



Building Wholehearted Disciples of Jesus

# Completer- Fallen & Redeemed

**Genesis 3:16b & John 17:24, Phil. 2:5-7&9**

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**Topic:** Fallen Masculinity & Femininity, The Bachelor, 50 Shades of Gray, Mandate, Eph. 5:1-14, Woman's desire for her husband, Women more critical toward men, No femininity in The Trinity, 10 Biblical Reasons for the Pre-Fall Headship of the Man, Helper Completer, Roles, Marriage a Picture of Christ & the Church, sexuality, sexual fulfillment, working together, wear the crown, sacrifice, submission; single, married or divorced our Covenant is first with Jesus, 1 Peter 3:1-5, gentle and quiet spirit very precious, honor, respect, intimacy, leave and cleave, both play the Jesus role.

**Description:** Fallen sexuality in the culture and the Church is seen all around us, we must wake up to what is going on, learn God's design, teach God's Word and live it out in our lives to bring glory to God. We are both created equal in value, but with different roles; men as Jesus sacrificial leader & women as Jesus sacrificial submission. Single, married or divorced it all goes back to our relationship with God through Jesus first.

Last week we talked about how God created woman for man to help complete the mandate God gave Adam.

Now we enter into the fallen demise of femininity:

\*And more than ever we are seeing to a greater degree the fallen portraits all around us, both in culture and in the Church.

“**The Bachelor**” ...I heard two Christian young ladies talking about how addicted they are to the Bachelor! Then several days later I heard a Christian radio station talking about the show and how they are into it also. Ladies, how is this honoring to the Lord?!

Is. 4:1 NLT “In that day so few men will be left that seven women will fight for each man, saying, “Let us all marry you! We will provide our own food and clothing. Only let us take your name so we won’t be mocked as old maids.”

Then there is “**50 Shades of Gray**”... a very fallen picture of the sexual relations between a man and a woman! This is a very unbiblical portrayal of sexuality, much less marriage! Many Christian women do not know this is very unscriptural and are sharing it with their friends. If you want a good biblical resource on the *50 Shades of Gray*, and why it’s so destructive, **take a look at “Pulling Back the Shades”, by Dr. Juli Slattery and Dannah Gresh.**

Let’s instead take our lead from...

Eph. 5:1-14, ***Living in the Light***

**Imitate God**, therefore, in everything you do, because you are his dear children. (Can you imagine God sitting down and watching *The Bachelor* or *50 Shades of Gray*?) <sup>2</sup> Live a life filled with love, following the example of Christ. He loved us<sup>[a]</sup> and offered himself as a sacrifice for us, a pleasing aroma to God.

<sup>3</sup> Let there be no sexual immorality, impurity, or greed among you. Such sins have no place among God’s people. <sup>4</sup> Obscene stories, foolish talk, and coarse jokes—these are not for you. Instead, let there be thankfulness to God. <sup>5</sup> You can be sure that no immoral, impure, or greedy person will inherit the Kingdom of Christ and of God. For a greedy person is an idolater, worshiping the things of this world.

<sup>6</sup> **Don't be fooled by those who try to excuse these sins**, for the anger of God will fall on all who disobey him. <sup>7</sup> Don't participate in the things these people do. <sup>8</sup> For once you were full of darkness, but now you have light from the Lord. So live as people of light! <sup>9</sup> For this light within you produces only what is good and right and true.

<sup>10</sup> Carefully determine what pleases the Lord. <sup>11</sup> Take no part in the worthless deeds of evil and darkness; instead, expose them. <sup>12</sup> It is shameful even to talk about the things that ungodly people do in secret. <sup>13</sup> But their evil intentions will be exposed when the light shines on them, <sup>14</sup> for the light makes everything visible. This is why it is said, **“Awake, O sleeper, rise up from the dead, and Christ will give you light.”**

## Fallen

Sometime in the winter of 1998 one night Denny and I had an argument, what it was about I have no idea. Isn't that the way it is, what we fight over is not what we fight over. It most likely came down to the fact that I didn't feel loved by Denny. And to be honest it probably had something to do with the fact I was not respecting him as my authority, because I didn't understand God's design for that, nor did I understand God's design for submission.

In my confusion about authority, I knew how to stroke a man's ego to get what I wanted, but that is very different than honoring and submission!

The kids were tucked in their beds, and I grieve over the words they must of heard us exchange at times. Only God can forgive and redeem our ashes. I grabbed my coat and walked out the front door and down the 3 cement steps with the thought of disappearing. As I walked down our sidewalk into the misty night I turned left onto the sidewalk by the street and thought, where will I go? What will I do? I quickly darted into the shadows of our home and stood there under the eve, next to the cold brick wall with my hood up in the dark listening to Denny standing at the front door calling my name. Then the door closed and silence, darkness, drizzle, everything on the outside was reflecting everything on the inside of me.

