up, wives you are to submit to your husbands
- Not out of fear or being beneath him, but to honor God & his Word
 - But husbands, you are to love, care for, & sacrifice for your wife like Christ did & does the church
 - Never simply being mean, cruel, taking advantage of, or neglecting her
 - Your responsibility is a great one

◆ This gives us good, tilled up soul

- Allows a good, strong marriage to start & grow in
 - Allows for ample water to reach the roots which provides benefits
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● And finally the benefits that the hedge provides is how we will finish

- A good hedge acts as a protective barrier against the enemy from entering into your home
- It's the first avenue of attack by the devil, but once he peeps in & sees a hedge, he knows he's looking at a formidable opponent
- And why?

Ecc 4:9 Two are better than one; because they have a good reward for their labour.

Ecc 4:10 For if they fall, the one will lift up his fellow: but woe to him that is alone when he falleth; for he hath not another to help him up.

Ecc 4:11 Again, if two lie together, then they have heat: but how can one be warm alone?

Ecc 4:12 And if one prevail against him, two shall withstand him; and a threefold cord is not quickly broken.

A three-strand cord (Hebrew: hachut hameshulash) symbolizes strength through unity, divine partnership, and mutual support

- It represents a relationship, often marriage, where two people are bonded together with God at the center, creating an unbreakable, resilient partnership.
- Marriage and Faith: Traditionally, the three strands represent a husband, wife, and God, emphasizing that incorporating God makes a marriage more secure.
- Symbolism of Colors: Often depicted as gold (God), purple (groom), and white (bride).

◆ So this hedge that you've now entered into consists not of two, but 3

- God, Husband, Wife
- 3 is stronger than 2, especially with God as one of those
- Your hedge has just gotten exponentially stronger
- And why? Because you are now in direct alignment with the Lord

◆ And as you move into this alignment & hedge of protection you'll experience love in ways you've never thought of before

- Young love is great, old love is better
- Love is meant to grow & when it does, it creates characteristics

1Co 13:4 Love is patient and kind; love does not envy or boast; it is not arrogant

1Co 13:5 or rude. It does not insist on its own way; it is not irritable or resentful;

- NIV, keeps no record of wrongs

1Co 13:6 it does not rejoice at wrongdoing, but rejoices with the truth.

1Co 13:7 Love bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things.

1Pe 3:7 Likewise, husbands, live with your wives in an understanding way, showing honor to the woman as the weaker vessel, since they are heirs with you of the grace of life, so that your prayers may not be hindered.

✨🔥 God wants a hedge around your marriage

- Wants husband & wife equally together, in unison
- Communicating & loving one another
- Wife looking to the husband as God intended him to be
- Husbands being all God wants u to be, loving her as Christ does the church

◆🟡 And what does this hedge afford us?

- Structure
- Alignment to Gods Word

- Sacrifice for one another
- Children growing up in a home where they witness first hand of that 3 strand cord
- And when we do these things, does that mean we are immune from the devil?
- Nope, not at all
- But what it does mean is the hedge is up, the attacks will become less frequent
- But when they do come, the hedge won't break, & you'll weather the storm together
- God, husband, wife, & children

Scripture for reference

1Pe 3:1 Likewise, wives, be subject to your own husbands, so that even if some do not obey the word, they may be won without a word by the conduct of their wives,

- For those who's spouse isn't serving the Lord
- They may be won without a word by conduct
- Keep praying, believing, God is moving on your behalf

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