

GOD'S WISDOM FOR HEALTHY RELATIONSHIPS



PART 2: MARRIAGE ROLES

INTRODUCTION

God created relationships, so the best place to turn for wisdom in all of our relationships is to God. In the Bible, our Heavenly Father, who loves us more than we could ever imagine, shares principles and truths that can transform all of our relationships.

KEY SCRIPTURE

Genesis 1:27-28

Philippians 2:5-11

Genesis 2:18

Ephesians 5:21, 23, 25

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. What ideas or beliefs do you have about gender roles from your family, media, friends, etc.? Describe the healthiest relationship or marriage you've seen. What was different about it? Why is it difficult to talk about gender roles in marriage?
2. In Genesis 2:18, we see a wife described as "helper" and "suitable." Are these the same definitions you have previously considered? If not, how are they different?
 - **Helper:** (Heb.) 'ezer- to make up what is lacking in him with your strength."
 - **Suitable:** (*compound phrase*) like opposite. Like him, but the opposite or complement of him.
3. Pastor Will talked about how Jesus fulfilled both characteristics of a husband and a wife, He was a servant leader & a supporter or helper- He fulfilled both roles at the same time. Thinking of Phil. 2:5-11, can you think of any other specific ways you've noticed Jesus fulfilled each of these roles?
4. Based on Ephesians 5:21, what's your response to the idea of mutual submission? For relationships to be healthy and to flourish, you have to practice putting the other person first, it's the most powerful relational principle on earth. How can you practice this mutual submission?
5. This week, how will you take time to get to know Jesus better? How will you pray for your marriage? How can we, as a group, encourage each other in fulfilling the "Jesus Role" within our marriages? For those who are not married, what will you do to love and submit to the people in your life?

[Don't forget to watch Will & Leslie continue the discussion on gender roles this week on all BF Social Platforms]

MOVING FORWARD

Application Prayer: Lord, I surrender my marriage to you right now. I commit to take on the "Jesus role" and serve my spouse. Not my will but yours be done!