Standing there in my broken anger, I knew I had to change, something had to change, I knew I couldn't, or at least shouldn't keep trying to change Denny. I thought, I can't leave these precious kids in a divorce like my parents did me. I have made a promise to God, a covenant with Him that I will not leave Denny. Oh God help me obey you!

There's so much I love about Denny and want to be the mother to our kids. Please help me to stay, please help me to change!

I believe something happened in my heart as I stood in the cold damp darkness outside our home, all alone afraid of the known & unknown, but realizing something had to change. It was Sept. of 1999 that I started the 5 Aspects of Woman Bible Study and began learning God's design for femininity that rocked my world into order.

**Ask:** Why do we talk about the fallen part of our femininity? It's so negative and it hurts so much!

It's not comfortable is it?

- If we don't know what's broken we don't know how to fix it, do we?
- Do you want to know what's broken, or do you think it's better to bury your head in the sand and pretend nothing is wrong???
- I would say where I was living in the brokenness of my femininity was far more uncomfortable than the journey to being healed by God's love, grace and beautiful design.

Gen. 3:16 b NIV "To the woman he said, "...Your desire will be for your husband, and he will rule over you."

That sounds like a good thing doesn't it?

\*Could this be **nymphomania**, an insatiable sexual desire for her husband? There may be some women who deal with this, but it's certainly not the universal curse women deal with. And if it were would that be a curse?

\*Could it be a **psychological dependence** on her man? That she is so focused on her husband or getting one that she can't think or mature on her own without a husband.

Though both of these have been considered throughout Church history as answers to the word, "desire", in this verse, do you really believe either one is the universal challenge we deal with as women toward men? NO!

- Remember Gen. 3:16 is the central curse verse on woman. This second half of the verse is talking about how women in their fallenness desire to take their husband's, or authorities place.

Let's look at how the Bible interprets itself.

In Gen. 4:7 NIV "But if you do not do what is right, sin is crouching at your door; it desires to have you, but you must rule over it."

God warned and graciously gave Cain the opportunity to change! Yet in the very next verse Cain does not listen to God, he gives into the sin that is crouching at his door, desiring to have him. He didn't rule over sin, Cain let sin rule over him. Where ever we do not obey God, we choose to allow sin to rule over us.

Ladies, in the areas we are the angriest & dejected we need to examine our hearts, is there something the Lord is speaking to us that will keep us from being victims to our fallen nature?

There are many women doing well with circumstances they find themselves in, I am in no way addressing those situations! But are there any areas we find ourselves angry, dejected and bitter? Let's take those to God so they do not devour our lives!

Listen to what God said to Cain in:

Gen. 4:6 & 7 NLT "Why are you so angry?" the Lord asked Cain. "Why do you look so dejected? <sup>7</sup>You will be accepted if you do what is right. But if you refuse to do what is right, then watch out! Sin is crouching at the door, (desires and is) eager to control you. But you must subdue it and be its master."

-Do you see that out of jealousy, pride, insecurity or for many fallen reasons sin wants to take over and rule others.

James 3:16 NLT "<sup>14</sup> But if you harbor bitter **envy and selfish** ambition in your hearts, do not boast about it or deny the truth. <sup>15</sup> Such "wisdom" does not come down from heaven but is earthly, unspiritual, **demonic**. <sup>16</sup> For where you have envy and selfish ambition, there you find disorder and every evil practice."

-In marriage it may look like a wife trying to take over her husband's leadership through resentment, manipulation, control, harsh words toward her husband or authority, feeling she can do it better. If the thought runs through your mind, "if he'd just get out of my way I could lead better than him", or something of the like, then that could be your fallen nature speaking. That is part of the Curse pronounced on woman in Gen. 3:16, but if we listen to it and act on it, we are allowing the "sin" that desires to control to devour us! Giving into it will bring a cascade of results that none of us want to happen to ourselves, marriages, relationships, families or culture!

-Think about it, if I win, he loses. That means we both lose really.

-Let's work at making marriage a win win instead of a lose lose!

Gen. 3:16b **NLT** "Then he said to the woman, "...And you will desire to control your husband, but he will rule over you."<sup>[a]</sup>"

Have you notice how most women tend to be more critical toward men than most men are toward women? Have you ever wondered why?

There may be many reasons, but one is because there is not a specific curse on the man toward the women, but there is this curse in Gen. 3:16b on the woman toward the man.

Question: Is it harder for your husband's to please you or God?

And it's important for us to remember that the authority of man over woman is not part of the curse over woman? Rather it's a blessing from God when he rules in love, with a sacrificial servant leadership.

Gen. 3:16c says, "And he will rule [with authority] over you *and* be responsible for you."

Submission is first to God and then to your authority/ husband; it does not include following your leaders into sin!!!

