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God's Word For Husbands  
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His family has asked that we pray that he'll be able to be strong enough to be moved to South Africa, where he can be better attended to medically. So let's remember Troy in our prayer, especially those that know him, remember him in prayer these days that he'll be able to be taken care of.

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Medically related prayer this morning by Dr. Phil Bassett. Dr. Bassett serves as assistant professor of education after he prays he's going to make a couple introductions. Dr. Bassett. Let's pray. Lord, we thank you for talking in the ministry that she has with so many of us as faculty and with so many students.

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And Lord, as she grieves over the sudden death of her brother this morning, we pray that you comfort her comfort. The family comfort Cephal alumni Karen King as she mourns the death of her dad and Lord. Be with them as they plan arrangements.

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And Lord, we really just ask you to help Troy to recover enough from his malaria that he can be moved to South Africa, and we know, Lord, how devastating this illness can be. Lord, through this difficult time of physical illness, we pray that you that your grace would be sufficient and that you'd help him to grow closer

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to you and Lord as we look to finish up the quarter. We pray that you'd give us the grace to finish strong and to finish well. Help us Lord to keep our priorities right and to really put our best effort into all that we have to do and will thank you in Christ name.

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Amen. This is really a special day for many of us. I was counting up this morning and as close as I can figure, there's about 550 to 600 students who are here preparing to be their elementary or secondary teachers.

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And today is a day that we honor two special teachers who've had a significant impact on their students over their years of teaching. Even though we're honoring two teachers, we also look at this as a way of of

honoring all the teachers who have been special and changed the lives of each one of us that are in

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this room today, and also a way to encourage those of you who are preparing to be teachers. And at this time, I'd like to introduce Evelyn Brown and Martha Feiler, who are president and vice president of Delta Chi, the Secondary Educators Club, and they'll introduce the 1997 Impact Teachers of the Year.

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Ladies. first Thessalonians, five, twelve, 13 reads, but we request of you, brethren, that you appreciate those who diligently labor among you and have charge over you in the Lord and give you instruction and that you esteem them and very highly in love because of their work.

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This first is what is written on the plaques that we are to award, and it is also the reason Delta Chi holds the contest every year. It is our way of a steaming and appreciating educators, and the contest begins in February, when we open it up to the whole student body and asked for essays to be submitted

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for high school teachers that they had it. They have had an impact on their lives. We pick one out of state and one in state winner. This year's out of state winner is Mrs Darnley, modder from Sunshine Christian Academy in South Dakota.

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She was nominated by her son, Jeff Mater. She has been teaching English for 14 years and among her other activities at school, she is the school librarian. The yearbook and newspaper advisor, drama and oral and her coach. And she is also the member of the State High School Press Association Advisory Board.

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Her yearbook and newspaper receives top honors in the state as well. Jeff wrote of her in his essay, Mrs Modder can be characterized as a teacher with a mission and mission to seeing the young man shape both intellectually and spiritually.

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So I'm very excited to announce Mrs. Modder as Impact Teacher of the Year. I would like to thank Cetaphil colleagues for this honor. My husband and I have had a deep respect for Cetaphil for over 30 years and it's a privilege that my son is here.

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I would thank him too for nominating me. It's a very special honor and the fact and then I got to spend Mother's Day with him. I would accept this on behalf of the thousands of teachers Christian teachers across this nation who are making an impact on students even today as we speak.

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It's a joy to be able to teach students to have an impact on them, and I want to thank you very much for this. Mr. Bradley Petraeus is our in-state winner from Akron, Ohio. He has been teaching art for 23 years and has served as the art club adviser editor of the school newsletter.

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Basketball assistant baseball coach, PTA Outstanding Teacher and teacher of the Month, a peer wrote Mr. Petraeus is more than a teacher to most of his students. He has been a role model and mentor, a father figure, a confidant and an adviser to many students, not just those in his art classes.

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Freshman Sandy Bennett, nominated are Ohio Impact Teacher of the Year Mr. Bradley Petraeus. What a facility this is tremendous place. I've heard a Cetaphil college from Sandy the year prior to her coming down here and spoke very highly of it in speaking with her.

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Since that time, she amplified that many times again. And I can see why you're very fortunate to have a the forethought that has gone into it looks like this university in planning and to have you all under one roof like this and to see me that large is unnerving, to say the least.

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My thank goodness my wife doesn't have to deal with that. I would like to think, Sandra, I'd like to thank the college, the club. It's an honor. It's a learning experience for me. Teaching is it's not a job, it's an opportunity.

