

### Vignette 3: Fighting for Our Families! *Spirit Life, Part 14* *Slide Notations*

#### **Spirit Life Vignettes...**

1. *Watching the outflow!* Removing the separators/expletives/euphemisms! Jesus says it's the "wrong spirit life if still using them..." James says it's hypocritical to say we are God followers if still using them... "Change our conduct or change our claim!" Can't just change our word usage, must decide to change our hearts! ***Spirit Life includes right choices!***

2. *Watching the "inflow!"* Heart-health challenge! Just like it has become easy to eat bad... So easy to allow bad stuff into our heads and hearts... (garbage in, compost out...) Anti-godliness TV, movies, music (overt). Anti-God material/coverage (covert). Have to decide to eat healthy; body, soul, spirit to have true Spirit Life!

3. *Fighting for families!* Acknowledge primary fabric of God's Society and decide to fight for original!

4. *Understanding the church!* We decide what we are – going to be!

5. *Living on the Word of God!* We decide to make it or fake it!

**V3: Fighting for our Families!** Recently wrote very hard letter to a man in final stages of a meltdown... Separating from his wife, about to ruin his child, throwing away his ministry... Got this vision... of a guy in the "Valley of Decision..." and shared it w/him... Knew it was OT prophecy – end times battle! Knew he was saved/spirit filled – not headed for eternal destruction! Something wrong w/ "fit!"

**Issue not eternal destruction, but self-destructive choices in the "valley!"** Making decisions that would take him away from fullness, or, bring fullness... Had to decide whether or not he would side with God or his flesh... Had to decide whether or not he would "die" in the fight for his family...

**W/O Question...** There has never been a more decisive time to fight against "the machines" for the quality of life for our families! Created by our enemy, minion run, grinding away w/one purpose... disintegration/fam! Media Machine: Raw sewage/poisoning soul! Mammon machine! Enslaving us w/debt! Music Machine: kids in the crosshairs! Well built, well maintained, ill funded...

**W/O Question...** Marriage in America is cracking! *Men must be men; proving bravery, sacrifice, ownership of God's ways...* Repenting, Re-solving, Revolting, Relaying! *Women must be women; of meekness, contentment, peace...* Repenting, Realigning, Resisting, Relating! Both fending off offences/rebuilding walls bombarded by glittering distractions!

**W/O Question...** First Battle-front in the fight for our families; our marriages! A man and a woman, committing to God that they will be His partners for this life... Partners fending off all the competition... Because without a solid marriage; broken foundation of family/life/ministry! ***Must decide to fight for our families!***

**Fighting for Families!** Marriage is under assault in America! *An agenda to redefine marriage!* Our DNA tells us there's no completion in same sex unions/regardless of changing laws. *A strategic campaign to make marriage something it's not...* Temporary hook-ups till hurt, heat, or hottie's do us part! *Cynicism that it is relevant/still works!* 2 gen broken vows/establishing "new norm!" *Dramatic rise in cohabitation!* Living together is not marriage! If you want your cake/eat it too/pick up the tab! "Hopeless" situations! Living together in misery/abuse not the final answer in God's kingdom! *Increased Separations!* Living apart doesn't make heart/fonder! Makes it easier to assault/deceive!

**Fighting for Families!** Marriage in America has fallen under godless influences... Brought together on sensual impulses and the fulfillment of selfish desires... Reduced to a legal document/partnership complete w/exit strategies/legal funds... Formed w/o regard to relative fitness... Partners swearing honor and love for one another w/o regard for virtue... God's will! Swearing/bond w/o love for God's morality!

*Nothing is a greater curse to a nation than the corruption of God's plan for marriage!*

**The Foundation for Families!** Ephesians 5.22ff **"The husband is the head of the wife like Christ is the head of the church and the Savior of the body... husbands, love your wives as Christ loved the church and gave Himself for it so that He could sanctify and cleanse it with the washing of the water of the word... so should men love their wives as their own bodies, He that loves his wife loves himself, no man hates his own flesh but nourishes it and loves it like Christ loved His church!"**

**Marriage is a Royal Mission on the part of the husband!** A Man's Royal Mission is to be **"Like Christ"** (*our foundation*) **E5.23** Divinely modeled/ordained by God/not opt! **"Savior of the Body!"** v23 Restorative! Savior from base/coarse/ill/sin. Empowering/ennobling (not enabling!) **"Gave Himself"** v25 Self sacrificing/chivalrous/giving all! **"To Sanctify (die) & Cleanse (work)!"** v26 Selfish (me) v. selfless (her). **"So ought men to love their wives as their own bodies..."** v28 Not; men love your wives like you love your body – (no thanks! Beer nuts to steroids). But; as Jesus loved His body, so should men love their wives as their own bodies! **"Loving your wife, is loving yourself!"**v28 A man wife a loving wife/conquer worlds! **A man w/a wife w/a problem is a man w/a problem!**

*A husband ignoring the "parallels" has little right to claim the submission of his wife and children!*

**There is nothing in the Word about the superiority of the stronger, louder, appointed male!**

*A man is to lead his wife (family) by moral influence for high purposes with sacrificial love!*

**Marriage is a Royal Submission on the part of the wife!**

**Better, Marriage is a Royal Sub-mission on the part of the wife!**

**A Woman's Royal Sub-Mission...** Like the man's mission, it begins with God's ordination to serve His will! "wives, submit yourselves to your own husbands as unto the Lord because the husband has been made the head of the wife even as Jesus is head of the church."

"and your desire will be subject to your husband and he will rule over you." **Gen 3**

*Jesus emancipated women and brought equality to every person but not release from God's "order..."*

**A Woman's Royal Sub-Mission...** Submitting to your man of character, high thoughts, moral goals... **v22,23** "as unto the Lord"/because he may still be OTW!

Well said, "What is instinctive is not enforced, but only what is necessary to hallow and direct our instincts!"

So a man is called to love, not govern, as the means of securing his wife and receiving her submission...

A woman, loving more naturally, is called to submit as the expression of her love for the Lord and her husband!

**A Woman's Royal Sub-Mission...** Like the Church is submitted to Him... let wives in the microcosm of their home... submit in everything! **V24** Not permission to breathe! Not servitude! Does not include, "Render to husband what belongs solely to God!" Three wills? One God... the One who rules!

**Issue: no dual authority/2 heads = freak!**

The must be unforced and un-faked – Rising from love for God/husband and recognition of his appointment by God!

**We are heirs together of the grace of life where there is no male or female until the day of accounting!**

**A Woman's Royal Sub-Mission...** To be sanctifiable, cleanable, presentable! **v27** Godly sympathy w/the goal and purposes of God... w/o spot, wrinkle or blemish! You can be beautiful to the eye (time)... You can be smart/able/accomplished... But if you cling to what is morally base; vain, envious, contentious, driven... *Not one bit loveable as God wants... Never understand the one flesh ideal!*

**A godly wife will have such a host of virtues that it will capture the heart of her husband with its choicest love!**

**Fighting for Families...** In Jesus and the church, we see... *Unconditional love!* Commitment good/bad! Involvement! As Jesus takes great interest in our lives and expects us to take interest in His... so we, for each other! *Honesty!* As we hide nothing from Him and Him from us, we must be open, honest and transparent w/@other! *Grace for growth!* We all have issues, but He keeps on calling us forward, forgiving, encouraging, strengthening!

**Fighting for Families...** Marriage between one man and one woman is a Divine invention and ordination! *Men*, stand up and fight for your wife against all competition aiming to present her – glorious! *Women*, stand up and fight for your husband's heart, passions – that he might become what Christ is to the Church!