

Christ-Centered Leadership

Part 2 Marriage / Family

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Outcomes

- ▶ **Be:** a Servant-Leader.
- ▶ **Know:** How to implement servant leadership in your family.
- ▶ **Do:** Lead like Jesus in your marriage/home.

Overview

- ▶ Review of Last Session
- ▶ Biblical Design of Marriage/Family
- ▶ Key Concepts for Interpersonal Leadership
- ▶ Leadership Tools
- ▶ Exercise: “Three things I will do differently.”

One of the reasons women like music is because it creates a certain ambiance.

As men, we like music too.

Here's a little something to get the coffee flowing and set the mood for this morning.

"Top Gun Anthem" – performed by the Royal Marines



Leadership Definition

- ▶ “Leadership is an **influence relationship** among leaders and followers who intend real change that reflect their mutual purposes.”

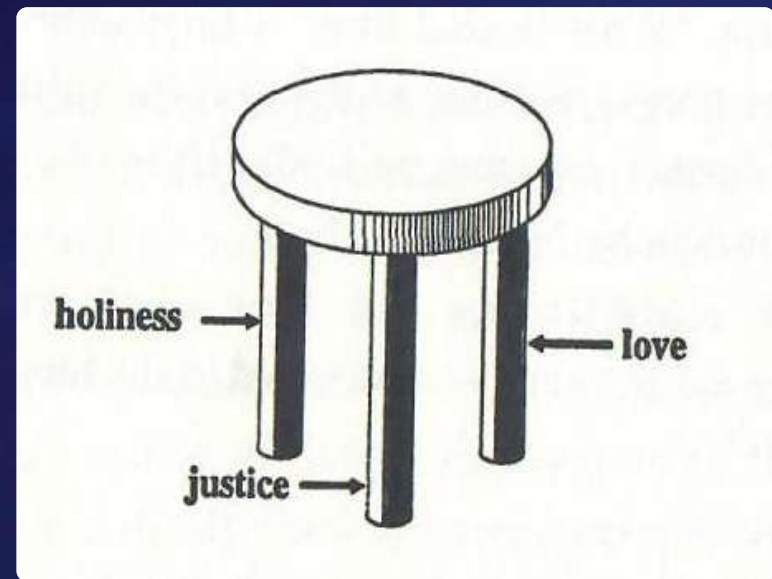
- ▶ Joseph C. Rost, Leadership for the Twenty-First Century, 1993

Definition of Servant Leadership

- ▶ “The servant-leader is servant first. It begins with the natural feeling that one wants to serve. Then conscious choice brings one to aspire to lead. The best test is : do those served grow as persons; do they, while being served, become healthier, wiser, freer, more autonomous, more likely themselves to become servants?”
- ▶ Robert K. Greenleaf, *Insights on Leadership*, 1998

Reflecting the Character of God

Alexander Hill's
Three-Legged Stool Model



Alexander Hill, *Just Business: Christian Ethics in the Marketplace*, 2nd Ed, 2008

Biblical Design for Marriage/Family

- ▶ So God created man in his own image, in the image of God he created him; male and female he created them. Genesis 1:27, ESV
- ▶ Then the Lord God said, “It is not good that man should be alone. I will make him a helper fit for him.” Genesis 2:18, ESV
- ▶ Therefore a man shall leave his father and his mother and hold fast to his wife, and they shall become one flesh. Genesis 2:24, ESV

And then something really bad happened...

The New Deal

Sanctions for Sin

- ▶ To the woman:
 - ▶ Multiplied pain in child bearing
 - ▶ “Your desire will be for your husband, and he shall rule over you.” Genesis 3:16, ESV
- ▶ To the Man:
 - ▶ “Cursed is the ground because of you, in pain you shall eat of it all the days of your life.” Genesis 3:17, ESV
 - ▶ “For you are dust, and to dust you shall return.” Genesis 3:19, ESV

Our New Relationship/Wives

Directive to Wives

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.

Ephesians 5:22-24, ESV

Are you a Husband worthy of her submission?

