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Wild at Heart

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#1 The family is a ‘world in miniature’, where life lessons are learned!

#2 A Biblical marriage Exalts the woman and demands Leadership by the man!

#3 A Biblical marriage relationship will teach healthy lifelong values to children!

#4 Sin messes up everything!

In the last 9 weeks, we have looked at the family particularly the marriage relationship. Without question, great emphasis has been placed on exalting the woman. This week we want to focus on actions by the wife that encourage her husband to reach his full leadership capacity. Ladies WORK with me. As a good Radar you will learn how to get the most out of your Battleship. Ladies it is to your benefit for a man to reach his full capacity, because God’s Power will be released through him!

Therefore, Ladies, encourage him to do what he is made for: **-lead -protect -provide.**

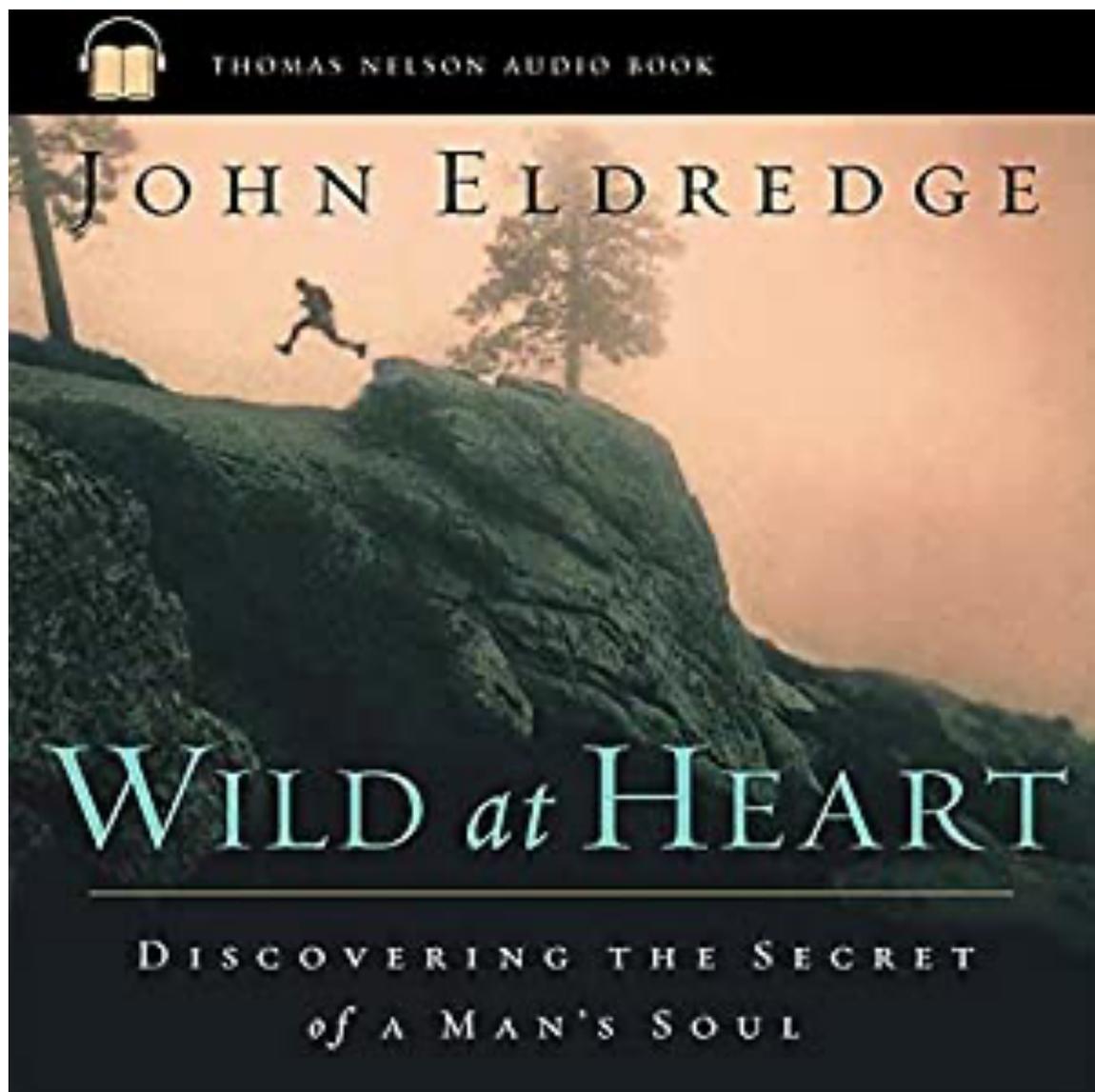
Ephesians 5:23 (ESV)

For the husband is the head of the wife even as Christ is the head of the church, his body, and is himself its Savior.

