

**This week's sermon talking points:**

1. Husbands are called not to cohabitation or coexistence, but to sharing life together.
2. Without persistence in marriage, a Christian husband cannot live out his "for the Lord's sake" obligation.
3. The station given us in life is the arena for the commands of Christ to be lived out.
4. Dwelling well with our spouse requires us to live with them in an understanding way, literally "according to knowledge."
5. Living with our wives in an "understanding way" is to do so possessing an understanding of Christ, of His Word, of ourselves, and of our wives.
6. Christian leaders must be the first to be followers.
7. When we push against admitting differences between men and women or pretend they aren't there, we unwittingly shun and denounce God's design.
8. Views of Marriage:  
Authoritarianism- all is mine (we see the home as a roost to rule)  
Egalitarianism- you pay half, etc. (a legal partnership to be managed)  
Competency- you do what you do best, I'll do what I do best (a task to be completed)  
Complementarianism- we strive to fulfill biblical responsibilities, complementing each other. (role-defined partnership for the development of holiness)
9. Husbands are called to honor their wives as co-heirs in salvation.
10. The joy in the eternal reunion of an earthly married couple in heaven will never trump the joy of their eternal reunion to their Savior.
11. Our relationship with our spouse affects our relationship with God.

**Questions:**

1. **Last week we focused on a couple unequally yoked, especially the case of a believing wife with an unbelieving husband. Why is there such space devoted to the wife, and here only one verse for the husband?**
2. **Dwelling with implies more than just sharing space. What things come to mind when you think of two people "dwelling" together?**
3. **Whether this believing husband has a believing wife or not, we don't know, but what would it change for him as he led his family? Today, the husband is not socially granted the same headship as was in Peter's time. What leadership can a believing husband still give a home with an unbelieving wife?**
4. **Pastor BJ linked a marriage's persistence to one's ability to live out his "for the Lord's sake" obligations, linking our stations in life with our opportunity to live out Christ's commands. How can we see perseverance in a relationship as a positive, even if hard?**
5. **Dwelling according to knowledge isn't about our intellect as much as it has to do with God's design and His truth communicated to us. How would you say intimacy and knowledge of Christ, the Word, and ourselves and spouses helps us fulfill our marital (and other) relationship callings?**
6. **Pastor BJ mentioned a marriage was like tending a garden. What are ways in which we can be "tending the garden" of our relationships well? What steps have you taken recently to do this?**
7. **Have you considered how claiming gender equality in all ways actually flies in the face of biblical truth? In what ways does this defense undercut God's design?**
8. **Which view of marriage is most common around you? Which would you say your marriage is most like? Why?**
9. **"Weakness" by divine design doesn't require inferiority. How does a complementarian view of marriage undergird both a husband's and wife's value, while leaving room for headship and submission? In what ways are the husband and wife to complement one another?**
10. **How do you work to complement your spouse, helping him/her to be the godly husband or wife they are called to be? How have you seen your spouse do the same? What are ways we can do a better job?**
11. **So often we elevate our marriages over Christ when we imply heaven as the meet up place for loved ones, rather than the dwelling place of the Most High where we see Jesus face to face. How can we better look at our marriages as co-heirs of a kingdom and brothers and sisters in view of unity in Christ?**
12. **Hindered prayer is a consequence of not doing husbandry well. How could we see our lack of power and influence in our nation tied to our lack of biblical manhood and husbandry in our own homes?**
13. **What was one of the biggest thing that stuck with you from the service this weekend?**