

Sermon Notes

The New Life Part 5: Man Up

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- **Man Up**
 - Today I want to call everyone, but especially men, to Rise Up and take their place.
- **What my wife and I found out after 2 years of marriage**
 - I was in grad school and marriage wasn't going well.
 - We read in the Bible that the husband is to be the head of the home. Not our practice.
 - So, we changed and God showed up. Obedience brings results!!
- **Spiritual Head of the Home**
 - So, what does that look like? Did I go from a passive wimp to an aggressive bully? No.
 - Not a bully. Spiritual Head is not an advantage to exploit, but a responsibility we will be held accountable for. **Hebrews 13:17**
 - The old school spiritual bullies will be judged. Don't be like that.
 - Not a wimp. There are too many passive men trying to avoid taking any responsibility for their own or their family's spiritual growth.
 - If you make your wife initiate going to church, prayer, etc., you are failing.
 - What is the Spiritual Head of the Home??
 - It's about taking responsibility for your own spiritual growth and for leading your family into the ways of God. Neither bullies or wimps can do that.
- **A bit about Leadership**
 - My favorite leadership passage in the Bible is **Matthew 20:17-28**.
 - Seriously, they brought their mom???? Imagine asking for a raise at work...
 - Jesus doesn't rebuke James and John for wanting to be great, Jesus redefines greatness.
 - Servant Leadership. Not short on Servant. Not short on Leadership.
 - The Spiritual Head of the Home is the Servant Leader of the Home.
- **Love and Respect**
 - The foundation of the marriage relationship is love and respect, under Christ. **Ephesians 5:21-33**
 - Everyone respect everyone (**Eph 5:21**), but a special emphasis for wives respecting husbands.
 - Why? Because that is what he needs. The respect need is real and builds him up.
 - Everyone love everyone. **John 13:34** But a special emphasis for husbands loving their wives.
 - Why? Because that is what she needs. The love need is real and builds her up.
 - What is the standard for men? Love your wives as Christ loved the church. Wow.
 - It's about building her up, not tearing her down. (**v26-28**)
 - Do you want to be respected in your home?
 - Give her something to work with!! Be willing to make the hard decision, the right decision, to make the sacrifice, to build up your wife and kids. This is what you were made for.
- **Distortions of Love and Respect**
 - Love and respect are where it's at. But, if this isn't working there are two ditches to stumble into.
 - Respect needs can be distorted into violence on the one side or passivity on the other.
 - Love needs can be distorted into lust on the one side or shutting out on the other.
 - The world seems to be about lust and power. The New Life is about love and respect.
 - Your old life may have been closed off and passive. The New Life is about letting people in and taking responsibility for your life and your choices.
- Men, I want you to go home different than you came. Talk to her. Admit your shortcomings. Pledge to follow Scripture. And then take your rightful place and DO IT! Pray...Man Up!
 - Let's close with **1 Timothy 2:8**. This is a small part of Biblical masculinity.
 - Be a man of prayer. With holy hands lifted up. Not angry or disputing, but servant leaders.
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