



SERMON NOTES

Family Chat

Part 2 - Taking Marriage Head On

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What is the longest word in the English language?

Antidisestablishmentarianism —

28 letters, that's a mouthful, and while many might know the word, fewer will know its definition as, "the belief that opposes removing the tie between church and state."

Floccinaucinihilipilification, which means, "an estimation of something as worthless." — 29 letters, one more than the previous one.

Big words are impressive and hard to pronounce but small words at times can be the hardest to say.

In this week's Bible lesson, Paul uses some hard words about relationships.

1 Corinthians 11:3 (NKJV) But I want you to know that the head of every man is Christ, the head of woman is man, and the head of Christ is God.

HEAD

Literally, the uppermost part of the body, considered to be the seat of life and the command center. A head blow can knock someone out cold.

Ephesians 5:21-25 (NKJV) submitting to one another in the fear of God. 22 Wives, submit to your own husbands, as to the Lord. 23 For the husband is head of the wife, as also Christ is head of the church; and He is the Savior of the body. 24 Therefore, just as the church is subject to Christ, so let the wives be to their own husbands in everything. 25 Husbands, love your wives, just as Christ also loved the church and gave Himself for her.

When a carnally minded woman hears the word submit she hears servitude. When a spiritually minded woman hears this word she hears safety.

Paul's threefold step. From woman to man to Christ to God. Paul begins in the middle, the crux or the center man.

1. CHRIST THE HEAD OF MAN

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Greek Word: κεφαλή

Transliteration: kephalē

Strong's Talking Greek & Hebrew Dictionary.

The point, prow of a ship—The prow is the forward-most part of a ship's bow that cuts through the water.

Head also has the connotation of "source" such as the "head" of a river is its source. The source of woman was from man. Eve came from Adam.

God is a God of order (1 Cor. 14:40).

2. CHRIST AS YOUR HEAD

The problem started in the Garden of Eden – Adam didn't do what God told him to do – he abdicated his role to guide, guard and govern. To direct, protect and correct. To nourish, cherish and admonish.

Genesis 2:15 (TEV) Then the LORD God placed the man in the Garden of Eden to cultivate it and guard it.

Adam let his "guard" down!

The Serpent entered in and he beguiled Eve and Adam failed to guard his home. Chaos entered and he lost leadership of his world, brought upon it a curse and chaos followed.

If a man is not submitted to Christ, his home will never have the full blessing of God upon it.

A man submitted to Christ what does that look like?

Nicodemus – (Religious Man)

He sought the answer to eternal life.

Zaccheus – (Politician/Business Man)

A man who has made Christ his Head will order his financial affairs according to God's divine standards.

The Blind Man – (Regular Joe)

After he encountered Jesus he saw the world differently. He regained his vision.

3. MAN THE HEAD OF HIS WIFE

In the family the wife has her lane just as the husband has his lane. A wife must run in her unique lane.

This doesn't make a woman inferior but indispensable and irreplaceable. A woman completes a man. She is called his "helpmate" someone "suitable" for the man.

How should a Christian wife act towards an unsaved husband?

1 Peter 3:1 (TLB) Wives, fit in with your husbands' plans; for then if they refuse to listen when you talk to them about the Lord, they will be won by your respectful, pure behavior. 2 Your godly lives will speak to them better than any words.