The man leading his family, protecting his family and providing for his family is a Warrior. Just as Christ, the head of the Church, is a warrior defeating all evil.

Revelation 19:11–13 (ESV)

¹¹ Then I saw heaven opened, and behold, a white horse! The one sitting on it is called Faithful and True, and in righteousness he judges and makes war. ¹² His eyes are like a flame of fire, and on his head are many diadems, and he has a name written that no one knows but himself. ¹³ He is clothed in a robe dipped in blood, and the name by which he is called is The Word of God.



Ladies, “Wild at Heart” by John Eldridge is mandatory reading for you. He points out the need for a man to be Wild at Heart! He also points out the fact that wives and the church often quench that masculinity. **After marriage, women often destroy the very thing that drew them to their husbands.** Before marriage it is the knight in shining armor with the princess at his side. After five years of marriage, her Knight in shining armor rides up on his white horse and the princess now with three children says, “Get that horse off the grass, put the sword up you will hurt one of the kids, and take off that silly armor, we have work to do.” Then he meekly rides off, never being the leader as God intended.

I have taught on this subject hundreds of times. I fully believe that what I taught was from the LORD and learned through practical and very difficult circumstances. Plus, I have seen the fruit of this teaching. However, with all the pressure I put on the husband, I had this gnawing inside telling me that I was missing something. As I reflected on this, I literally had a VISION that God used to tell me what I missed.

1. VISION -- “Picture” – I saw a beautiful picture of a sunset. As men step up a beautiful picture develops, but there was a small puzzle shaped hole in the middle of the sun in this picture. In this beautiful picture of life, the hole in the center of the sun is a hole in the center of a man’s heart. Everything is working to make the picture pretty, but he is dying.

2. I ask the Lord for insight. I received a flash, **another VISION**, another picture. I am 18 years old just finished playing a football game at Terra Alta. We won, I scored two touchdowns. I am muddy head to toe walking off the field helmet in hand and here comes Linda tip toeing through the mud and gives me a big hug and kiss and we walk off the field together. **The Lord said, “THAT IS THE ANSWER!”** That is the missing puzzle piece. That is the hole in a man’s heart. **The princess honoring her knight!**

Prov 12:4

A wife of noble character is her **husband's crown**, but a disgraceful wife is like decay in his bones.

3. Practical: You may say, “That is not practical. It doesn’t make sense.” Really, it is revealed in us from Camelot to Shrek, James Bond to Gladiator & Braveheart to the Prince and Princess in Sleeping Beauty. This is true in every country, every culture, every race. **Men long to be brave and a Knight and women long to the Princess and lovely.**

Unfortunately, because women do not understand this, many women will destroy that masculine piece which was in fact that the very piece that attracted them to their husband in the first place. I will never walk off football field and I don’t expect Linda to tip toe through the mud to greet me, but I still need to have an expression of my masculine soul and Linda still can make me feel every bit as masculine as I felt then.

Ralph Herring an 80-year-old man negotiated the contract for this land. After one difficult exchange, his wife held his arm and said, “I just love it when he does that!” He smiled and lifted his shoulders a little higher. An 80-year-old Knight and his 79-year-old Princess!

4. Ladies, here is the “key” question. What makes your husband **FEEL: ALIVE, ADVENTUROUS, DANGEROUS? FEED IT DON’T DESTROY IT!**

Ladies, there is much more! Remember the picture of me and walking off the football field? I was not alone. You need to tip toe through the mud and walk off the field with your husband. **You have to engage:** Hunting – You don’t have to go, but you actively engage that enables him to go. Then you listen to his exploits when he returns. Same thing with golf, fishing, music, motorcycles, weight training. whatever. **For him to be a true Knight, he needs a engaging Princess!** Give him an outlet to be a knight and praise Jesus for his masculinity just like it says in the Psalms:

Psalm 144:1

Praise be to the Lord my Rock, who trains my hands for war, my fingers for battle.

Sin messes up everything, but proper teaching and the Baptism of the Holy Spirit will lead God’s people to behave like Christ which will Exalt the woman and demand Leadership by the man which will model godliness to your children.