

SESSION #15 - MANHOOD DEFINITION

I. INTRODUCTION

1. In the last session we learned that God designed men to follow His example and to _____, specifically by creating and cultivating.
2. Most importantly we learned in the last session that the type of manhood God created us to live cannot be done with our **self-effort**. Only a real, vibrant relationship with Jesus Christ can provide us with the fuel we need to live out Authentic Manhood.

II. THREE AREAS OF RESPONSIBILITY

1. God gave man a _____ to obey.
 - God gave us a will greater than our own to obey.
2. God gave man a **work** to do.
 - Follow God's example to create and cultivate.
3. God gave man a _____ to love.
 - A companion for intimacy and fellowship.

III. FIRST ADAM / SECOND ADAM

1. The bible describes _____ as the second Adam.
 - Romans 5:17-19 "For if, because of one man's trespass [Adam], death reigned through that one man, much more will those who receive the abundance of grace and the free gift of righteousness reign in life through the one man Jesus Christ...For as by the one man's disobedience [Adam] the many were made sinners, so by the one man's obedience the many will be made righteous." [ESV]
 - Through Adam, sin entered the world, but through Jesus, _____ entered the world.
 - Jesus _____ the responsibilities of the first Adam, who failed miserably.
 - 1 Corinthians 15:45-47 "Thus it is written, the first man, Adam became a living being; the last Adam became of life-giving spirit...the first man was from the earth, a man of dust; the second man is from heaven." [ESV]
2. Every man will walk in the shadow of one of these two men.
3. The first Adam chose "_____ manhood." It's a manhood based on personal instinct, human reason, or human reaction.
4. Jesus is the example of _____ manhood.

IV. A COMPELLING DEFINITION OF AUTHENTIC MANHOOD

1. Reject _____

- Adam was passive in the garden:
 - “So, when the woman saw that the tree was good for food, and that it was a delight to the eyes...she took of its fruit and ate, and she also gave some to her husband who was with her, and he ate.” Genesis 3:6 [ESV]
- Jesus rejected passivity:
 - “Jesus, who, though he was in the form of God, did not count equality with God a thing to be grasped, but made himself nothing, taking the form of a servant, being born in the likeness of men. And being found in human form, he humbled himself by becoming obedient to the point of death, even death on a cross.” Philippians 2:5-9 [ESV]

2. Accept _____

- Adam failed in the three specific responsibilities that were given to him by God.
 - Jesus accepted responsibility for a **will to obey**:
 - “My food is to do the will of him who sent me and to accomplish his work.” John 4:34 [ESV]
 - Jesus accepted responsibility for a **work to do**:
 - “I [Jesus] glorified you [God] on earth, having accomplished the work that you gave me to do.” John 17:4 [ESV]
 - Jesus accepted responsibility for a **woman to love**:
 - “Husbands, love your wives, as Christ loved the church and gave himself up for her.” Ephesians 5:25 [ESV]

3. Lead _____

- Adam failed to lead in the garden.
- Jesus led by providing direction for others. He told his disciples “follow me.” Matthew 4:19 [ESV]
- Jesus led by providing protection for others. He said “I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep.” John 10:11 [ESV]
- Jesus led by providing life for others: “The first man Adam became a living being; the last Adam [Jesus] became a life-giving spirit.” 1 Corinthians 15:45 [ESV]

4. _____ Eternally.

- Adam invested in the temporary, choosing what would satisfy him in the moment.
- Jesus invested in the eternal. He lived it and taught it.
 - In Matthew 6:19-20, He said, “Do not lay up for yourselves treasures on earth, where moth and rust destroy and where thieves break in and steal, but lay up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where neither moth nor rust destroys and where thieves do not break in and steal.” [ESV]

V. CONCLUSION

1. Authentic men:

- Reject passivity
- Accept responsibility
- Lead courageously
- Invest eternally

2. It's hopeless to live this out without the _____ spirit of Jesus fueling your journey.

DISCUSSION / REFLECTION QUESTIONS

1. React to the definition of manhood given today. Is it one you can adopt for your life? Why or why not?
2. How does the original manhood design (create and cultivate) from the last session relate to the manhood definition of this session?
3. When have you seen passivity in your own life? Are there any areas where you currently struggling with passivity?
4. How are you investing eternally?

ANSWERS:

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1. The bible describes **Jesus** as the second Adam.
 - Through Adam, sin entered the world, but through Jesus, **righteousness** entered the world.
 - Jesus **fulfilled** the responsibilities of the first Adam, who failed miserably.
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