

Biblical Discipleship – Session 1

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[00:00:01.290] I'm uh Frances Chan. This is my daughter, Rachel. All right, very good. If you weren't here for the first hour, you don't know what that's about. Rachel used to be a cheerleader. Rachel, we should have done the uh... Come on up here, Rachel. Let's do that. It's pretty common for a speaker to begin by saying it's a real delight to be here or it's a real pleasure to be here. I'm delighted to be here because I was supposed to be here Monday, but I got a... I had something happen to me about three months ago flying back to Dallas from New York.

[00:00:48.430] And as we were descending into Nashville, we had to make a change. I, I got absolutely the worst pain I've ever had in my life. And I'm not exaggerating. It was as though someone were taking an ice pick and jamming it into my forehead. I had I had an acute sinus infection. And when I got back to Dallas, in fact, I almost didn't get on the plane to go to Dallas and Nashville. I almost went to the emergency room.

[00:01:13.560] But I went ahead, went to Dallas. When I saw the doctor, he said, if you ever get that again, don't you ever get on a plane? Well, it hit me Sunday and I was supposed to be here Monday. So that's what happened. They were able to give me some medication and get a clear head. And I flew in without a problem. So I'm delighted to be here. This is this is a great event.

[00:01:35.340] And you've got some great folks didn't Francis do a great job this morning. That was that was tremendous. If you have your Bibles, I want us to go back, I want us to go to the foundations, the foundations of our faith, the foundations of civilization, the foundations of everything. And I want us to read some selected passage passages out of out of Genesis, Genesis,

Chapter one. And we're going to work our way through not all the verses, but I want to read some in Genesis one and then some in Genesis to Genesis one twenty six.

[00:02:16.110] And I think what Francis did was a great idea. They always used to do this during the Reformation time when you were in fact during the Reformation, when you would have a church service. It would begin it would begin by the by the elders. Everyone would stand and the elders would bring in the word of God and it would be elevated like they used to bring in the ark. So out of respect to the scriptures, why don't we stand and we'll read together Genesis one twenty six.

[00:02:45.390] Then God said, let us make man in our image. There's the Trinity right there, according to our likeness. Let them have dominion over the fish of the sea, over the birds of the air and over the cattle, over all the earth and over every creeping thing that creeps on the earth. So God created man in his own image in the image of God. He created him male and female. He created them then God bless them. And God said to them, be fruitful and multiply, fill the earth and subdue it.

[00:03:18.360] Have dominion over the fish of the sea, over the birds of the air, and over every living thing that moves on the earth. Then Genesis two, verse seven and the Lord God formed man out of the dust of the ground and breathed into his nostrils. The breath of life and man became a living being. The Lord God planted a garden eastward in Eden, and there he put the man whom he had formed and out of the ground the Lord God made every tree grow.

[00:03:48.390] That is pleasant to the sight and good for food. The verse fifteen. Then the Lord God took the man and put him in the Garden of Eden to tend and keep it. And the Lord God

commanded the man saying of every tree of the garden you may freely eat, but of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil you shall not eat. For in the day that you eat of it, you shall surely die. And the Lord God said it is not good that man should be alone.

[00:04:15.570] I will make a helper suitable for him out of the ground. The Lord God formed every beast of the field, every bird of the air, and brought them to Adam to see what he would call them. Now, remember here, remember, Adam is alone and he's very aware that he is alone. I'm not done reading, so keep standing. If you don't mind. Adam's alone and. And as God brings the different creation to him as we read this, I want you to pick something up as God is bringing these different aspects of the creation to Adam.

[00:04:49.770] Here's something that's interesting, Adam. Adam is beginning to pick up a pattern. And what he's beginning to pick up a pattern as God brings the different animals is that there's two of each kind and he's beginning to pick this up. There's a male and a female. And as he's looking at the entire creation, all the God is created. Something begins to dawn on him. There are two of every kind, but I'm the only one of my kind.

[00:05:15.030] Adam was alone. And Adam, I'm sure, was just a normal guy like us. He felt alone and he was probably looking for someone who would be suitable for him. I mean, he didn't he'd never read Genesis had he? So I'm sure each day he thought maybe this is the day I'll find someone that will correspond to me. And then the hippo shows up and he thinks that'll never work. This guy was alone and he sees that there's two of every kind, but he's the only one of his kind.