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And I'm glad. Thank you very much. Let's take an opportunity this morning to sing together step by step, he'll leave me, and I will follow him all of my days. What? He. There are a number of folks in our faculty and staff that don't get out front a lot.

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And one of those folks is going to come and play special music for us this morning. Mr. Brian Blair works in our KDR radio station. Brian, how many years have you been here? 13. There's almost 13 years. Brian sits behind the microphone there.

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You're right there beside you, Brian. You may see him going around campus, moving quite quickly with his cane. And one of Brian's other talents is to play the piano. So Brian favor us with special music. Thank you, Brian.

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Brian is our graduate. And he has his family over there with him today, and I think we ought to have that son and daughter and wife to stand to so they can recognize the entire family. Would you do that?

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And again, we congratulate these impact teachers, and we rejoice in the wonderful ministry that God has given teachers and administrators in public and Christian schools all across this great land of ours. At one point in our history and we've long passed it, but at 1.40% of all the graduates of suitable college were involved in education.

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So we have had a long track record of recognizing the importance of this ministry. And thank God for teachers. And then, of course, tomorrow is our annual faculty chapel where we will be recognizing our faculty and the influence that they have upon us.

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Thanks to all of those who are visiting with us today. And I especially want to recognize everyone who was involved this past weekend in Cedar Mania. We had 700 junior high school young people all night last Friday night.

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Several young people made professions of faith in Jesus Christ as a result of the Lifeline players presentation. And over 200 of our students were involved in this ministry. Could I have all of those who had anything to do with cedar mania to stay in place so we can recognize you all of those who did that?

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Thanks ever so much. Each year, as we close out our academic year, we also look toward the next year and the theme for that year. So as we will be planning administrative leave for the theme for 19 9798, I always ask

our college family, faculty and staff and students to think with us on that.

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So if you would by email, just send me your suggestions as to what you think would be a good theme for next year. Secondly, I'm always interested in what you as a student body feel would be needs that need to be addressed in chapel.

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And that works two ways. I'm interested in those speakers that I could bring in. A number of you suggest speakers, but I'm interested in the topics that you would like to see addressed that you believe would represent the student body as a whole.

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And I would be open to your suggestions. Secondly, as you know, I do various series and this is my every four year series on the family. Last year we did the series on Leviticus and numerous topics that I endeavor to address.

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It can be a book study, it can be a top topical study. But if you would have something you'd like for me to address, usually we try to tie it to the theme. I would be open to your suggestion as well.

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Thank you, Bibles again and turn to the Book of Ephesians Chapter five, the fifth chapter of the Book of Ephesians as we continue our series on the family. In our last study together on building a family for the future, we looked at God's command for the wife and the wife, according to scripture, is to be submissive, to

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be attractive, not just externally, but especially Peter said internally. And to be attentive to the needs of the husband and reinforcing the husband and communicating love and a sense that your husband is a success and doing every way that you can, trying to let them know how much you appreciate them.

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Today, we consider what God who designed the family just as he designed the universe, has to say to the husband. And as we look at this classic passage in Ephesians five, which is, as we saw last week, the result of the spirit filled life, a parallel passage being Galatians three, which is a result of the scripture filled

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life that before I read the text of the hour, I want to call your attention to a New York Times best selling book. This book was on this list for week after week, month after month and even into the year.

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It is a secular book by Dr. John Gray entitled Men Are from Mars. Women are from Venus. Now that's stimulating, isn't it? The book addresses the topic, what makes men, men and what makes women women, and I believe that one of the great faults of the extreme feminist movement in this country is that there has been an

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effort to somehow do away with the differences. If you do away with the differences, you do away with the plan of God, they still remain there. But God wants this universe to function. According to his plan, everything in its rightful place and God wants the family to function in the same way.

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I thought you would be interested in some of the table of contents and the chapters like men are from Mars, women are from Venus, Mr. Fix-It and the Home Improvement Committee. Men go to their caves and women talk.

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How to motivate the opposite sex speaking different languages. Men are like rubber bands. Women are like waves discovering our different emotional needs. How to avoid arguments. Scoring points with the opposite sex. How to communicate difficult feelings. How to ask for support and get it.

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And keeping the magic of love alive. I guess I was amazed at the interest nationally in this topic, so much so that people rushed to the bookstores to buy this book when it came out in hardback and then when it came out in paperback.

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It is worth reading, I suggested another book that communicates from a biblical perspective. Much the same emphasis the five love languages how to express heartfelt commitment to your mate. And again, pointing out how the women respond to different love language.

