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1. A husband's foundational role is that of Leader

*Ephesians 5:23*

*1 Corinthians 11:3*

So how does a husband lead like Christ?

a. His leadership is both God-given and gained

*Matthew 20:28*

b. His leadership involves meeting practical needs in the home

*1 Timothy 5:8*

c. His leadership results in his wife blossoming

*Acts 4:13*

"The measure of leadership is not the quality of the head, but the tone of the body. The signs of outstanding leadership appear primarily among the followers."

*Max Dupree*

2. A wife's foundational role is that of Helper

*Genesis 2:18*

*Deuteronomy 33:29*

*Psalms 33:20*

*Psalms 121:1-2*

What does a helping wife look like?

a. She mirrors the Church's followership of Jesus

*Ephesians 5:23*

b. She engages her gifts to work as a teammate with her husband

*Acts 18:1-3*

*Romans 16:3-4*

c. Her actions bring blessing to her husband and family

*Proverbs 31:10-12; 23*

*Proverbs 31:28-29*

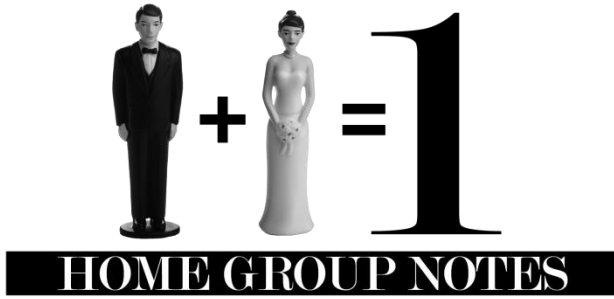
3. Spend time with the Role Maker

### Now What?

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**SERIES BOOK RECOMMENDATION:**

*Sacred Marriage* by Gary Thomas



Week of May 20

Roles

Home Groups are a great place to learn about God's plan for "oneness" in marriage and His design for intimacy. You can find more information at [www.trinityonline.org/connect/home-groups/](http://www.trinityonline.org/connect/home-groups/) or call (909) 335-7333.



### Share It

What are places where you have taken on different roles?  
What made it successful or fail?



### Study the Bible

The fact of different "roles" is found in God's nature and His designs.

Notice that the three persons of God have different roles with one essence and value.

Father: John 3:16-17; 14:26; Galatians 4:4-5

Son: John 5:19; 6:37-38; Romans 5:8-10; 1 Timothy 2:5

Holy Spirit: John 3:3-6; 14:26; 15:26; Acts 1:8; Romans 8:11; 15:16; Galatians 5:22-23

Notice how God designed marriage to have roles.  
Ephesians 5:22-28

God designed the church to have roles.  
Ephesians 4:11-12



## **Discuss Together**

Why do we often confuse the idea of roles with worth?

If husband's role of "leadership" means "responsibility," what does this mean to him? To her?

If the wife's role of "helper" means to "give strength and aid," what does this mean to her? To him?

How are both of these roles true for everyone in Christ?



## **Pray**

- The 21 Day prayer challenge is for all people: Pray together with someone every day.
- Pray for the people in your world
- Pray for your adopted global workers



## **Apply It This Week**

Continue in the 21 Day Prayer Challenge.