

# Kingdom Relationships 3

## Kingdom Marriage part 2

Genesis 1:26-28 NASV Then God said, “Let Us make man in Our image, according to Our likeness; and let them rule over the fish of the sea and over the birds of the sky and over the cattle and over all the earth, and over every creeping thing that creeps on the earth.”<sup>27</sup> God created man in His own image, in the image of God He created him; male and female He created them. <sup>28</sup> God blessed them; and God said to them, “Be fruitful and multiply, and fill the earth, and subdue it; and rule over the fish of the sea and over the birds of the sky and over every living thing that moves on the earth.”

The mission of marriage is to manifest and replicate the true image of God in history, as well as to carry out His mandate dominion to rule in this life. For us today the mandate to rule or to have dominion still exists.

Through Jesus, we don't have to ruled by our past sin tendencies or the general pervasive, oppressive, presence of sin in this world.

Having Dominion essentially means ruling or overcoming the elements of the Kingdom of Darkness in our realm of influence underneath God's authority.

We said last week:

- A Kingdom Marriage is one that seeks makes King Jesus and Kingdom the FIRST PRIORITY of their partnership.
- In a Kingdom Marriage couples share a PURPOSE, not just PASSION. Emotions change, but the purpose remains and it is a Kingdom purpose that tie two people together, *“til death do they part”*.
  - when a Christ following woman tells me, “I love him, but I am just not IN LOVE with him any more” I know she is a passion seeker and a purpose seeker.
- A Kingdom Marriage has goals and benefits. Marital happiness is the benefit of a strong Kingdom marriage but it is not the goal. The goal of marriage is the image of God.
  - This is the mystery of a Kingdom Marriage.
  - Ephesians 5:21-23 NLT As the Scriptures say, “A man leaves his father and mother and is joined to his wife, and the two are united into one.” **32** This is a great mystery, but it is an illustration of the way Christ and the church are one. **33** So again I say, each man must love his wife as he loves himself, and the wife must respect her husband.

As kingdom couples, we have been cast in a cosmic conflict between the Kingdom of Darkness and the Kingdom of Light..

### **Your Marriage is a Target of the Enemy.**

**The whole of the universe is divided into two rival kingdoms.** The first is the kingdom of light or righteousness, ruled by God. The other is the kingdom of darkness or evil, commanded by Satan. He is our enemy — our only enemy — and our world is the battleground where his efforts to compete with God are played out.

Colossians 1:13 NLT For he has rescued us from the kingdom of darkness and transferred us into the Kingdom of his dear Son.

What that means is that you can have a happy marriage or a miserable marriage depending on whether you exercise your ruler-ship authority and responsibilities in this life.

God isn't going to make you rule according to His rule. He isn't going to force you to have a productive and fulfilling relationship.

He established marriage and its purposes, but you have the option of living according to those purposes or not.

- If you let Satan rule in your marriage, you will be miserable or divorced
- If you let your Fleshly Emotions rule your marriage you will make your spouse miserable and might end up in a divorce.
- If you let Sin rule in your marriage, especially the pervasive tendencies toward sexual sin, your will end of miserable or divorced.

Difficulties will come in this life: tribulation; distress; persecution maybe even famine and other dangers. But the bible says in Romans 8:37 "... in all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us."

Satan wants to destroy your marriage not just because he wants to destroy your marriage, but because he knows that in doing so, he'll also destroy your legacy. He'll mess up the future of your children and their children. Whoever owns the family owns the future.

The best way for Satan to get to the family is to target your marriage. That's why he attacked the very first marriage in the Garden of Eden.

### **A Kingdom Marriage is Built on Purpose!**

**This is the goal of marriage.**

## Three Goals for a Kingdom Marriage

### 1) Unity

Genesis 2:21-24 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. **22** And the rib that the Lord God had taken from the man he made into a woman and brought her to the man. **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." **24** Therefore a man shall leave his father and his mother and hold fast to his wife, and they shall become one flesh.

