

Sunday, September 18, 2022
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“When a Man Loves a Woman”

Esther 1:10-2:4

Today's BIG IDEA:

Christian marriages must be grounded in Christlike love.

1. Godly husbands treat their wives with _____, not _____ (1:10-12)

(Job 31:1,9-12; Matthew 5:28)

- Women are not **trophies** to ogle. They are **treasures** to honor.

2. Godly husbands seek to _____ their wives, not _____ over them (1:13-20)

(Ephesians 5:22-25)

- Biblical masculinity is defined by godly **leadership**, not worldly **lordship**.
- Biblical womanhood is defined by godly **submission**, not worldly **stubbornness**.

3. Godly husbands faithfully _____ to their wives, not _____ them (1:21-22)

(Matthew 19:3-6)

- God's standard for marriage always supersedes cultural norms.

4. Godly husbands care most about their wives' _____, not their _____ (2:1-4)

(1 Samuel 16:7b; Proverbs 31:30)

- A pure heart is much more sustainable and satisfying than a perfect body.

APPLICATION QUESTIONS:

1. What similarities exist between the culture of Esther 1-2 and today's culture? How can we remain faithful in the midst of a world that has different views on marriage?
2. What instructions from today's message are the hardest to accept and live out? Why?
3. How does Christ serve as the perfect example of love? How can we reflect that love in our marriages? In other relationships?