[00:05:43.500] And then it says this in in twenty. So Adam gave names to all cattle, to the birds of the air and to every beast of the field. But for Adam, there was not found a helper suitable for him. And the Lord caused the deep sleep to fallen Adam and he slept and he took one of his ribs, probably the prime rib, and closed up the flesh in its place. Then the rib, which the Lord God had taken from man he made into a woman and he brought her to the man.

[00:06:14.070] And Adam said, This is now bone of my bones and flesh of my flesh. She shall be called woman because she was taken out of man. You may be seated. You know, it's interesting. A lot of times, a lot of times when we read scripture, we because because we are removed by some time, we can miss the nuances that are in scripture. This passage we just read after Adam had been alone, after he looked at all of.

[00:06:43.560] Creation and finally, God brings the woman to him, see, and and I remember hearing this read when I was in church, you know, and Adam said, this is now bone of mine. He sees this woman and he says, this is now bone of my bones and flesh of my flesh. That's not what he was saying. I mean, it's what he said. But we don't get the emotion. Listen, this guy had been alone for quite a while.

[00:07:08.490] And as far as he's concerned, there's no one else that's comparable to him. There's no one else that's suitable for him. There's no one else for companionship. And he wakes up out of the sleep and there she is. And, you know, the very first thing he said when he saw her, he said he looked at her and he said, well, I mean, he can believe it. And then he said he said, man, and those two words, wo man became the basis.

[00:07:39.420] Now, that's that's that's the gist that this guy, when I'm trying to say to you is this guy was excited when he saw her, when he said, when you get excited at a football game and someone's breaking away for a 50 yard touchdown, you jump up and say, this is now bone of my bones and flesh of my flesh. That's not how we talk. But see, that's how he talked. He was punk because this is someone that corresponds to, hey, this is bone in my bone.

[00:08:03.540] This is flesh of my flesh. This is not a giraffe. This is a woman. This is someone I can have a relationship with. And you know what? She looked pretty damn good. She really did. He thought this. Now there's the possibilities here. This account is a fascinating by the way, you know what? You know what Adam said the very first time he saw you? He looked at her and he said, Eve, you're the only girl in the world for me like that.

[00:08:33.400] Rachel Rachel doesn't like my jokes. That's the first time anyone ever said that it was true. You're the only girl in the world for me. She was the only girl in the world. That's why we're looking at this passage, because this is the first man and this is the first woman. And this is a foundational passage for where I want us to go in the time that I've got during the during the time today and tomorrow, we have something going on in our culture and in our church that is very, very unique.

[00:09:03.690] The historian William Manchester has said this "The erasure of distinctions between the sexes is not only the most striking issue of our time, it may be the most profound the race has ever encountered." What he's talking about is this discussion that is taking place over the last twenty five to thirty years. It's a discussion about the role of men and the role of women. This this has been a discussion that is a fairly recent discussion. It's a recent discussion in the church and it's a recent discussion in society.

[00:09:43.830] There's a there's a lot of dialog. There's a lot of discussion going on about. About what a man is and what a woman is, how they should relate to each other. And this is I think Manchester is right. This is absolutely essential information. What we decide on these issues are going to have a tremendous impact for us personally. What you believe on this issue. And, you know, it's interesting. I think the scripture is very, very clear.

[00:10:14.400] As Francis Chan said, you know, people have differing views about God, but there is only one view about God. That's correct. I heard Bill Clinton not too long ago talk about he was in a situation. It was between him and his family and his God, whoever his God is. And I'm not real sure who is God. It's now everyone has to determine who their God is. And as Francis had said, different people have different concepts of what God is like, who use.

[00:10:43.680] Right. You can say Ron is a sumo wrestler. Someone else could say no, he's a pygmy. Well, you know, you can't both be right on this issue, on this issue of the roles of men and women. There's a right response and there's a right piece of information on it. There has been a position in the Church of Jesus Christ that is basically been the position for two thousand years. But what I want you to understand is only in the last twenty five to thirty years has this been challenged.

