

SESSION #12

JOURNEYMEN: Genesis and Manhood

I. The Genesis “epic”

- A. The epic story of Genesis explains and measures manhood.
- B. It explains the original ideal and our ongoing fallenness.

II. What Genesis Says About Manhood

A. Genesis 1

- 1. Male and Female value ([Genesis 1:26-27](#))
 - a. Shared image
 - b. Equal value
- 2. Male and Female calling ([Genesis 1:28](#))

B. Genesis 2-3

- 1. Male and Female Distinctive
 - a. God created Adam first. ([Genesis 2:4-7](#))
 - b. God gives Adam an occupation with responsibility. ([Genesis 2:15](#))
 - c. God instructed Adam about the responsibility of leading with His word. ([Genesis 2:16-17](#))
 - d. God instructs Adam to name the animals, a sign of leadership over creation. ([Genesis 2:19-20](#))

e) Adam is given a helper suitable for him, a phrase that defines the core social identity for both the man and the woman. (Genesis 2:18, 21-22)

f) Adam names his helper. (Genesis 2:23)

g) It is the man who is to leave and initiate a new household. (Genesis 2:24)

h) The temptation seeks to reverse God's original social and spiritual order. (Genesis 3:1-6)

i) God holds Adam, not Eve, accountable for this transgression. (Genesis 3:8-9)

j) Adam's response to sin has an unacceptable passivity attached to it. (Genesis 3:11-12)

k) Adam's judgment is based on the reversal of the created order. (Eve's curse is also based on her usurping God's created order.) (Genesis 3:17)

l) Adam's judgment falls not just on him (Genesis 2:16-17), but on all those under his leadership. (Romans 5:16-18)

m) Adam renames his wife as an additional sign of his leadership after the fall.
(Genesis 3:20)

Small Group Discussion Questions

- How did this session add to, challenge or broaden your understanding of manhood?
- Was there one thing mentioned today that stands out and creates a question or a challenge?
- Discuss with your group at least one way in which – by thinking, speaking or acting differently – you could apply this message in your life over the coming week. Write it down below.
- How does the Genesis story make you feel as a man?
- What sense of increased responsibility do you feel from the truths of Genesis?
- Where have you seen the sin of Adam's passivity in your own life?

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