

SESSION #13

JOURNEYMEN: A DEFINITION OF MANHOOD

I. CORE CONTRIBUTIONS OF MEN AND WOMEN FROM HISTORY AND THE SCRIPTURES

A. Women are the nurtures of life. Where that core contribution is honored, society prospers.

1. 1 Timothy 2:15

2. “Women are happiest, not when given position and power, but when the creative contributions of the maternal role are upheld.” –Margaret Mead

B. Men are the bearers of destiny. As men go, so goes society.

1. Genesis 2-3: The man was created by God with a unique social and spiritual leadership in mind.

2. Defection from this leadership spells trouble not just for the man, but for everyone involved.

II. TWO MEN/TWO MASCULINE IDENTITIES

A. Adam and Jesus Christ

1. 1 Corinthians 15:45-49

2. “Adam and Christ stand over against each other, as two great figures at the entrance of two worlds, two creations, the old and the new And in their actions and fate lies the decision for all who belong to them, because all men are comprehended in them.” -- Theologian Hermann Ridderbos

B. They are the leaders of two distinct spiritual destinies. Romans 5:12-19

C. They are the leaders of two distinct masculine destinies.

1. The first Adam represents...

2. The second Adam represents...

III. THE FOUR DEFINING DIFFERENCES BETWEEN ADAM AND CHRIST.

A. The first Adam fell into passivity; the second Adam rejected passivity.

B. The first Adam disregarded his responsibilities; the second Adam accepts responsibility.

1. For a will to obey.

2. For a work to do.

3. For a woman to love.

QUESTIONS FOR YOUR SMALL GROUP DISCUSSION

1. What is your reaction to the core contributions of men and women ...

Women are the nurturers of life.

Men are the bearers of destiny.

2. Discuss the differences in the two Adams. Do they fairly represent the choices a man has in a masculine identity?

3. How does this discussion on the first and second Adam help you in seeing your masculinity more clearly? Where are you like the first Adam? Where are you like the second?