[00:11:12.960] And you may be thinking, well, what's the big deal about this, Steve? The big deal about this? Is this where you stand on what God says about men and women is going to affect the kind of marriage that you have, where you stand on what God says about men and women is going to affect how you raise your children, where you stand on what God says about men and women is going to determine whether or not you feel that men can be pastors or women also can be pastors.

[00:11:43.370] Now, I'm getting on to some controversial turf here. The reason I'm getting into it is because it is of primary value. These are these are issues that are going to affect you for the rest of your life. The question is, what does God have to say about it? Let me tell you why I think this is such a critical issue. And let me tell you why. Up front, I recently was invited. This happened about three or four months ago to a large growing church in the Midwest.

[00:12:11.300] This church had gone from basically 40 people to over two thousand in less than three years, growing dynamic, contemporary, church seeker sensitive. They called me and said, Steve, would you come in and talk to our leadership? Because we are trying to decide whether or not we are going to ordain women as elders and pastors in our church. We've had a gentleman from Wheaton College come in and he's presenting the view that women should be ordained as elders and why it's biblical.

[00:12:37.730] We'd like you to present a view on why you think it's not biblical. I said, OK, so I flew in. We had the meeting, they introduced me. I got up and here's what I said to them. I said, I'm here today to address the topic on whether or not this church should ordain homosexuals as elders. And they all looked at me like I was. I've lost my mind. And I'll be honest with you, they didn't appreciate it and they didn't like it.

[00:13:06.560] And it kind of went downhill from there. But you know what? Now, why did I say that? Because that was precisely the issue that they were deciding. They just didn't know it. Let me tell you where I was going with that. You see, in their response to me, no, we're talking about whether or not we're going to ordain women as as elders and as pastors in this church. The point I was making to them was this in order, in order to get to that position where women can be elders and pastors in a church, you are going to have to adopt an interpretive methodology.

[00:13:43.790] Now, follow me here. In other words, you're going to have to adopt an approach to scripture. And if you adopt that approach to scripture 20 years from now when the issue is going to be in evangelical churches, not liberal churches, the issue is going to be an evangelical Bible believing church is the issue is going to be should we ordain homosexuals? You have open yourself up because you have adopted a faulty hermeneutic. You have adopted a faulty approach to scripture.

[00:14:12.500] And when you open the door, see, here's what happens a lot of times, if you ever wish the Bible were written in pencil, I do. I don't like everything the Bible says. Some of this stuff bothers me. Philippians one twenty nine bothers me. Philippians one twenty nine says it has been granted to you not only to believe in Christ, but to suffer for his sake. Why? Like the first part of the verse. I don't like the second part.

[00:14:40.580] If the Bible written in pencil, I could change it. But the Bible isn't written in pencil is the Bible is written in ink. It's God's word. See, I like to know it's been granted to me to believe in Christ great. And to suffer for his sake. No thanks. I don't want to suffer for a say. Well, that's not the issue. That's God's word. That just happens to be what has been given to me.

[00:15:02.390] Jesus said in the world you'll have an easy time. Is that what he said? He said, in the world you'll have tribulation. So here's my point. I can't take certain parts of the Bible and then reject other parts. It's not like working on a Macintosh and going through the scripture and cutting and pasting. You can't take it. You can't erase it. You have to take the whole teaching of the word of God because it's God's work.

[00:15:24.170] What does God have to say on this issue? A lot of times, and let me be frank with you. The church, our job as Christians is to influence the culture. But what happens many, many times is that the culture winds up influencing the church and the culture winds up becoming the authority. The Bible is the authority over every culture. The Bible is the authority over everything. We don't put culture over the Bible. We put the Bible over culture.

[00:15:57.290] This idea. And you say, Steve, now, I didn't I know some of your thinking. Where's this guy going? Why is he talking about this? I'm looking for something that's relevant and practical to my life. This this couldn't be more relevant. It couldn't be more practical. And what's happening is, is that Christian people are taking to different positions on this view. So I want to address this because, again, it's going to have practical implications for your life.