Our New Relationship/Husbands

Directive to Husbands

- ▶ Husbands, love your wives, as Christ loved the church and **gave himself up for her**, that he might sanctify her, having cleansed her by the washing of water with the word, so that he might present the church to himself in splendor, without spot or wrinkle or any such thing, that she might be holy and without blemish. In the same way husbands should love their wives as their own bodies. He who loves his wife loves himself. For no one ever hated his own flesh, but nourishes and cherishes it, just as Christ does the church, because we are members of his body.
- ▶ Ephesians 5:25-30, ESV

Our New Relationship/Husbands

Directive to Husbands (Continued)

- ▶ Everyone to whom much was given, of him much will be required, and from him to whom they entrusted much, they will demand the more.

Luke 12:48, ESV

- ▶ Car in the Journey of Life



As long as she's there with you, she's good with God. You must answer to the Lord for where the car is in life. Don't end up in the Land of "All About Me" or "Materialism." (Theses can be common destinations).

Our New Relationship/Wives & Husbands

Summary Directive to Both Husbands and Wives

- ▶ “Therefore a man shall leave his father and mother and hold fast to his wife, and the two shall become one flesh.” This mystery is profound, and I am saying that it refers to Christ and the church. However, let each one of you **love his wife as himself**, and let the wife see that **she respects her husband.**”

Ephesians 5:31-33, ESV

You give Love. She gives Respect.

The Secret to a Long Marriage...

Commitment

My marriage isn't about me.

It's about her.

In fact, it's about a covenant I made with her before God, family, and Friends.

My Marriage Vow

July 12, 1980, First Presbyterian Church, Honolulu, Hawaii

ame],

I Michael take you, Karen,
to be my wedded wife,
to have and to hold from this day forward,
for better, for worse,
for richer, for poorer,
in sickness and in health,
to love and to cherish,
till death us do part.

Children

- ▶ Fathers, do not provoke your children to anger, but bring them up in the discipline and instruction of the Lord. Ephesians 6:4, ESV
- ▶ (An Overseer) He must manage his own household well, with all dignity keeping his children submissive, for if someone does not know how to manage his own household, how will he care for God's church? 1 Tim 3:4-5, ESV

Children

And have you forgotten the exhortation that addresses you as sons?

“My son, do not regard lightly the discipline of the Lord,
nor be weary when reproved by him. For **the Lord disciplines the one he loves,**
and chastises every son whom he receives.”

It is for discipline that you have to endure. God is treating you as sons. For what son is there whom his father does not discipline? If you are left without discipline, in which all have participated, then you are illegitimate children and not sons.

Children

Besides this, we have had earthly fathers who disciplined us and we respected them. Shall we not much more be subject to the Father of spirits and live? For they disciplined us for a short time as it seemed best to them, but he disciplines us for our good, **that we may share his holiness.**

For the moment all discipline seems painful rather than pleasant, but later it yields the peaceful fruit of righteousness to those who have been trained by it.

Hebrews 12:5-11, ESV

Where do I start?

Do the will of your Father.

