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BIBLICAL SUBMISSION

Does the word “submission” bother you? Scare you? Turn you away? Does it stir up bad memories? At home, in church?

“Yet,” Erilynne Barnum states, “Christians remain powerless without a proper understanding of true biblical submission.”

This key principle:

- reveals the inner life of the Trinity
- explains the relationship of the Lord Jesus Christ with the Father
- was central to how Jesus disciplined the apostles
- is intended to define our relationship with the Lord and with each other

These six teachings deal straight on with the symbol of marriage, the role of headship, and how this principle can be applied in our daily lives. If we are to step into the calling we have been given, it must begin here – with the practice of authentic biblical submission.

Erilynne Barnum

LESSON 6

"The 'AHA'!!"

INTRO:

In submitting first to the Lord, we often find ourselves in situations that are difficult and that can bring discomfort, trial or downright persecution. Knowing the 'how' and 'when' of proper biblical submission helps us run our race with perseverance.

TEACHING:

- Where we have been Gen 2
Eden – Total submission
covered by glory
living in power
Outside the gate Gen 3
lost covering
weakened in life
- Where we are 2 Kings 5:1-14
Born without glory
in need of the Word of God 2 Kings 5:10
in need of His restoration 2 Kings 5:14
in need of His light and power John 9
- Where we are going
Return to me, says the Lord..... Jer 2:12&28-32
submission to the Word of God
"Go, wash...." 2 Kings 5:10; John 9:7
submission to doing it His way
the Jordan????
mud????
Authority, submission, power and glory Eph 5:21-32
Proper submission brings power Matt 8:5-10

*Power to be transformed...
Power to run the race marked out for us...
Power to speak the Word of God...
Power to bring God's healing and restoration!*

DISCUSSION:

- In what ways do the words of Jesus in the Mark 10 passage impact your own life?
- Talk about times when you have prayed for things based on what you thought you deserved; or what you felt was "fair" or "unfair".
- What kinds of *practical* things can we do to show our desire to be loving servants of Jesus?

Next Lesson:

"Three in One, As One"

*Read
Ephesians 1:3-14
and Colossians 1:15-20*

LESSON 5 *“Therefore, Grace...”*

INTRO:

In beginning to understand how the principle of biblical submission affects all of our relationships, we now come to the understanding of how this causes trials and how we are called to suffer because of our relationship with Jesus.

TEACHING:

- **A picture of proper submission**
 - A woman of honor, Abigail 1 Sam 25:19b,23,36-37
 - First, the King and then.....
 - Union with the King
 - The Apostles Acts 4:19; 5:29
 - First, to God and then..... Acts 5:40-41
 - The fellowship of His sufferings Phil 3:10
- **How to discern**
 - The “when” and “how” Heb 12:1-15
 - Others have done it
 - What to reject? -sin Psalm 25
 - obstacles
 - attitudes
 - pride
 - How to run? 1 Cor 9:24-27
 - Where to look?
 - look at Him
 - listen to Him
 - submit to Him
- **The Grace of God**
 - Saves and teaches Titus 2:11-12
 - How then should we live in this present age.....

DISCUSSION:

- Attitude check: What is our attitude when we feel someone has not given us our due? How do we react when someone steps on our toes? Does yielding to someone else cause us to be afraid? Angry? Grumbly? Whiny? Why?
- In what ways can we take the first steps towards submitting to the Lord’s ways in our lives?

Next Lesson:

“The Key to the Symbol”

Read
Ephesians 5:21-33
and Psalm 27

Lesson 3 "The Key to the Symbol"

INTRO:

The constant love and submission within the Godhead displays for us major attributes of God and reveals a major biblical principle. This principle is to be reflected in the believer's daily walk and in our relationships with others in the Body of Christ.

