



Relational Awareness ~ Lesson 6

PowerPoint Notes

REVIEW

SO FAR, WE HAVE LEARNED ABOUT:

- *Healthy vs Unhealthy Relationships*
- *Love Defined*
- *Mutual Submission*

Mutual Submission: Ephesians 5 - cooperate (work together)

Husbands submit by **sacrificing** –

Picture a husband dying to himself for his wife every day in every way.

Wives submit by **respecting** –

Picture a wife honoring the intrinsic value God has placed on her husband in creating him. This respect is not earned. It is value given by God.

Head & Body

Christ is the head (savior) of His body (the church). **The head saves the body from pain, suffering, and death.** The head loves its own body.

As Christ loves the church, so the husband loves his wife.

- **GOD'S INTENTION FOR MARRIAGE** – Genesis 1 & 2

God instructed Adam and Eve to work as **partners** in ruling over the animals and the earth, but **not** to rule over each other.

God's plan was never for one person to dominate another.

We learned that the role of helper (ezer) is not a subservient role. **God Himself is our helper.**

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

- **THE CURSES** – Genesis 3

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

On Men & Women - Relational and spiritual curses are broken through the death and resurrection of Jesus.

Today's Lesson ~ Shining the Light

Ephesians 5:1-20

~ **Contrasting Godly and Ungodly** ~

In this lesson, we will shine the light on the issue of domestic abuse

- **Domestic abuse is a worldwide epidemic**
- **Domestic abuse is evil**
- **Worst kind of betrayal** – It is when the person who says they love you more than anyone in the world treats you like their worst enemy
- **Domestic violence causes trauma for spouses and children that can take a lifetime to heal**

For far too long, the Christian community has been silent on the issue of domestic abuse.

Why?

- Do we think divorce is worse than abuse?
- Do we think the Bible advises a victim to stay with a spouse in order to bring about salvation for the spouse?
- Are we afraid that if we get involved, it could get messy, and we might even be risking our lives?
- Do we believe that what happens in the home stays in the home?

Secular domestic violence organizations do not like churches or Christians... for good reason.

We have traditionally been part of the problem, rather than part of the solution (because of teachings about marriage & giving wrong advice in abuse situations)

- **It's time** to make a change in the Christian community.
- **It's time** to stop ignoring domestic abuse and pretending it doesn't exist.
- **It's time** to take a risk for the sake of the many who are suffering at the hands of someone they have trusted.

GOALS FOR THIS LESSON

1. To see how we are to live vs how not to live.
2. To hate what God hates.
3. To expose evil deeds.
4. To recognize the evil of domestic abuse.
5. To learn what we can do when we become aware of physical domestic abuse.

Have nothing to do with the fruitless deeds of darkness, but rather expose them. Ephesians 5:11