Authentic Manhood

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INTRODUCTION

- Whenever there's no compelling vision of manhood, men are going to settle for less.
- He had a will to obey. He had a work that he was called to do, and he had a woman to love.
- Adam, basically, we're going to use for our purposes is conventional manhood. It's kind of what the world sees. Jesus is authentic manhood.

1 An Authentic Man Rejects Passivity

Genesis 3:6; 1 Samuel 3:13; Philippians 2:5–8

- Passivity is one of the biggest dangers to men today.
- Eve's over here having a conversation with the serpent, and Adam's just sitting there.
- He should have been out there with a shield and a sword taking care of her.
- Eli was punished because his sons were sinning and he did not rebuke them, even though he knew it was going on.
- He would boldly teach. Yet he was humbly submissive.
- He humbled himself by becoming obedient to the point of death.

2 Accepting Responsibility

Genesis 3:8–12; John 4:34; John 17:4

- The woman whom you gave … to be with me, she gave me from the tree, and I ate.
- My food is to do the will of him who sent me and to accomplish his work.
- Can we say that's what nourishes us? Our food is to do the will of God and accept responsibility for that?
- I glorified you on the earth, having accomplished the work which you've given me to do.
- If it was given to you to do, you need to do it.

3 Leading Courageously

Luke 9:23; John 10:27; 1 Corinthians 16:13

- He blamed the woman and hid in the woods. That's what Adam did.
- If anyone wishes to come after me, he must deny himself, take up his cross daily, and follow me.
- Be on the alert, stand firm in the faith, act like men. Be strong.
- We've got to be an example as well if we want anybody to follow us.
- I'll stand behind you if you'll just make up your mind where you're going to stand.

4 Investing Eternally

John 6:38; Ephesians 5:25

- Adam lived for the moment. He went for the fruit. The low-hanging fruit, what we call it. The easy path.
- For I have come down from heaven not to do my own will, but the will of him who sent me.
- Store up for yourselves treasures in heaven … for where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.
- Where your heart is defines who you are and where you are.
- Husbands love your wives just as Christ also loved the church and gave himself up for her.
- Jesus did these things perfectly where Adam couldn't.

THE CHALLENGE

You need to have a purpose. You need to know where you're going and walk and behave like you're going somewhere.

MY NOTES