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Men respond to another kind of a love language. And as I've shared with you early in the series, what saddens me is that it appears when it comes

to the husband wife relationship and getting married and building a family, often we spend more time.

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Learning about the Cleveland Indians and who plays on the team. Or the Cincinnati Reds? Or the professional football team or if we happen to be an athlete, how we can be a good athlete. I happen to read a lot of magazines on playing golf and looking for that latest tip that's going to help me to lower the

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handicap. And we're all so serious about our work, about sports, whatever it might be. And we study that and you are here studying and your academic discipline. And yet we spend so little time. Studying what is it? That makes women, women and men, men and how we can meet one another's needs for the rest of our lives

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. And making that a major in our lives, not a minor. A major. Young people, it just doesn't happen. You'll never build that relationship unless you're willing to work at it. And so that's what God's. Helping us to do in this text in Ephesians five, and let's begin again in verse 18, being out drunk with wine where there's

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excess but be filled with the spirit, speaking to yourselves in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing and making melody in your heart to the Lord. Giving Thanks always for all things done to God and the father in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ submitting yourselves one to another in the fear of God.

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Wives submit yourselves unto your own husbands as unto the Lord. The husband is the head of the wife, even as Christ is the head of the church and he's the savior of the body. Therefore, as the church is subject to Christ, so let the wives be their own husbands and everything.

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Husbands love your wives, even as Christ also love the church and gave himself for it that he might sanctify and cleanse it with the washing of water by the word they might present it to himself. Glorious church not having spot a wrinkle or any such thing.

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But then it should be wholly without blemish. So ought men to love their wives as their own bodies here. That love with this wife, love with

themselves for no man ever yet hated his own flesh, but nourish it and cherish it.

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That even as the Lord, the church where members of his body, of his flesh and of his bones for this cause, shall a man leave his father and mother and shall be joined unto his wife? And they too shall be one flesh?

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This is a great mystery, but I speak concerning Christ in the church. Nevertheless, that every one of you in particular so love his wife, even himself, even as himself and the wife see that she reverence her husband. That's the summation of the text.

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Men, husbands love your wives, even as you love yourself. Wives reverence, respect, adore your husbands. I gave the ladies three points to consider last week and I'm going to give the men two from this passage of scripture that jump out.

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And the first one is that the scripture teaches that the husband is to be a lover. There are three Greek words translated love. The first word is the word eros. That's where we get our word erotic. It's usually used in classical Greek between the sexes.

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So it has a very strong sexual physical connotation to it. It's the love in the sense of passion. Feeling emotion. It is the most common definition of love in our culture. It is what is portrayed in the media.

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The love is eros. I frankly am offended by our culture that wants to define love as sex. No. Now it is possible to have sex and very little love certainly could be no biblical love. Love has to be more than just passion and if that's what we build, our husband, wife relationship and we're in trouble.

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The second word is the word philia. Oh, which means a human affection and concern. It's where we get our word philanthropy. A lover of mankind. Philadelphia, Philadelphia is the City of Brotherly Love the same root word it means to cherish in your notes, you might want to write down Matthew.

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1037. This is the Greek word that is used in that text referencing family love. It is also used in John Chapter eleven, verse three and verse 36 when Jesus expresses his love for Lazarus. This is a very common word used in classical Greek.

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It is not a common word in the New Testament. The New Testament word is the third word agape. Very seldom found in classical Greek. I might add, though. Our culture doesn't know this. A word almost unknown in American culture today outside of the church.

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And I fear often not understood in the church. A gapay is found. 250 times or at least some form of it in the New Testament. It is the John 3:16 love when God so a God paid the world that he gave his only begotten son.

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That's the Greek word for love that is found in the marvelous love chapter in first Corinthians 13. Romans 58 kind of love God demonstrated his God toward us and that while we were yet sinners, his son, Jesus Christ, died for us.

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It's not just emotion. Rather, it is a logical love. It is a deliberate, planned kind of love. It's the word that she used on loving our neighbors as we love ourselves. It's the great commission kind of love when you work your way through the New Testament and it speaks of a love for the world.

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It's a sacrificial love. And it is the Greek word that is used for loving your enemies. Now, how in the world could there be an air race for your enemies? How could there be a full for your enemies?

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It must be a gap. It is something logical. It is something you contemplate. You just decided I am going to love my enemy. Whatever they have done to me. The best way to describe a gap, in my estimation, it is a sacrificial love.

