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AS YOU WATCH SESSION 1.

If the church must be anything, she must be a safe place for the gender-confused and the sexually broken.

She (the church) must be a fortress of safety and grace for the weary struggler, or we do not understand who Christ is .

The phrase “in the beginning” means that there was something before there was time.

God, according to the Bible, is the only object that has no beginning.

God is the primary mover in everything that exists.

Throughout the Scriptures, God delights in the small, the fragile, and the weak.

The biggest questions of origin, purpose, and design can now be studied and understood.

We are created.

You and I, as created beings, are not the point.

Because we are created, we are not the measure of it all.

Because we have a Creator, that Creator has created us with a purpose in mind.

God doesn't change.

If there's not a fixed point, there is no way to know where you're actually going.

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Because we are created and not the Creator, we are not the measure of anything. We are not the point!

How the world actually operates and what's best for human flourishing are inseparably linked to God being the Creator of all things.

The imago Dei is God's investment in humanity of Godlike glory and moral capacity to reign and rule the earth as His representatives.

God gives us dominion and authority over the created order.

We have a relationship with one another that is different than our relationship with the rest of the created beings.

We must fight for racial equality and racial reconciliation.

The imago Dei is also why we fight for and work toward complete gender equality.

Men must think biblically of women and push against the stereotypes of women as mere sexual creatures or servants put here for our pleasure and comfort.

Men must think biblically of women and treasure them as sisters and co-heirs, daughters of the King, and glorious, not dismissing them intellectually or robbing them of the right to exercise their gifts within God's beautiful design.

Women, whether single or married, must think rightly about being representatives of God made in His image and fulfilling His purposes.

Women must think biblically about men and push against the stereotypes of men as idiot Neanderthals.

Women must think biblically and have high expectations for how men approach them and honor them as sisters.

Whether married or single, you image God.

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Headship is the unique leadership of the man in the work of establishing order for human flourishing.

Headship plays out in three arenas: the home, the church, the culture.

The task given to the man in light of where he has been placed by God is to work and keep Eden.

The man cultivates first and foremost in his home.

The man exercises headship in the home in three ways:

1. Sacrificial love for his wife.
2. Spiritual direction for his home.
3. Provision.

My failures mirror what it means to be a man for my wife and my children more so than my successes do.

We've been hardwired as men to keep and protect.

By being male, that does not give you some intrinsic authority over any other woman.

Single men image headship with borrowed authority by serving and protecting women as sisters.

Single men image headship with borrowed authority by seriously pursuing godly women to marry unless one has the call or the gift of singleness.

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When they (Adam and Eve) decided to be their own gods, the flourishing and perfection of creation was utterly marred.

This passage accounts for every bit of pain the world has ever known.

Sin is not just cosmic in scope. It is also specific. It has marred manhood.

Even the most godly men you know are but a faint echo of true manhood.

When sin infects the heart of a man, it works its way out in selfish passivity and selfish aggression.

Passivity is actively pursuing something other than what God desires and designed them to pursue.

The tentacles of selfish passivity reach into every domain of our lives.

Refusal to worship God

Engaging in fantasy instead of reality

Silence in a moment where words are needed

Excuse-making or complaining

Disorganization and procrastination

Hiding sin

Busyness

Laziness

Because of sin, headship is now inclined to ungodly aggression, to oppression, and to domination.

Pornography

Slander

Thoughtless criticism

Retaliation

Withholding affection

Sarcasm

Using money, power, etc., to control others

Abandonment

Mocking

Watching others suffer

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The promise from God to dry bones is, “I’ll put you back together.”

Where there is sin, that sin is leading to death, and where there is death, there is the stench of death wherever that sin is playing out.

Where (these sins) are present, rather than the aroma of the gospel and life and flourishing, you get the stench of death and a stunted beauty.

In Christ, we have been raised from the dead.

God gives to us the Holy Spirit to strengthen the inner man to pursue our God-given place as walking in headship.

This is the Lord’s expectation and command, but you will not be able to do it. You will fail.

If you understand that perfection has been given to you in Christ and what God has called you to is pursuit, then you can get up and start pursuing again.

Perfection has been provided. Pursuit is empowered by the Holy Spirit.

It’s of great irony that pretending to be more of a man than you are actually makes you less of a man than you are.