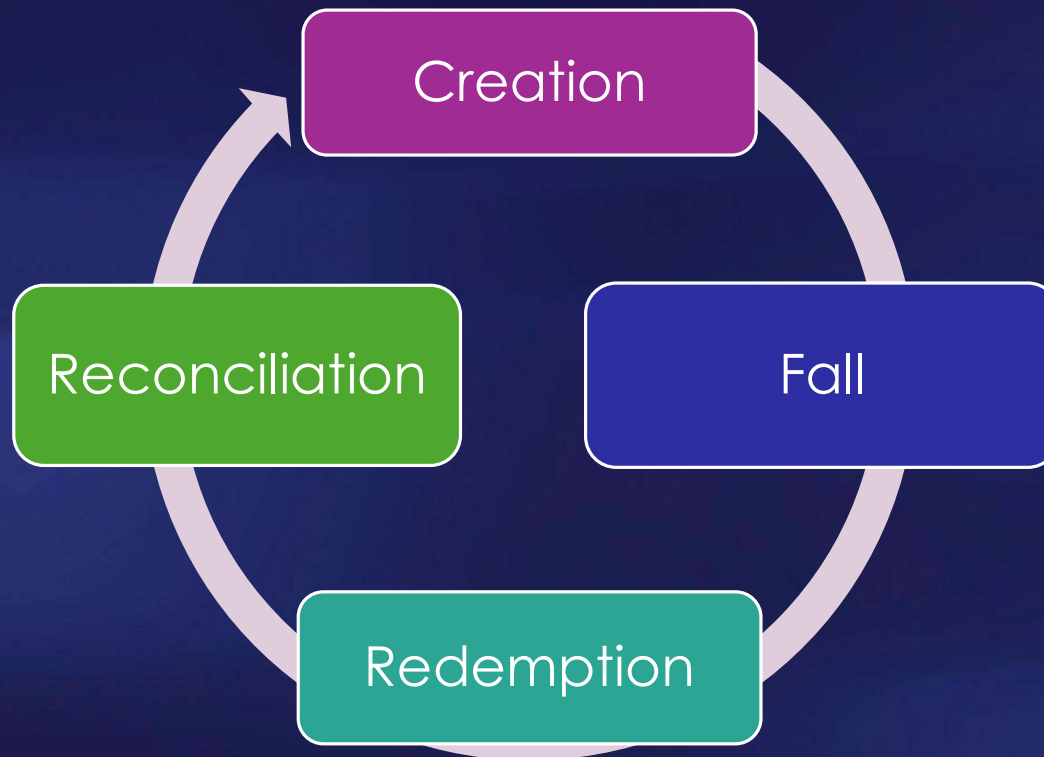
In John 5:17, 19-20, Jesus described the way He came to know and do the will of His Father: “My Father is still working, and I am working also. ... Truly I tell you, the Son is not able to do anything on his own, but only what he sees the Father doing. For whatever the Father does, the Son likewise does these things. For the Father loves the Son and shows him everything he is doing, and he will show him greater works than these so that you will be amazed.”

- ▶ Henry Blackaby summed up Jesus’ approach for us: “Look to see where God is working and join Him.”

So, what is God doing?

Henry Blackaby, Experiencing God, 1986

God's Creation Model



Men's & Women's Brains



Mark Gungor, Pastor, "Laugh Your Way to a Better Marriage", 2008

Five Love Languages

- ▶ Words of Affirmation
- ▶ Acts of Service
- ▶ Receiving Gifts
- ▶ Quality Time
- ▶ Physical Touch

Do you know what your wife's Love Language is? Does she have more than one?

Gary Smalley, The Five Love Languages, 1992

Relationship Bank Account

Insufficient Funds?



Deposits	Withdrawals
Affirms others	Does things for self
Promise Keeper	Doesn't keep promises
Forgives others	Critical of others
Shows kindness	Indifferent to others
Peacemaker	Complains
Expresses appreciation	Blames

Situational Leadership



Stephen R. Covey, First Things First, 1994

Decision-Making

- ▶ Are you making decisions **FOR** people or **WITH** people?
- ▶ When is something a Decision or still a Discussion?
 - ▶ “We discussed _____. Did we decide on that?”

Interpersonal Conflict

- ▶ What is the root cause of interpersonal conflict?

A difference in expectations

- ▶ What is the solution?

Apologize for the difference in expectations

Create a New Shared expectation

Ten Characteristics of the Servant-Leader

- ▶ **Listening**, or talking?
- ▶ **Empathy**, or is everything all about them?
- ▶ **Healing**, or are they harming or hurting others?
- ▶ **Awareness**, or Insensitive to cues or others?
- ▶ **Persuasion**, or Dictation?
- ▶ **Conceptualization**, can they paint compelling word-pictures?
- ▶ **Foresight**, do they see where the story goes, or how it ends?
- ▶ **Stewardship**, or spending resources on foolish frivolity?
- ▶ **Commitment to growth of their people**, are the people thriving?
- ▶ **Building community**, or destroying it?

Larry C. Spears, in Robert K. Greenleaf's, *Insights on Leadership*, 1998

Exercise: Three Things I will now do differently.

▶ “Three things I will now do differently are:

1. _____”

2. _____”

3. _____”

Pareto Principle (80/20 Rule): 20% of the causes account for 80% of the outcomes.

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Men's Breakfast Part III

Christian Leadership in the Workplace/Community

- ▶ Environment
- ▶ Culture
- ▶ Assertive Followership
- ▶ Change
- ▶ Legacy