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one of the great great scholars, in my estimation. Was Berkeley and William Berkeley defined it this way, it has to do with the mind? There's simply not an emotion that arises unbidden and unsought now, is it? That's all I fell in love.

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Boom, it's there. It's it's unbidden. It's unsought. No, that's not this kind of love. It is a deliberate principle of the mind, a deliberate conquest and achievement of the will. It's not feeling in love, Colossians talks about putting on love.

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I still remember that day when. one of my best friends called me in a hotel room in Tennessee. I know it was 19 years ago because I was preparing to come in my first year as president of Civil.

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It was one of my last evangelistic campaigns, in fact, it may have been my very last one, and the phone rang and I picked up the phone and my dear dear friend had gone to college with him. I had had a ministry in his life and discipling.

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We just became very, very close like brothers. At one, another's weddings married the same summer of 1960. He was in the pastorate it. And his first statement was. Paul, are you seated? And I said, no, but I can be.

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He said, why don't you sit down? And I said, why? Islam divorcing Mickey. I said, your what? I'm divorcing, Mickey. Said Paul. I don't have any more feeling for that woman than some woman that I would meet at a grocery store, and she's pushing a cart and I'm pushing a cart and we pass one another in the

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aisle. I don't love her anymore. I said, is there somebody else? No way. I just don't love Mickey. He said, Do you have any advice? I said, Sure. Are you sitting down? He said, Yeah. I said and I.

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You know, most of the time, I'm kind. Most of the time. But there is another side of me that only a few of you have ever experienced. And I yell over the telephone all over any way. She has absolutely nothing to do with failing.

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It's a deliberate decision to love. And we must get a hold of this concept as men and the responsibility that God gives us to be a lover, the wife is to exemplify the church in its relationship to Christ.

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The husband is to emulate the sacrificial relationship of Christ to the church. Catch that. Yes, the wife is to be submissive, take the role of the church to Christ, but God teaches the husband's role. Is to be the sacrificial lamb.

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The one who makes the sacrifice, the Christ. For the church, the wife is willing to live for the husband and God, says, man, we must be willing to die for our wives. In your note, you'll want to write down Colossians 3:19.

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And first, Peter, 3:7. It's the giving of himself. It's cultivating the love life. It's continuing to court. It's paying attention to her. Paying attention to the little things. It's practicing chivalry in this day when it's lost, it's learning what it means to listen to her and it's practicing fidelity.

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When you take that vow, when you say till death, do us part, don't you dare violate that vow? I remember another friend of mine and his wife called me and said, Paul, you're not going to believe this, but so-and-so is having an affair.

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I said, he's what she said. I called him. He's having an affair. So I call him up and I said, hey, he had a business in the city where I was and I call him, but said I had like to come over and talk to you.

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He didn't know what was coming. I said, he said, Sure, come on over. So I went over there and. I confronted him with his wife's accusation. And he was so taken back, and he just had to admit he said, yeah, it's true.

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He said I was out selling vacuum cleaners and he said I was in this woman's home and she threw herself at me and I just couldn't help myself and end up going to bed with her. And this became a practice, and I go back over to her house and I said, Hey, I got something to say to

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you, but. You said what I said. You are a liar. So what, you're a lawyer, you don't have any integrity, you don't have any fidelity, but wasn't there a day when you stood there before God and before a preacher and before your wife and you said till death?

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Do us part? He started crying. And eventually, he dealt with a cell and he came back to his wife. But I tell you what? Men, you must be men of five dollar a day, but the same is true for the wives as well.

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Winston Churchill was at a formal banquet in London, it is told, and dignitaries were asked if you could not be who you are. Who would you like to be? And they went around the room, everyone saying who they like to be if they weren't who they were.

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And seated next to his beloved wife, Clemmie, he was the last to respond. And I'm sure for many of us, Winston Churchill was one of our favorite favorite people, and this certainly endears him to me. He finally stood up, you know, he was only about five foot four, £235.

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And Winston Churchill, even when he would speak in a normal voice with his great oratory, he said, if I could not be who I am, I would most like to be pausing to take his wife's hand. Lady Churchill's second husband.

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That great. That's what we're talking about. That kind of a husband, that kind of love. I would encourage you men to read letters to Philip. I suggested letters to Karen for the women last week, and frankly, I think letters to Philip is even better than letters to Karen and would encourage you to read that it just gives

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you simple tips on how to do the little things. That means so much to the wives. The husband is a gardener to look after to plant. To protect and to nurture, to help, to be productive and fruitful. And beautiful.

