



Relational Awareness ~ Lesson 5

PowerPoint Notes

REVIEW

SO FAR, WE HAVE LEARNED ABOUT:

- Healthy vs Unhealthy Relationships
- Agape Love – **Love Defined**
- God's Idea of Submission – **Mutual Submission**

*We looked at Marriage as **A Godly Unit***

How Marriage Operates as a Body

Head and body are dependent on each other. One part never tries to take advantage of the other or cause the other pain.

The Bible does **not** describe marriage as a corporation where the head has authority over others, where there is a hierarchy.

The Bible describes marriage as a **physical body**. All parts of the body are **equally important**.

Jesus is God and yet His role as Head is that of a servant.

Biblical Headship = Servanthood

*We looked at **Marriage Designed***

God's Intention for Marriage

Male and female were made in God's image. One is not better than the other.

God told Adam and Eve to take dominion over the earth, **not over each other**. God's plan was **never** for one person to dominate another. **Domestic Abuse** is about one partner **dominating** the other.

Oneness in marriage does not mean we lose our separate identities.

Today's Lesson ~ Reverse the Curse

Genesis 3

This is The Beginning of Dysfunctional Relationships

The Blame Game – Adam blames Eve, Eve blames the serpent

In Dysfunctional Relationships, there is at least one person who blames others or circumstances for their own wrong-doing.

When Humans disobeyed God - Humankind was punished with 5 curses

1. **Death** – Adam & Eve (If you eat of the fruit you will die, physically and spiritually)
2. **Pain** – Eve (You will have greater pain in childbirth)
3. **Desire** – Eve (You will desire your husband)
4. **Domination** – Eve (Your husband will rule over you)
5. **Hard Labor** – Adam (The ground will have thorns and thistles)

The Relational Curses on Women

You will desire your husband - and he will rule over you.

Why do women stay in abusive relationships?

There are Many reasons... but... Perhaps one reason is because the curse of male domination is accompanied by the curse of desiring her husband in spite of mistreatment.

Notice:

The **physical** curses continue until the end of time while the **spiritual and relational curses** are broken by the death and resurrection of Jesus.

Victims living under the oppression of a controller feel as if they are living in death.

GOALS FOR THIS LESSON

1. To see that the curses on humans were never God's perfect plan
2. To recognize which curses have caused relational problems in marriage
3. To see how these curses can be broken

As everyone dies because of Adam, so also everyone will be made alive because of Christ.

1 Corinthians 15:22