[00:16:24.230] It's going to have practical implications for your ministry. It's going to have practical implications for your church when your leaders in a church. Let's get into it. Genesis, we've already looked at Genesis. Genesis is the foundational passage. Genesis one, two and three when. Jesus was asked about divorce. He went back to creation, he went back to Genesis, and that's where we have to go. What is the scripture? And it's interesting how many times in scripture and catch this right here.

[00:16:56.120] It's interesting how many times in scripture when these issues come up about about marriage or about leadership in the church, oftentimes we'll take passages and we'll say those passengers are cultural and they don't apply anymore. But when you look at those passages, what's remarkable is how in most cases they're not cultural. They go back all the way to Genesis. And Genesis is foundational. There are two views right now that are going on in the evangelical church about this issue.

[00:17:26.480] The first one is what is called the complementary viewpoint. This viewpoint believes a couple of things. Number one, it believes that, as the scripture says, that men and women are both created in the image of God. There's no question about that. So men and women are both equal before God. That's very important. And we understand that Christians, some people accuse Christianity of being a religion that downgrades women. That is not true. Rajiv Gandhi used to be the prime minister of India when Rajiv Gandhi was assassinated.

[00:18:07.760] I saw his funeral on CNN just a few years ago. They had the typical Hindu service on the Ganges River. They they made a wooden barge. They put his body on it, covered it with kindling wood, covered it with flowers, and then after the appropriate words, they torched it and his body was cremated on the banks of the Ganges River. It's been done that way for thousands and thousands of years in India, with one exception before Christianity came to India, what they did was they take the man's body, put it on a wooden barge, cover it with kindling, would cover it with flowers, then they torch it.

[00:18:42.080] But before they tortured, they would take his living wife and put her on it. He would be cremated. She would be immolated. That's the way it's done in Hinduism. Before Christianity came to India, Christianity always raises the status of women. Some men misunderstand male headship and they become tyrants. They become domineering. They don't listen. Perhaps some of you have had fathers that are domineering. They won't listen. They're hard to get along with. They're not responsive.

[00:19:12.350] That's not what male leadership is supposed to look like in Christianity. The first viewpoint, the complementarity and viewpoint, says that, yes, men and women are created equal in the eyes of God, but among equals. God has said that in the church and in the family, men

have the role of responsibility of leadership. That doesn't mean that women are demeaned. It doesn't mean that women are not important. But that's been the historical view of the church.

[00:19:39.890] There is a second view called egalitarianism. Egalitarianism basically says this. It says men and women are equal before God and there is absolutely no distinction between them in terms of what they can do to complementary and would say that the scripture says that husbands are to lead their families. The egalitarian view would say there is no leader in the family, the complementarity, and you would say God has called men to lead as elders and pastors in the church. The egalitarian view would say that's not true.

[00:20:16.130] Women can be pastors. Women can be elders. In the church, there are no sexual distinctions. All that matters is how you're gifted. Those are the two distinctions. And you've got good people, Christian people that love Jesus Christ and love the scriptures on both sides of this issue. One of the key one of the key points of discussion is this, the charges leveled and here's the charge, is that before sin came into the world, you guys got to get you guys with me.

[00:20:50.780] You've got to catch this. This is critical to this whole discussion. Those who hold the egalitarian viewpoint say this. They say that before sin came into the world in Genesis three, before sin came into the world, there were no sexual rules. Everything was equal. Man and woman were equal. The man was not responsible for his family. There was no male headship, male headship. This idea that men are to lead in the family and men are to lead in the church is the result of sin.

[00:21:25.490] You can't find it before Genesis three. That is a fundamental argument. You will run into it, you will run into it for the rest of your life. But I want to do is look at Genesis two.

We just read the text. I want to look at Genesis two real quickly and see if indeed that's true, or is there any indication that there is that God has instituted divine plan, that, you know, one of the things that happens to us is that we get when we get on these issues, we the immediate thing is we get a little tense.

[00:22:00.830] And I you know, I don't know any other way to to get around this except just to just to talk about. We are not saying. We are not saying. I am not saying that women cannot be leaders. I'm not saying that women are not gifted. I'm not saying that God does not want women to use their gifts. But what I'm saying is that we must understand that God is the one who invented the family. God is the one who invented the church.

