

**CBC MEN'S RETREAT**

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**SESSION ONE**

**WHY NO "FATHER OF THE YEAR" AWARD?**

**THE IMPORTANCE OF THIS SUBJECT OF BEING A MAN IN A GENDER CRAZY WORLD**

**WHERE I STARTED, AND WHY I CHANGED COURSE**

**SEEKING TO FIND THE BIBLICAL HUSBAND OF THE YEAR:**

**ABRAHAM? (Genesis 12; 20)**

**ISAAC? (Genesis 26:6ff.)**

**JACOB? (Genesis 30:14-16 – Mandrakes? Really?)**

**DAVID? (2 Samuel 11)**

**SEEKING TO FIND THE BIBLICAL FATHER OF THE YEAR:**

**LOT? See Genesis 19:6-8, 30-38**

**MOSES? See Exodus 4:4-6; 18:2-5**

**ELI? (1 Samuel 3:11-14)**

**SAMUEL? (1 Samuel 8:1-3)**

**DAVID? (2 Samuel 13 – Amnon, Tamar, and Absalom)**

**CONCLUSION:**

**WHY NO FAMILY HERO'S IN THE O.T.? TO SHOW US OUR SIN AND DRIVE US TO CHRIST – ROMANS 3:19ff.**

**THERE IS NO IDEAL HUSBAND OR FATHER IN THE OLD TESTAMENT, OR THE NEW. ONLY GOD IS AN IDEAL FATHER (Matthew 23:9; Ephesians 3:14-15). ONLY CHRIST IS THE IDEAL HUSBAND (Ephesians 5).**

**THE NEED (FROM ADAM ON): MEN WHO LEAD**

**WHICH LEADS ME TO EXPLAIN MY REVISED APPROACH TO THIS SUBJECT OF BIBLICAL MANHOOD.**

**HERE IS WHERE I AM NOT GOING, AND WHY:**

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**THE PROBLEM WITH THE "HOW TO" APPROACH TO CHRISTIAN LIVING -- IT CONTRADICTS THE GOSPEL**

**OUR APPROACH (THANKS IN PART TO TIM KELLER -- "GOSPEL IDENTITY"):**

**THE KEY IS TO REALIZE AND EXPERIENCE OUR IDENTITY WITH GOD (FATHER, SON, SPIRIT)**

**JESUS (HIS IDENTITY WITH THE FATHER IN JOHN 5:17-23ff.; SEE ALSO JOHN 17)**

**BAPTISM (one time)**

**COMMUNION (ongoing)**

**GIVING (Obeying a command, or expressing our identity)**

**WE NEED TO DISTINGUISH BETWEEN OUR RELATIONSHIP (OUR IDENTITY IN CHRIST) AND OUR ROLE AS CHRISTIANS**

**GALATIANS 3:28**

**1 PETER 3:7**

**JAMES 1:9-10**

**CAVEAT: 1 THESSALONIANS 2:7 ("like a nursing mother)**

**1 THESSALONIANS 2:11 ("as a father")**

**PREMISE: AN ESSENTIAL ELEMENT OF MANHOOD IS LEADERSHIP (GENESIS 1:26; 3:6, 16-17; 1 TIMOTHY 2:8-15; 1 CORINTHIANS 14:34-38)**

**LEADERSHIP MAY PERHAPS BEST BE SUMMARIZED BY THE TERM "SHEPHERDING"**

**IT IS USED OF POLITICAL LEADERS**

**CYRUS – ISAIAH 44:28**

**DAVID – 2 SAMUEL 5:2-3; SEE 7:7-8; PSALM 78:70-72**

**FOR NATIONAL AND TRIBAL LEADERS**

**NAHUM 3:18-19; 2 SAMUEL 7:7; 1 CHRONICLES 17:6**

**\*BY INFERENCE – NEBUCHADNEZZAR (DANIEL 4:26-27**

**DEATH (OVERPOWERS) – PSALM 49:14**

**GOOD LEADERS – Jeremiah 3:15; EZEKIEL 34:23**

**BAD LEADERS – EZEKIEL 34:2-10**

**GOD AS SHEPHERD – PSALM 23(?); Psalm 80:1;**

**JESUS, THE GOOD SHEPHERD – JOHN 10; 1 PETER 5:4 (CHIEF SHEPHERD); HEBREWS 13:20 (GREAT SHEPHERD); 1 PETER 2:25 (SHEPHERD AND GUARDIAN OF YOUR SOULS).**