Are we being a completer or a competitor with our husbands?

-What are we asking God for our husbands? To be what we want them to be, or to be all God has called and created them to be?

### Redeemed

Have you heard how we know for sure that the "creation mandate" was given to Adam in Genesis 1:28 and 2:15?

Look at the word, "Mandate", man – date. It starts with man, and only when a man continues to date his bride is he able to truly fulfill the mandate given him by God!

In order to understand the redeemed beauty of marriage, we must go back to our Creator, whom we are created in the image and likeness of.

John 17:5 NLT "Now, Father, bring me into the glory we shared before the world began."

-This is unity in the Trinity, masculine oneness.

John 17:24 NLT “Father, I want these whom you have given me to be with me where I am. Then they can see all the glory you gave me because you loved me even before the world began!”

-This is Christ’s desire for unity with His Bride, masculine, feminine oneness. They are very much alike, and very different.

Phil. 2:5-7,9 NLT “<sup>5</sup>You must have the same attitude that Christ Jesus had.<sup>6</sup> Though he was God, he did not think of equality with God as something to cling to.<sup>7</sup> Instead, he gave up his divine privileges he took the humble position of a slave and was born as a human being. When he appeared in human form, “Therefore, God elevated him to the place of highest honor and gave him the name above all other names...”

Barbara Mousers quotes from p.134, 2012 edition

“The greatest danger in comparing marriage to the Trinity is importing femininity into the Godhead. Because mankind includes male and female and because mankind shares relationship principles with the Trinity, it **does not follow** that God is male and female or masculine and feminine. Some say if woman is really to be equal with man, femininity must be in the Godhead. God must be He/She, It or just She, but He can’t be He. According to this reasoning, if femininity is not in the God head, woman will be an inferior creature. This is wrong. The Bible, from one end to the other, teaches us that God is masculine. He is He the Father, He the Son, and He the Holy Spirit. Jesus even breaks the rules of grammar in John 16:13 to be sure that the Holy Spirit is called “He” instead of “It”. (John 16:13 (NLT) “When the Spirit of truth comes, he will guide you into all truth. He will not speak on his own but will tell you what he has heard. He will tell you about the future.”

God is called **Father** 252 times in the New Testament. (Jesus calls God, **Father** 103 times in the Gospel of John alone). God is never called “Mother.” Many people are looking for ultimate femininity. This quest is good, but it will not be satisfied in the Trinity. (Where the archetypal feminine is found, we will see later in this lesson.)

“Marriage is a picture in both Testaments. It always pictures God’s covenant relationship with His people, not the love of the Trinity for each other.”

“Marriage is not a model of the Trinity. It never pictures the Godhead. Let me repeat that. Marriage – sexual love, male/female love- is **never** given as a picture of the relationship of the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. In fact, this is the reason why homosexuality is wrong”.

- When we as women fulfill our God given roles, and when men fulfill theirs, much glory is given to God!

### **10 Biblical Reasons for the Pre-Fall Headship of the Man:**

1. Adam was created first. (Gen. 2; 1 Tim. 2:12-13)
  2. Adam was given the Garden Mandate. (Gen. 1:15)
  3. Woman was created from man. (1 Cor. 11:8)
  4. Woman was created for man. (1 Cor. 11:9)
  5. Woman is a divine gift to man. (Gen. 2:22; Prov. 19:4)
  6. Adam named woman in Gen. 2. To name is discerning the character of and taking the responsibility for the named. (Matt. 16:18)
  7. Man is to initiate marriage. (Gen. 2:24)
  8. Man & Woman picture Christ & the Church from their sinless beginnings. (Eph. 5:30-32)
  9. The, “post-fall headship of man”, makes no sense of New Testament theology! If this were the case, we would be trying to outgrow the very good headship of Christ over the Church. (Eph. 5:22-33)
  10. We are damned & saved by male headship. (Rom. 5:12; 8:22; 1Cor.15:22)
- Do you see sacrificial, servant male leadership/headship as a blessing?
  - Are you looking for the positives in men, reminding them of their strengths, or only seeing the negatives?
  - Did you know that oneness in marriage grows as we receive our husband’s as a gift from God?
  - “Submission doesn’t mean we don’t ever express a strong opinion”, Barbara Mouser
  - Forgiveness is not optional!

Matt. 17:4 “Even if that person wrongs you seven times a day and each time turns again and asks forgiveness, you must forgive.”

Eph. 5:21-33 NLT *Spirit-Guided Relationships: Wives and Husbands (And for Christians to Christ)*

<sup>21</sup> And further, submit to one another out of reverence for Christ.

<sup>22</sup> For wives, this means submit to your husbands as to the Lord. <sup>23</sup> For a husband is the head of his wife as Christ is the head of the church. He is the Savior of his body, the church. <sup>24</sup> As the church submits to Christ, so you wives should submit to your husbands in everything.