[00:22:28.160] And as gifted as we may be, we all have a responsibility to use our gifts according to what God says. We live in a culture. We live in a culture that is anti God. We live in a culture that is set against the things of God. So it should not surprise us that when God says, here's how I want society to function in the family, here's how I want my people to function in my church, the enemy is going to take the different view.

[00:22:58.760] He's going to take the opposite view and we're going to get in looking at some some key passages this afternoon about the whole issue of submission. And whenever you talk about submission, the first thing that comes up is, well, that's an issue for women. Submission is not an issue for women. Submission is an issue for every Christian. I recently was driving fifty eight miles an hour in a twenty five mile an hour zone and a guy pulled up behind me in a car not as new as mine, but he had a couple of different options on his car that I didn't get on mine.

[00:23:35.510] He had a light and he had a siren and he turned them both on. And I looked in my mirror and I and I, I looked at that guy and I said, Does he think he is? I'm OK. We both have equal rights under the Constitution. We're both made in the image of God. Who does that guy think he wanted me to pull over? Why should I submit to him and pull over? We're equals. Well, in order for society to function among equals, somebody has to have authority and somebody has to submit.

[00:24:05.990] And in that situation, God called me to submit to authority. Is that not right? That's Romans thirteen. So the guy pulls me over. Actually just happened about eight years ago. The guy pulls me over and he walks up and I was like to teach a Bible study. That's why I was going fifty eight miles an hour and twenty five miles up. He pulled me over and he said, Sir, may I ask where it is that you're in such a hurry to get to?

[00:24:28.130] And John was in the back seat. John said, we're going to church. Great. I said, I'm trying to get to church so I can teach you on Romans 13 about why Christians should obey the law. But the guy was a believer because he laughed. He knew Romans, 13. He said, well, if you promise to obey the law and submit to it, I'll let you go. I said thank you. So he let me off.

[00:24:50.870] But so you see in that situation, see, that was an issue of submission. Now, what if I decided I don't need to submit to him. I'm his equal. I just keep going. Well, then I want to have more cars behind me with lights and siren encouraging me to submit to authority, you see. And if I don't submit to a thought, I mean, we've got an O.J. Bronco thing going on here. You see now somebody somebody has to submit.

[00:25:12.470] That's not an issue for women. That's an issue for men. It's an issue for all of us.

If I don't have a spirit of submission, I'll never submit to Jesus Christ. Let's look at Genesis Chapter two, and I want to give you several reasons. You might want to write these down. I want to give you several reasons why I believe that male headship. Was instituted by God before sin came into the world. In other words, this idea of men leading in the family and men leading in the church is not the result of sin.

[00:25:47.430] It's a result of God's original plan. Number one in Genesis two. And that story that we've read, God made Adam the central figure, me say that again. God made Adam the central figure. Dr. Jack Catrell, listen to what he says from Cincinnati Theological Seminary. He says the male, not the female, is given the name, the generic name borne by the human race as a whole. Adam or man, the word Adam means man.

[00:26:22.050] The male is the one to whom God speaks in the narrative. He is the first to receive divine revelation and instruction. The animals are brought for naming to the male, not the female. Let me tell you what's interesting about that. And see, we tend to just pass over these things because they're not a big deal to us. God brought the different animals to Adam to name naming is a naming is always a function of ruling, of ruling.

[00:26:47.910] The one who has authority is given the responsibility to name. When you when you have a child, are you going to bring in your friend down the street to name your child? Now, that's a very sacred thing to give something to name it implies it implies authority. If you have the authority to name, that means that you have the ruling function. The parents, the parents name the child with Rachel is our oldest. And John, this Josh and when you're the last in a family, everybody's over you.

[00:27:19.830] You've got an older brother, you've got an older sister, you've got mom and dad. So then what happens when you get a dog who gets the name the dog and the youngest kid gets to name the dog? So we get a new golden retriever named the dog. Naming is a ruling function. Adam was central. Adam was central in Genesis two. Here's another thing. The woman was made from the man. She came out of him. Let me give you a second reason.