TEACHING:

- Imitators of God Eph 5:1
 - Remembering
 - Jesus' example Matt 8:5f
 - Our call Rom 12:3,10b
- Therefore,..... Eph 5:21
 - "out of reverence for Christ"
 - no coercing; voluntary
 - no superiority; all is equal
 - done in *honor*
- For example....
 - Wives Eph 5:22-24
 - Husbands Eph 5:25-28
- Headship – new concept Eph 5: 23
 - What is it? 1 Cor 11:1-12
 - A cycle of life and love 1 Cor 11:1-3,12
 - Christ to man; man to woman;
 - woman to life; God to Christ
- The key is given
 - Christ and the Church Eph 5:29-32
 - bride/bridegroom
 - One flesh, one with the Lord 1 Cor 6:16b-17
 - How Jesus did it Matt 8:8-9
- Are we "imitators of God"? Eph 5:1
 - "as I have loved you" John 13:34-35

DISCUSSION:

- Share the areas in your own life where the Lord is beginning to reveal this principle of submission? How are you reacting to this revelation of truth? Where is the greatest difficulty for you?
- Take time to pray specifically for each other in those relationships where the Holy Spirit is asking you to change your attitude and behavior.

Next Lesson:

"Therefore, GRACE"

*Read
Hebrews 12:1-15 and Psalm 25*

Lesson 4 "New Relationships"

INTRO:

We looked at the concept of 'Headship' as revealed in the picture of marriage. This God-given cycle of life, power and love is a key to understanding the process of submission from the Lord's point of view.

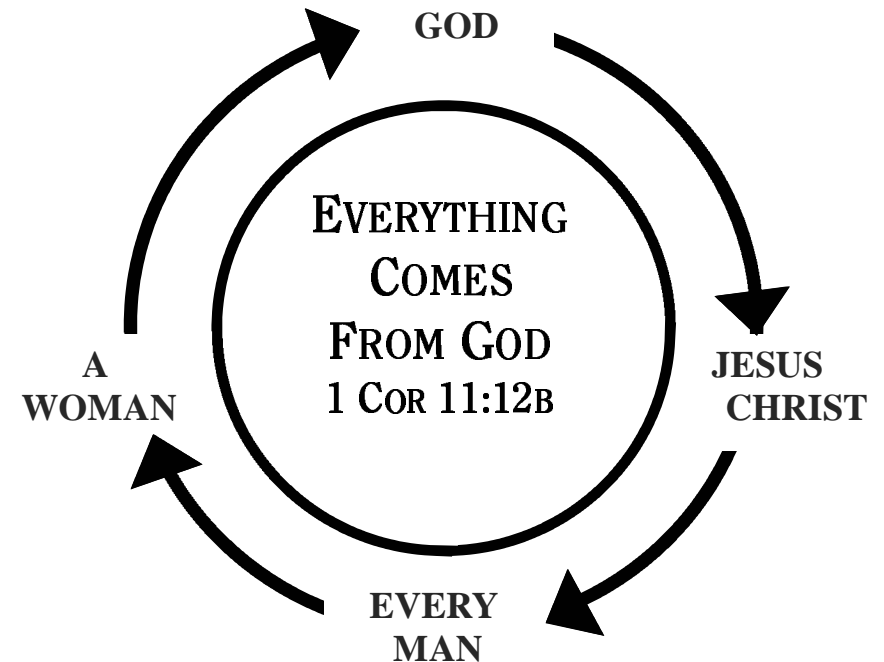
TEACHING:

- Two occasions of Godly submission 1 Sam 24 & 26
 History of the relationship 1 Sam 20:30-33
 The 'natural' view of the encounters 1 Sam 24:4 & 26:8
 David's 'conscience' speaks 1 Sam 24:5-7 & 26:9-11
 Heb – no word for conscience
 knowledge of self
 obedience to truth
 David's choice
- Another example John 13:1-17
 Servant Leadership
 The 'natural' view John 13:8
 Knowledge and obedience to truth John 13:14-15
- Therefore, how do we relate to one another?
 A familiar story Luke 10:25-37
 "Who is my neighbor?" Luke 10:36-37
 the 'natural' view Jas 4:1-3
 Where mercy comes from Jas 2:8-13
 Matt 5:7
- Where are we? Rom 13:8-10
 Remember the principle..... "ATTITUDE"

Cycle of Submission—1 Cor 11:1-3

Headship

Authority



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