



Wives and Courage

Genesis 1-3

Listen! A woman by the name of Jean Kerr once said:

“The only thing worse than a man you can’t control is a man you can.”

Why talk about this? If controlling your husband is not your goal and responsibility in marriage, what is?

The Big Idea: A husband was created to lead and rule God’s creation, and a wife was created to help him in that work.

The Biblical “helper” (Genesis 2:18) is:

The demons of maleness and how a wife can help:

- The demon of _____. “Who am I?” Genesis 1:26.
 - Explanation:
 - A wife can help by:
- The demon of _____. “Can I do it?” Genesis 1:28.
 - Explanation:
 - A wife can help by:
- The demon of _____? “Will I act?” Genesis 2:15.
 - Explanation:
 - A wife can help by:
- The demon of _____? “Will I speak?” Genesis 3:6.
 - Explanation:
 - A wife can help by:
- The demon of _____? “Will I be OK?” Genesis 3:17-19.
 - Explanation:
 - A wife can help by:

APPLICATION FOR HUSBANDS: You are facing a foundation decision: “Will I... “

APPLICATION FOR WIVES: You are facing a foundational decision: “Will I...”

Walking Papers

Practical helps for walking the Christian walk this week.

The Big Idea of this passage: A husband was created to lead and rule God's creation, and a wife was created to help him in that work.

Please take time each day this week to think through these questions and ideas:

- **Today:** Can you see ways in which you can encourage your husband to find his identity in Christ?
- **Monday:** Can you see ways in which you can affirm and motivate your husband in his fight to “win” at work and at home?
- **Tuesday:** Can you see ways that you are harming your husband's ability or willingness to act when he should act? Can you see ways to assist?
- **Wednesday:** Can you see ways that you are harming your husband's ability or willingness to speak when he should speak? Can you see ways to assist?
- **Thursday:** Can you see ways to aid your husband in the battle with insecurity? Can you see ways in which you have complicated his battle—made it more difficult for him?
- **Friday:** Will you make the foundational decision to be your husband's helper?
- **Saturday:** Will you resolve to respond to your husband's initiatives in leadership—not blindly but humbly and graciously and with truth?

“If you succeed in controlling your husband you have worked very hard for the wrong thing.”