[00:27:47.070] God. And this is the same thing God created Adam. First, there's a principle. There's a principle called primogenitor, which is the principle of first-born creation. It used to be in the Old Testament that when a father died, the estate, his will went to the first born. That's how it worked. Let me give you a third principle. Why Adam is so central. In Genesis Chapter two, God formed the woman out of the man and because and seed Paul picks up on this in First Corinthians 11, verse eight, where he says, for man does not originate from woman, but woman from man.

[00:28:30.210] Here's a fourth reason God created the woman for the man. Now, this gets interesting right here, because here's where it gets real tense, because in Genesis, the scripture says this. The Lord God said it is not good for the man to be alone. I will make him a helper suitable for him. That a fly in this culture to say that women should be helpers, we interpret that as saying, well, that means women are second class citizens.

[00:28:58.870] That means that women can have leadership gifts that I mean, just to say she's a helper. But we have to understand something. That term that's used here helper is not only used of women, but that term is used of God. In other words, if God takes that term upon himself and throughout the scripture, God calls himself our helper. See, if we say that term helper is a

derogatory term and a term of weakness, then we've got to say that's a derogatory term for God and a derogatory function for God.

[00:29:31.120] That's not true. So to say that she's a helper suitable for him is not in any way to diminish the importance of a woman. And I want to make this clear. I am not saying that women cannot be leaders. I'm not saying that women cannot have leadership gifts. My wife, Mary, is a tremendous leader. She has tremendous gifts. She's an excellent teacher. She's an excellent scholar. She is a multifaceted leader in many areas. She has more leadership skills than I do.

[00:30:08.920] As gifted a leader as Mary is, God has not put the leadership responsibility for our family on Mary. He's put it on me. [Audio cuts out]

[00:30:30.490] ...first, Adam or Eve. He eats them first when God came looking for them, remember, then they clothed themselves when they tried to hide out, when God came looking for them and by the way, God knew where they were. Right. He's not up there going where they where they go, doggone it.

[00:30:48.620] I know they're around here somewhere. He knew where they were. But when God came looking for them, who and Senate come into the world, who did he call out for? Did he call out for you? No, he called out for the man. Why? Because the man was responsible for the relationship in the family. God puts. Listen, God does not want women leading the family.

[00:31:14.090] What do what do we got? There's a bird. OK, now that bird, according to scripture, is under my authority. I've been given dominion over that bird. Somebody shoot that bird now I've had. Do you guys see what I'm trying to say here? God, we're not saying that there

can't be leadership gifts, but we're saying that God has as laid out a function for how we are.

Again, it's like the cop pulling me over.

[00:31:44.590] Is it is it saying that people can't be gifted? Is it saying that people are not equal?

Not saying that at all, but it's just simply saying that God has ordained an authority. And we have to be cognizant of the authority of this this Hebrew word. That means that means helper is really a key word. It's a key word in terms of the fact that it fits with the awful phrase she is suitable for him, the woman. And this is why we call the one position complimentary.

[00:32:14.780] And what we are saying is that men and women are different. Our culture is a very interesting culture because our culture is doing everything it can do to say there is no difference between men and women. In our quest, in our quest to establish equality for men and women, the equality does not mean sameness to be equal before God. You don't have to be the same God has made. Let me tell you what God wants for men. God wants men to be masculine.

[00:32:47.440] And let me tell you what God wants for when God wants women to be feminine. Let me let me apply this, I believe in scripture, the primary responsibilities of a man, God wants men to be providers. God wants men to be protectors. God wants men to be initiators. All right. Not tyrants, but providers, protectors, initiators. God wants women to be nurturers, to be encouragers, to be mothers, to establish family. Now, I see that in our culture is ridiculed today and it's scorned.

[00:33:29.040] And see, we act as though those rules do not apply, those rules do apply. That's why if I hear a noise at three o'clock in the morning downstairs, I say, Mary, go down there and

check that out. Is that what you would expect? My wife's five feet tall. She weighs 12 pounds. She's a very small woman.

[00:33:49.220] A couple of years ago, I'm standing at Federal Express, everybody's in a hurry and we just barely you know, we're trying to get a package. I'm scared of the Federal Express office. There's about six people in line. Everybody, if you ever been at FedEx before deadline, always moving around, trying to fill out the bills and get everything in because they gotta get on the plane and everybody's waiting. Nobody wants to wait, but we're waiting about six people back.

