

Session #5

JOURNEYMEN: MOVING BEYOND MOM TO MANHOOD

REVIEW: THE OVERLY-BONDED MOTHER WOUND IS: An unhealthy emotional intimacy with mother that causes a son to either be threatened by the influence of women later on, or to over- identify with that influence.

Two Wrong Responses To the Mother Wound

Sons become overly dominant (and hostile) in regard to women. (Genesis 3)

Sons become overly passive (feminized) in regard to women. (1 Kings 21)

Making the big break from mom.

1. The Postpartum break.
2. The Post Power break.

Jesus and Mary: A Biblical Example

1. Luke 2:41-50
2. John 2:1-4
3. Matthew 12:46-50
4. John 19:23-27

Suggestions for healing the Mother Wound.

1. You must begin with a personal masculine focus.
2. You must establish masculine boundaries.
3. You must establish relationships with other men for masculine support.
4. (If married and the issue is mom,) tell your wife that you recognize the problem and that you will take responsibility for it.

THE CRITICAL NEED TODAY IS FOR FATHERS TO CALL THEIR SONS AWAY FROM MOM TO MANHOOD.

1. This call needs to be direct.
2. This call needs to be specific. It needs to include:
 - A. Transcendent cause.
 - B. Masculine vision.
 - C. Code of Conduct
3. This call needs to employ ceremony.

QUESTIONS FOR YOUR SMALL GROUP DISCUSSION

1. What insights have you gained about yourself and/or others in this discussion of the mother wound? Explain.
2. Do you suffer from this wound? What steps from this session could you employ to begin to address it right now?
3. How could other men in your group be of help to you?

PRAY FOR ONE ANOTHER

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