

WHY MEN ARE SILENT

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GEN. 3:6 ADAM/EVE TRADITION

- ◉ We assume that Eve was alone and went in search of Adam and gave him some fruit to eat.
- ◉ Adam was with her and technically Adam was responsible.
- ◉ The inactivity of Adam was sinful. Why didn't Adam say something?
- ◉ Adam was made in the image of God.

REFLECTING THE IMAGE OF GOD

- ◉ To reflect the image of God we need to know what God is like.
- ◉ To know what God is like we need to study God.
- ◉ Gen. 1:26 Man was created in the image of God.
- ◉ Man's purpose is to rule over the rest of creation and help keep the order.

GOD AND MAN SPEAK

- ◉ Gen. 1:3 God Speaks
- ◉ Gen. 2:19-20 Man speaks
- ◉ Man reflects the image of God by speaking into the chaos and creating order.
- ◉ Part of man's responsibility is to speak into chaos and create order.
- ◉ When life is chaotic men needs to speak.

MAN'S NATURAL TENDENCY

- ◉ Man's natural tendency is to remain silent.
- ◉ Adam's silence results in disobedience and billions of people live miserable lives.
- ◉ Abraham's silence results in division between Arab's and Israel.
- ◉ Lot's silence results in incest.
- ◉ Isaac's silence results in two controlling children.

CONSEQUENCES OF MAN'S SILENCE

- ⦿ It brings about the severing or destroying of relationships and family division.
- ⦿ Adam/Eve/God
- ⦿ Lot/Wife/Daughters
- ⦿ Abraham/Arab/Israeli/conflict
- ⦿ Isaac/Rebekah
- ⦿ Jacob/Esau

REACTING TO DISORDER

- ⦿ How do you react to disorder in your life?
- ⦿ Do you shut down emotionally?
- ⦿ Do you withdraw and go do something else?
- ⦿ Do you get overbearing?
- ⦿ Do you try to control the situation?
- ⦿ Do you throw a temper explosion?

SEARCH FOR CONTENTMENT

- There are many things in life that bring pleasure but not certainty.
- Power, recognition, money, status, connections, achievement, success, possessions, food, sex, recreation.
- These make us feel good but don't bring contentment.
- We hate chaos and mystery we want contentment.

MEN AS RELATIONAL BEINGS

- Men are fundamentally relational beings and all movement must be understood in the way a man relates.
- The needy man needs to be happy in relationships.
- The tough man has many acquaintances but no close friends.
- The godly man doesn't lead to self-pre-occupation or complaint.

WHAT SPEAKING IS NOT!

- ⦿ You can speak and never touch real issues
1 Cor. 13. Speaking is not meaningless talk.
- ⦿ Speaking also involves actions, words, and deeds. Speaking is not domination.
- ⦿ Speaking is not controlling a situation through shouting the loudest.
- ⦿ Speaking is not shaming the other person into submission or obedience.

WOMEN'S RESPONSIBILITY

- ⦿ A woman's responsibility is to understand the struggle in men and in yourself.
- ⦿ Women must understand the natural tendency to want to step in and take over.
- ⦿ Don't try it, it will work for a little while, but in the end chaos will rule.
- ⦿ Both man and woman's responsibility is to trust God.

LESSON SUMMARY

- ◉ Man is to reflect the image of God by speaking to disorder and chaos.
- ◉ Man's natural tendency is to remain silent.
- ◉ When men remain silent it brings about the severing or destroying of relationships and family division.
- ◉ Men are fundamentally relational beings and all movement must be understood in the way a man relates.
- ◉ A woman's responsibility is to understand the struggle in men and in themselves.

SEE YOU SUNDAY!!

- ⦿ Revival is coming: Teaching and Preaching
- ⦿ Rev. Lance Watson & Rev. Dewey Smith
- ⦿ Challenge someone to visit the temple with you. Bring a family member
- ⦿ Win a soul for Jesus.
- ⦿ Sermons:
- ⦿ 7:30 - Rev. Glenda Hodges
- ⦿ 9:30 - Rev. Watley North Location
- ⦿ 10:30 - Pastor Washington
- ⦿ 6:00 - Rev. Washington