[00:34:08.870] And as everybody's waiting, suddenly the door, a guy comes running in the door, throws down his package on the counter and throws down a 20 dollar bill and says, here I got to go. Guy in a cowboy hat on and we all just kind of look I mean, he just blasted and throws us 20 bucks. I got to go. And the lady says we don't take cash here. And he said, you don't take cash? What the hell is this?

[00:34:39.190] I mean, this guy starts on this lady and I mean, he's using every word in the book. I mean, he was he was vile and his wrath just was poured out. I mean, every expletive. Well, you would not believe what he said to this lady. And she just kind of sir, I'm sorry, but that's the part we don't think we'll go through with the man she was helping was. I don't think this gentleman was five feet tall, to be honest with you.

[00:35:12.940] Very short man. But you know what? He was a man because he turned to this cowboy and he said, sir, you shouldn't talk to that lady that way. And the cowboy looked at him and he says, You shut your mouth or I'm going to slap the shit out of you. Excuse me for saying

that word, but I want you to get the severity of the situation, it got real tense. It got real tense because now he's only threatening the lady, but he's threatening the guy.

[00:35:41.170] And everybody in the room is real tense. What's going to happen? You know what that situation needed? You know what that situation called for somebody. Somebody needed to provide some safety. Somebody needed to protect somebody needed to initiate somebody, needed to give some leadership where there was chaos. So I'm standing there minding my own business.

[00:36:06.170] I'm not looking for any trouble, you know, but, hey, you.

[00:36:15.440] What are you gonna do? Somebody need, you know, what that situation needed, that's situated needed a good woman. Is that what that situation is? I don't think so. I think that situation needed a man because of the severity of the situation. I don't think that situation called for anyway. So I said to the guy, I said, excuse me, a cowboy, hey, she can't take your money. You need to move on out in the name of Jesus.

[00:36:44.540] No, I didn't say. I said, hey, cowboy, she can't take your money, you just need to move out. And he looked at me and he said, I'm not afraid of you. And he started charging me. So I open to Genesis 2 no, I didn't do that. You know what I did, I just stood there, I just I don't know what he was going to do, but I just stood there. What I was trying to do was to get him off the lady and get him on me.

[00:37:17.180] I just thought that was the appropriate thing to do and to get him off that one gentleman and get him on me. I didn't know it was going to happen, but in that situation, I felt like my responsibility was to attempt to protect somebody and to initiate and bring leadership

where there was chaos. And I believe God created me to do that and every guy in this room to do something like that. So he charges me. I stand there and he gets right up against me and he didn't say anything.

[00:37:43.250] And I just looked at him. That's what it is, and it must have lasted 10 seconds and finally he said, well, my mother's in the car and I got to take her home. That's what he said.

[00:37:59.680] And then I never said a word to him, and then I turned around and I started to pull out my and he left and then so he walked in the door. This lady said, oh, he's going to get a gun. I said, No, lady, he's not going to get a gun. He's a coward.

[00:38:12.160] And he didn't get a gun. He drove off. And then I finally got up to my turn. I finally got to line and the lady looked at me and the lady behind the counter, she said, Oh, it's you. You scared me to death. And I said, I scared you to death. What did I do? She said, you didn't do anything. You just stood there and I thought you were going to explode. Was I looking for a fight 1 Timothy three, says an elder is not to be a striker.

[00:38:47.170] That's me. That means you don't punch out cowboys and a Greek. That's what that means. Was I looking for trouble? Am I looking to be in barroom fights all the time and prove my masculinity? No. But you know what? In that situation, somebody needed to be a man. God wants men to be masculine. Masculinity is not macho, expressing all this aggressiveness and power when you're a man. Yes, you have power, but you have power over your power.

[00:39:16.630] You have control over who you are. Listen, God wants men to be masculine. God wants women to be feminine. God has created us equal before him and God has created us different. Have you noticed there's a difference between men and women? I mean, you figured

this out. It's unbelievable. But our culture says there is no difference between men and women in the urge for feminine men. And women are the same. They are not the same.