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He has to nourish. And cherish his wife, so no one has to be a lover, No. two, he is to be a leader. That's what the text says, the kind of leadership that is rooted in sacrifice. Secondly, it is an authority that manifests itself in humility.

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It's not making her feel inferior, as if her opinions and ideas have no value. It is not making all the decisions are always being right. I was recently with someone whose I serve on a bank board and and we're talking the board of directors about the checklist society.

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Then we were also talking to someone who was in the business of manufacturing equipment that opens envelopes and takes out checks. And how quickly are we going to get to a checklist society where you know, you do everything through technology and the conclusion is in the banking business and also in the business of opening up the envelopes

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and taking out the check, we're not getting there. We're not getting there. We may get there down the road, decades to come, we're not getting there in a hurry. And one of the reasons is people like to write a check.

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They feel more secure than having something just taken out of their account or doing it over a computer. And this was what was surprising to me. The vast majority of those who write the checks in the home. Are the women?

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The wives write the checks. Now that's not true in every home, but that is the pattern. Now you tell me this if here is a husband and he's struggled with math. I mean, he had a tough time getting through role with just the general ED course in mathematics.

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And he has a wife who's a math major or at least she did quite well. Do you think the husband ought to say, that's my job? It may not get balanced. We may go bankrupt, but I write checks.

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No, you better use our gifts. You'd better take advantage of those things that she can do, and obviously there are a lot of men who are. It's taking the ultimate responsibility before God and the family, just as someone must in the church, in the business, in government, the college.

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Someone has to be responsible, but it's using. As a leader. The gifts of the White. He will use his wife's abilities in making the home function well and honor God. She is this help me. You got to write down first, Timothy, three, four and five.

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A good manager knows how to put other people to work. He'll be careful not to neglect or destroy his wife's abilities, rather he will use them to the fullest. He does not consider someone to be dragged along. He thinks of her as a useful, helpful and wonderful blessing from God.

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I hope things have changed. I do believe that there was a generation. Partly overlapping mine, but especially preceding mine. We're men, we're just. You know, there was this John Wayne image. And they were in charge, and they called all the shots, and part of the thing was somehow to keep the life down.

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Men didn't cry. one of the saddest memories I have. My father died when I was a baby, I never knew my father. My mother remarried, a wonderful man who'd been married to other times, this was his third marriage.

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And I don't remember the period of time I went from my father dying less than two years old until she remarried, I think at about when I was five. But my father and I never called him my stepfather.

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I just thought so much of him, I just couldn't do that, but. Always calling my dad he's the only dad I ever knew, and he I just loved him, and as I've shared with some of you, my dad came to know Christ is a savior when he was 61 years old right before he died.

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And I have so much fondness for him and so much, it's a part of my life came from him. But I can still remember my dad had a problem with alcohol. There was a lot, a lot of alcohol in our home.

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Unknown

And I don't remember this happening one time, but but he literally ripped the dress off of my mother. And he got a gun. And my mother was so afraid that. She called the police. And that house in Cincinnati, I can still sit on Cortland Avenue, just down from the Norwood Baptist Church, their house doesn't exist anymore.

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Unknown

The police come to our door. I'm probably six, seven years old. And they put my dad in jail. And he had to come home to take a shower, and I still remember in those days you had showers down in the basement, they were just just walk down the basement, you just turn it and you know, the whole

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Unknown

basement, your shower. And so that still, I still remember walking down into that basement and he got out of jail and he's home to get a shower

and get dressed and go into court. And I went up to him as only a little guy can do.

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And I looked at him and I said, Hey, dad, why don't you apologize to mom? And he looked at me and said. I have never apologized to anybody, and I never will. There was something about that generation that that was being made.

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Unknown

I don't want any of you men to be men like that. You being men who are firm and men who are leaders, men of authority, but men who are lovers and you blend those two. To be the man of God.

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Steve Farrar in his book Point Man, says there are symptoms of authoritarianism. That we need to be aware of, and he lists four of. This person lacks interest in his wife's input and disregards her feelings. Number two forbids his children to discuss his decisions with them and is reluctant to let them make decisions on their own as

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they mature. Number three, he trusts few people. And number four, he displays an intense need to control those closest to it. However, the mature biblical leader manifests these three things he loves his wife sacrificially. He loves his wife with understanding, and he loves his wife with verbal praise.

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Men, let's be the open, extravagant, loving husbands. He wants us to be. And God help us with that love to be the leaders that he wants us to be as well. Have a good day.