#### a) Unity means Oneness

- i) Whatever Satan can divide he can control.
- ii) Oneness is extreme unity which is the work of the Holy Spirit.

Ephesians 4:1-3 As a prisoner for the Lord, then, I urge you to live a life worthy of the calling you have received. **2** Be completely humble and gentle; be patient, bearing with one another in love. **3** Make every effort to keep the unity of the Spirit through the bond of peace.

Unity is a natural product of the Holy Spirit working in your marriage.

Keeping the unity or oneness of marriage is going to take effort.

#### b) Unity comes from Order

1 Corinthians 11:3 But I want you to understand that the head of every man is Christ, the head of a wife is her husband, and the head of Christ is God.

- i) If you know the history of the Corinthian church, you know that it was a church in chaos and disorder. Paul spoke into this chaos with a principle called Functional Order.

This is not about who is first in importance or value. It is not about equality or a lack of equality.

The Son is one with the Father yet it says "the head of Christ is God". For the sake of the Kingdom of the Son stayed in his lane, he never acted independently of the Father.

- ii) In this one verse we find the spiritual key to covering and authority that, when followed, can save any marriage. It can turn any deflated and defeated marriage into a victorious, productive one.

iii) There is a void of true male leadership in the family today.

## 2) Fruitfulness

Genesis 1:27-28 NASV 27 God created man in His own image, in the image of God He created him; male and female He created them. 28 God blessed them; and God said to them, "Be **FRUITFUL** and multiply, and fill the earth, and subdue it; and rule over the fish of the sea and over the birds of the sky and over every living thing that moves on the earth."

a) General kingdom fruit is found in Galatians 5:22-23 But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control.

b) Each Couple has the innate ability to produce Specific Kingdom Fruit unique to their marriage.

i) There are some contributions to the Kingdom of God that are specific to your partnership. These things are a combination of your:

- (1) Talents/Gifts
- (2) Experiences: good and bad
- (3) Passions

ii) Don't waste your talents, and don't waste your experiences.

## 3) Multiplied Influence (slides)

v. 28 "... Be fruitful and MULTIPLY, and fill the earth, and subdue it; and rule..."

a) Love

i) Nothing in all the world is more influential than real love.

Nothing is gained without love.

1 Corinthians 13:1-3 If I speak in the tongues of men and of angels, but have not love, I am a noisy gong or a clanging cymbal. **2** And if I have prophetic powers, and understand all mysteries and all knowledge, and if I have all faith, so as to remove mountains, but have not love, I am nothing. **3** If I give away all I have, and if I deliver up my body to be burned, but have not love, I gain nothing.

- Speaking in tongues... that's a great experience...
- Its all about the prophetic and the mysteries of God...

- Nope! Its faith that's what our work needs is mountain moving faith... we need to see miracles.

1Cor 13:13 So now faith, hope, and love abide, these three; but the greatest of these is love.

ii) The Goals of Kingdom Love:

1Corinthians 13:4-7 Love is patient and kind; love does not envy or boast; it is not arrogant **5** or rude. It does not insist on its own way; it is not irritable or resentful; **6** it does not rejoice at wrongdoing, but rejoices with the truth. **7** Love bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things.

b) Liberty

Galatians 5:13-15 For you were called to freedom, brothers. Only do not use your freedom as an opportunity for the flesh, but through love serve one another. **14** For the whole law is fulfilled in one word: "You shall love your neighbor as yourself." **15** But if you bite and devour one another, watch out that you are not consumed by one another.

Kingdom love is connected to Freedom!

c) Legacy

- i) Satan wants to destroy your marriage not just because he wants to destroy your marriage, but because he knows that in doing so, he'll also destroy your legacy. He'll mess up the future of your children and their children. Whoever owns the family owns the future.
- ii) The ultimate purpose of a Kingdom Marriage is to multiply all the goodness of Gods Kingdom down to your children and your children's children.

Romans 14:17 NASV for the kingdom of God is not eating and drinking, but righteousness and peace and joy in the Holy Spirit.