



**We're in this together!**



# Discipleship Practices...

- “And God said, ‘Let us make man in our image, after our likeness, and let them have dominion... over all the earth...’ So God created man in His image, in the image of God He created them, *male and female He created them, and God said to them, ‘be fruitful and multiply and replenish the earth and subdue it and have dominion...’*” **Genesis 1.26-28**



# Discipleship Practices...

- From the beginning we see God, as Mentor...
- His people as the disciples, followers...
- Given to rule over all the earth...
- From the platform of male and female, man and woman, the husband and wife... **Genesis 2.25**
- *Ministry was meant to flow from family!*



**If ever you want to be  
a good disciple... build  
a strong family!**



# Asides 1

- Before I lose the ‘at home’ singles...
  - The ‘never-marrieds’ still in/of your parents household...
  - Build a strong relationship with them and your siblings (adelphos)!
    - “Obey your parents in the Lord, for this is right; Honor your father and mother, which is the first commandment with promise... and well pleasing to the Lord.”  
**Ephesians 6.1,2 Colossians 3.20**



## Asides 2

- Before I lose the older singles; unmarried, divorced, widowed/ers...
  - Since Jesus is the ‘head’ of the church like the husband is the ‘head’ of the wife...
  - As long as you are single, He is your family leader/covering/partner...
    - Build a strong relationship with Him!
    - “And care for the things of the Lord, how you can please Him!” **1Corinthians 7.32**



## Asides 2<sup>2</sup>

- Before I lose the older singles; unmarried, divorced, widowed/ers...
  - But it's still true that "it's not good for you to be alone..." **Genesis 2.18**
  - But many are still single because they are marry-able but not marriage-able!
    - The difference between the two is success/joy and misery/failure!
    - 'Over the past' and 'free for the future' are two different things!



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- Before I lose the older singles; unmarried, divorced, widowed/ers...
  - Marry-able v. Marriage-able!
    - Marry-able because you want to be married and you can get a license...
    - Marry-able because you want a partner to do life/share 'stuff' with...!
    - Marry-able because 'established,' *even if not 'healed...'* from the past...





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    - *Marriage-able* means you are ready to be re-meshed with another person!



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    - Marriage-able means you are willing to “be made one flesh...” **Genesis 1.25**
    - “The Great Mystery that must be explained...”
    - “And (you are ready to) care for the things of the world, *how you can please your mate.*” **1Corinthians 7.33**



**So, if ever you want to  
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## At Home...

- “Husbands, love your wives, **EVEN AS CHRIST** loved the church and gave Himself for it, that He might sanctify and cleanse it with the washing of the water of the word, to present it to Himself a glorious church... *so should men love their wives **EVEN AS CHRIST loves His own body!*** **Ephesians 5.25-29**



## At Home...

- “Wives... submit yourselves [the determination of your will] to your own husbands, as unto the Lord... *as is due in the Lord.*” **Eph 5.22 Colossians 3.18**
- “*Likewise*, husbands, dwell with your wives according to knowledge giving honor to your wife as a delicate vessel, and as being heirs together of the grace of life! **1Peter 3.7**”



# At Home...

- “Father’s don’t frustrate your children to the point of anger... lest you discourage them... but bring them up in the nurture and admonition of the Lord...” **Ephesians 6.4 Colossians 3.21**
- “One generation shall praise thy works to another, and shall declare thy mighty acts.” **Psalms 145.4**



# As the Church...

- “Love one another; as I have loved you, love one another. *By this will all men know that you are my disciples*, if you have love one to another.” **John 13.34,35**
- “Submit to one another out of reverence for Christ!” **Ephesians 5.21 (John 13.13-17)**





# As the Church...

- “Let us hold fast the profession of our faith without wavering (HE IS FAITHFUL who promised us) and let us consider one another to provoke each other to love and to good works, not forsaking the assembling of ourselves together as is the manner of some, but exhorting one another, and more as we see the day approaching!” **Hebrews 10.23-25**



# As the Church...

- “Be devoted to one another in brotherly love; outdo yourselves in honoring one another... If it is possible on your part, live at peace with everyone... **Rom 12.10,18 Lexicon**
- “Bear with each other and forgive any complaint you may have against one another: forgive even as the Lord forgave you.” **Colossians 3.13 Lexicon**



# As the Church...

- “Mark them who cause divisions and offences contrary to the doctrine which you have learned; and avoid them. For they serve not our Lord Jesus Christ, but their own appetites; and by good words and fair speeches deceive the hearts of the naïve... withdraw from every brother that walks disorderly, not walking in the tradition he received... ever learning but never arriving at the truth!” **Rom 16.17,18 2Thess 3.6 2Tim3.7**



# As the Church...

- “With humility instruct those who oppose themselves in the hope that God will grant them repentance to acknowledge the truth, thereby recovering themselves out of the snare of the devil! **2Tim 2.25,26**
- “If a man be overtaken in a fault, ye which are spiritual, restore such an one in the spirit of meekness; considering thyself, lest thou also be tempted!” **Galatians 6.1 KJV**



# As the Church...

- “Master, we saw one casting out devils in Your name and we forbade him because he followed not with us... and Jesus said, ‘Forbid him not! For he that is not against us is for us!’ **Luke 9.49,50**
- “We, being many, are one body in Christ and every one members of one another... all members caring for one another... members in particular!” **Romans 12.5 1Cor 12.12-27**



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relationships can be  
hard... no doubt  
about it... but...**



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