[00:39:46.690] Yes, we're equal before God, but we're different. But our culture says that men and women are the same. We are not the same. We're not the same physiologically. We're not the same emotionally. We're not the same in terms of intuition. There are amazing differences.

There's a guy named Willard Harley who's written a book called His Needs, Her Needs. He's a marriage counselor, a Christian marriage counselor in Minneapolis. He's counseled hundreds and hundreds of couples when it again became clear to him after working all these couples that one of the reasons couples would have problems is that men and women had totally different needs.

[00:40:20.980] And the very first thing he gives a list of the five top needs of men, the five top needs of women, and none of them are even remotely the same. Let me let me illustrate, according to Harley, for men, the top need for a man is sexual fulfillment. I think he's right. I think it's right up there with breathing for a lot of guys. Now, you don't need to get nervous here. I'm just being honest with you.

[00:40:43.060] God has created men with something called a sexual drive. You ever heard of that?

[00:40:50.680] We better get another class going here on. But but see, when Wilt Chamberlain just died, Wilt Chamberlain was a phenomenal specimen in his biography, Wilt Chamberlain claimed to have slept with over twenty thousand women. Now, is that something to be proud of? I don't think so, but that's what he said. But men do men have a sexual drive? Yeah, and to be more accurate, and when you get married, ladies, you really you really begin to understand this.

[00:41:19.530] I'm I'm just being honest with you. Men are wired differently for women. Men don't have a sexual drive. They have a sexual [inaudible 00:41:25].

[00:41:29.160] I'm just telling you, they do. Now, you know what? Now listen to me. God put that in men, but God wants that to be under the control of the Holy Spirit. But you catch my drift here. That's why Christian guys, the Christian guys in this room should not be pushing you sexually in the relationship, because if he's a man who took control of the Holy Spirit, yes, he's got a sexual drive. Now, is that different from the top need of a woman?

[00:41:57.720] According to Harley and this list isn't inspired. But according to Harley, he says the top need for a man is sexual fulfillment. According to Harley, the top need for a woman is, believe it or not. Conversation. No, no, that's not right. That's the second one. The top need for a woman is affection. Affection. Does that does that sync with what do you. Yeah, you know what? When I first got married, see I didn't have any sisters growing up, so I didn't understand.

[00:42:25.200] I mean, I guess I knew boys and Mary would say to me, she said, Steve, would you just hold me? Yeah, I'll hold you.

[00:42:46.920] What's this whole thing? What is the big deal about being held? Hey, you know what? I used to get penalized 15 yards for holding. And now I'm supposed to hope, but listen, men and women are different because with men, the top need is sexual fulfillment for a woman. She's not what she's thinking, affection. A lot of guys think sexual fulfillment and affection are the same thing and they're not. Why is that? Because we're different.

[00:43:21.130] And listen, God likes that difference. God wants God does not want men to be God doesn't want women to be masculine. He's created us to be different. And when we're

together in his divine pattern, we complement each other and the two are stronger than one. This isn't a put down on women. It's understanding God's plan for the family. Let me jump real quick. Genesis three and then we're done, and then we'll come back at two o'clock.

[00:44:03.030] Many have said many have said in Genesis three, that's where sex roles come in. And as you remember, sin comes into the world. The serpent tempts Eve. She succumbs, pulls in. Adam, sin comes into the world. I want you to know something. Both Adam and Eve were curse in their area of primary responsibility. In other words, what I'm saying is, is that in the home. Let me give you a family one on one real quick.

[00:44:31.050] Let me give you two things about a family. Every family needs two things. Number one, every family needs provision, food, clothing, shelter. All right. That's pretty basic. So that's the first need of a family is provision. The second thing that a family needs is care. That's nurture. That's love. That's warmth. That's acceptance. So every family needs two things. Number one, provision number two, care. I would submit to you that God has called men in the family to be the primary providers.

[00:45:08.330] In other words, the need of provision God has put upon the man. I would also submit to you that God has called women to be the primary care giver. Does that mean that a man doesn't give care? No. Does it mean a woman can't help with provision? No, not the word primary. You got two needs provision and care. He's called the man to be the primary provision [cuts off, end of recording].