Find a man who does know and ask.

Have a conversation with your wife.

As your wife flourishes, as your children begin to understand the things of the Lord, you begin to understand that all of this is worth it.

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He creates one woman.

It would have been considered scandalous that a man would leave his family and hold fast to his wife.

The purpose of woman is: being a helper fit for him.

When the word ezer in Hebrew is used, it is most often used for how God engages with man.

God being called Helper throughout the Scriptures brings honor to the position of helper. Since God has been called the Helper, a helper cannot be inherently inferior.

Helper denotes someone helping the one with primary responsibility.

“Fit for him” leads us to the idea of complementarian relationship.

The amount of power God has given women, wives in particular, on the souls and hearts of their husbands is staggering.

Never sacrifice intimacy for protection, especially not in the covenant of marriage.

Be an expert in his strengths. Don't be an expert in his weaknesses.

Women are not only needed and necessary, but they are indispensable and essential in the life of the church.

In the Old Testament, the blessing was children. In the New Testament, the blessing was disciples.

Practice and exercise your gifts to make disciples for the glory of God.

Be the type of woman who is iron that sharpens the iron of your husband and male friends.

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The pain of childbirth is a reminder, according to the Scriptures, that the world is broken, and there is a longing for something more.

Now that sin has entered the cosmos, disordered desires now rule the feminine heart.

“Your desire shall be for your husband, and he shall rule over you.”

You can desire good things, but if you elevate those desires beyond where they were supposed to be, the desire becomes disordered, and you become enslaved to the desire.

Most women set up men as idols and look to them to provide emotionally, spiritually, and physically what only God can provide. Apart from Christ, men oppress women in return, hence the modern coping mechanisms of independent self-sufficiency and control for dealing with that male oppression.

Comparison is the disordered desire for approval and validation.

A woman then becomes enslaved by comparing intellect, beauty, body composition, style, and fashion.

An untrue image of oneself will always lead to discontentment and insecurity.

Women, with their words and attitudes, can brutalize the human race.

God hates gossip and slander.

Perfectionism is the disordered desire for righteousness and perfection apart from Christ.

Where perfection is not attained, they are paralyzed.

You don't have to be a perfect wife to be a great wife. You don't have to be a perfect mom to be a great mom.

We take on the perfection made available to us in Jesus Christ.

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Giving our hearts to Jesus does not mean that the rest of our days will have no struggle.

Faithful Christianity doesn't mean we all live in the 'burbs safe and sound with kids who are obedient.

Of all places on earth, the church should be that place where it's OK to not be OK.

When we're talking about weight and sin, we're talking about what fuels and feeds our sin.

Where we place our eyes matters.

Jesus is the author/founder of our faith.

You didn't find Jesus; He found you.

When we take our eyes off ourselves and fix them on Jesus, there is a new kind of humility and meekness but also an explosion of confidence because I know I can't, but I know He can.

Jesus is also the perfecter or developer of our faith.

God shapes and forms faith in the hearts of believers by the supernatural power of the Holy Spirit and through joy and sorrow.

There are times that difficulties aren't there to be solved, but are there as a measure of God's grace.

God doesn't love the future version of you any more than He loves the version of you right now.

When Jesus died on the cross for our sins, He canceled out the debt we owed because of our sins.

Wherever in the Gospels you see Jesus being obedient, that is imputed to you.

You are a slave to whatever is ultimate to you.

What happens on the cross is you are purchased out of that slavery into the freedom Christ affords.

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Our culture right now is pulling on you in ways that pull you away from what is right and good.

The culture is a raging river pulling us all the more away from God.

Since the days are evil, let's make the most of our time.

We come in busted and weary, and we come together and just rest for a bit together.

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1. We would fix our eyes on Jesus, the author and perfecter of our faith.

Sacrificial love will sit on your shoulders as an expectation of God all the days of your life.

It's hard to be called to submission in a world full of little boys.

Without the gospel, there will be no mutual submission.

2. We would trust the Bible is our authority and that every command and implication in the Bible is meant to lead us to life and lead us to joy.

3. We would take biblical manhood seriously and celebrate and encourage it.

4. We would take biblical womanhood seriously.

5. We would be deeply and visibly FOR each other.

6. How we interact with each other as husbands and wives and men and women would be a beacon of hope in a depraved and broken world.