<sup>25</sup> For husbands, this means love your wives, just as Christ loved the church. He gave up his life for her <sup>26</sup> to make her holy and clean, washed by the cleansing of God’s word. <sup>27</sup> He did this to present her to himself as a glorious church without a spot or wrinkle or any other blemish. Instead, she will be holy and without fault. <sup>28</sup> In the same way, husbands ought to love their wives as they love their own bodies. For a man who loves his wife actually shows love for himself. <sup>29</sup> No one hates his own body but feeds and cares for it, just as Christ cares for the church. <sup>30</sup> And we are members of his body.

<sup>31</sup> As the Scriptures say, “A man leaves his father and mother and is joined to his wife, and the two are united into one.” <sup>32</sup> This is a great mystery, but it is an illustration of the way Christ and the church are one. <sup>33</sup> So again I say, each man must love his wife as he loves himself, and the wife must respect her husband.”

Who has given the levels of authority? God

So when we submit to those in authority over us, who are we ultimately submitting to?

\*\*Recently I woke up with the thought that our Words and Actions need to align, our actions are more important than our words. You’ve know the saying, “Actions speak louder than words”. Let’s look at

**1 Peter 3:1 & 2 NLT** “In the same way, you wives must accept the authority of your husbands. Then, even if some refuse to obey the Good News, your godly lives will speak to them without any words. They will be won over <sup>2</sup> by observing your pure and reverent lives.”

It's a wife's actions that influence her husband, not her many words.

> If we are not honoring to our husband's or authority's godly leadership, what are we missing out on?

1 Peter 3:4 NLT "You should clothe yourselves instead with the beauty that comes from within, the unfading beauty of a gentle and quiet spirit, which is so precious to God."

AMP "but let it be [the inner beauty of] the hidden person of the heart, with the imperishable quality *and* unfading charm of a gentle and peaceful spirit, [one that is calm and self-controlled, not overanxious, but serene and spiritually mature] which is very precious in the sight of God."

-When a woman cultivates these qualities in her life, she finds admiration from good hearted men.

\*Ladies, we need to be very careful what we desire! A good hearted man wants to give his wife what she desires! Men are the glory of God and picture God's desire to give us what we ask.

Jn. 16:24 NIV "Until now you have not asked for anything in my name. Ask and you will receive, and your joy will be complete."

\*God has loved you and fought for you with an everlasting love!

This last Sunday at the end of the Weekend 2 Remember a room full of about 1,200 couples renewed their marriage vows all at once! I think the spirit realm was served notice that the picture of Christ and the Church in Colorado Springs, has been strengthened!

Can I share with you **the difference between the first time we exchanged our marriage vows and 30 yrs. later?**

**August of 1985 when I stood before Denny as a young bride**, just turning 23, 14 days before, I meant every word of my vow to God and Denny, but in all **honesty I had no idea the tests that would come.** The challenges without and within, the financial, family, marital, physical and mental struggles that we have walked through have brought depth to our love. There were many times the **only thing that kept me going was my vow to God**, not to Denny that kept me from running into sin or outright destruction.

But as I stood in front of Denny Sunday, my bridegroom of over 30 years, with 4 children, 4 weddings, 3 daughter- in-laws, 1 son-in-law, and 5 grandchildren later, there was so much history and character developed together. There was a flood of gratitude for the grace of God has had toward me, one who has failed in so many ways, and for my precious husband that has loved me still. Neither of us has loved each other perfectly, but we are still by each other's side, so what is perfect love?

Could it be that it's not about being right, but love alone is worth the fight! Love is filled with grace, I'm sorry, please forgive me, you were right, serving the other and most of all forgiveness toward the other. We have deeply hurt each other, not on purpose, but out of our own selfishness, hurt or lack of understanding.

**Denny is God's perfect gift to me**, that doesn't mean he's perfect, but in all my and his imperfections we find God's perfect love and grace that bridges the gap and draws us close.

**I'm so glad I didn't divorce my precious husband that I love deeply and dearly now. Most of the fight I fought was with my own sin and lies I had believed.** Sure we disagreed about plenty and argued, but **I've come to realize that it's worth dying to self to come alive to Christ. This is the fight, dying to selfishness, humbly submitting to God and His design, and my husband Denny, to enter into a depth of God's love I never would of know otherwise.**

**It has been worth the fight!**

**Read** the 5 Aspects **Personification** for Helper Completer- Redeemed on pg.102, 2012 edition

For further study please listen to these links by Barbara Mouser from 5 Aspects of Woman:

1. [http://www.5aspects.org/audio/2014audio/5AW\\_Lesson\\_06\\_HCC.mp3](http://www.5aspects.org/audio/2014audio/5AW_Lesson_06_HCC.mp3)
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