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**SERIES: A Marriage Without Regrets**

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### **MONDAY**

### **OPEN**

The way to have a marriage that runs in such a way that it's a joy to both of you, is for you not to run the show. It's for you to be subject to your husband. Now, he values you as a mate. He looks at you. He respects your wisdom. He respects your gifts, and you operate together in the light of them, but when it comes right down to the fact that there can't be two heads in that household, that there has to be one, there is a time when a woman is to subject herself to her husband.

### **PART ONE**

In 1949, Simone de Beauvoir wrote in her book "The Second Sex" that marriage is simply intended to deny a woman a man's liberty, and that when a woman gets married, it's simply that she is there to satisfy her husband's sexual needs and to raise his children. Is that all there is to marriage? Or is there more? Why are women today, feeling more oppressed in their

marriage? Listen to what Danielle Crittenden says in “What Our Mothers Didn’t Tell Us, Why Happiness Eludes the Modern Woman”. She writes, “American women have achieved the most egalitarian marriages in the history of the world. And yet they actually feel more oppressed in their marriages than their grandmothers did.” How is this possible? And I will tell you that it is possible simply because women have laid aside the knowledge of what God has to say about how they are to live. They’re ignorant of it. They haven’t been taught what the Word of God has to say. The older women have been separated from the younger women. And they’re no longer there to sit and to chat and to learn from one another. They’re not in one another’s houses so that they can watch and see, all right how do they live with their husbands, how do they treat their children, how do they manage their homes. And they’re not there because they’re in the work force. Is this where a woman belongs? Is this where a woman is going to find fulfillment or is this the source of her frustration? Well, I want to take you once again to the book of Titus. I want to take you to Titus, chapter 2, where we’re looking at the passage where it talks about the older women teaching the younger women, encouraging them to love their husbands and to love their children, to be pure, to be sensible to be workers at home, in other words, keepers of the house. Which I believe is really a career in and of itself. The reason that the women are feeling so oppressed in their marriages today is because of the tension that’s on the home because the mother is out of the home most of the day. The children are farmed out. They either go to nursery school before school begins, in order for the woman to get to work on time. They’re running outside the house. They’re stopping at McDonald’s or other places, Burger King, what ever. I’m not giving commercials, but they’re stopping there to pick up breakfast. They’re in a hurry. They’re in a rush. Somebody picks them up and takes care of them after school. You’re trying to work. What are you going to do if the kids are sick? Who’s going to take care of them, the husband or the wife?

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You come home, you've got dinner, you've got a wash to do. You've got a table to set. You've got dishes to clear off. You've got a family to feed. You know, the tension is so great. And because the tension is so great and because the woman and man are not in their proper roles and not in their proper relationship, then there is that tension and then there are those raised voices or then there's a woman standing in the kitchen, boiling inside, really resentful, because she's been working all day. Now her husband's sitting there reading the newspaper or watching the news on television while she is just working as hard as she can to get everything done. And where do the kids come? Do they come to dad for help? No, he's saying, "Shhh." They come instead into the kitchen to talk to mother. And they need to talk to mother because they haven't talked to mother all day long. We're living in times of terrible frustration because we've departed from the precepts of God's Word. You know, in Psalm 119, the psalmist writes, "Through Thy precepts, I gain understanding and I hate every false way." In other words when I get into the Word of God, I find out truth. And when I find out truth, I hate a false way, because it's a lie, because it leads down a dead end path, because it leads to frustration, because it leads to oppression. And so he's telling the older women, "Help these younger women. Teach them how to love their husbands, how to love their children, how to keep a house." And then he goes on to write, "Being kind, teach them how to be kind." And you see, one of the things that you notice in our society is we're an angry society. We're a frustrated society. We're an abrupt society. We are a crude and rude people, society wise. There's no grace anymore. Remember when we looked at Proverbs 31. Remember that woman that excels, that excellent wife. Who can find a wife like this? Her price is above the price of rubies, the price of jewels. And we saw that that was a woman of decorum. That was a woman of discernment. That was a woman of direction. That was a woman of devotion. That was a woman of dedication to God and dedicated to being the wife and mother that God ordained her to be. She was an extremely capable,

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capable woman. But there was a decorum about her. And we've lost that decorum. We've lost that kindness. And listen, when you are pressured, you're going to lose that kindness. When you are pressured, I know. My husband can tell when I have a lot on me and I have a lot on me at Precept Ministries. Now my kids are gone. My husband's the only one at home. And I've got a husband that's very, very understanding, but when I get under pressure, I'm in a hurry. I don't want to talk. I don't want to explain. I just, get out of my way, just move. And it affects our marriage. I need to stop and see, hey this isn't right. You are primarily a wife to your husband. Yes, your kids are gone. Yes, you're no longer a home maker. You're in a different season of life, but you still are a wife. And you still need to pay attention to your husband. And you don't need to push him away like he's in the way, which is the way I feel when I'm oppressed. You're in my way. You're stopping me. Don't stand there, move. And when I get that way, I get abrupt. And I'm not kind. And you know when a woman loses her kindness, when a woman loses her gentleness, when a woman loses her graciousness, she's losing part of her femininity. She's losing part of her softness that makes her so attractive to others. So the older women are to teach the younger women how to be kind. And then it says and I hesitate to mention this, because I'm not going to deal with it now. But we're going to deal with it in the future, "Being subject to their own husbands." In other words, we need to teach each other, the older women need to teach the younger, hey honey, listen, the way to have a good marriage, the way to have a marriage that runs in such a way that it's a joy to both of you, is for you not to run the show. It's for you to be subject to your husband. Now, he values you as a mate. He looks at you. He respects your wisdom. He respects your gifts. And he understands them and you operate together in the light of them, but when it comes right down to the fact that there can't be two heads in that household, that there has to be one, there is a time when a woman is to subject herself to her husband. Now we're going to deal with submission. And I remember

years ago, when I taught on it and the title of my tape was, “Me, Submit? You Got to Be Kidding”. And that’s the way we feel today. Me submit? You’ve got to be kidding. I’m a liberated woman. I’m equal with my husband. That’s true. But let me ask you a question. Do you have a boss? Do you submit to your boss? Yes. Because every organization, every home, as I’ve said before, has to have a leader, has to have an order. And I’m telling you, just the fact that the husband has to shoulder that, it is good. It takes a lot off of your shoulders. Now we’re going to talk about submission later on. And we’re going to talk about the “why’s” and the “wherefore’s” and stuff like this and you’re going to get God’s precepts and you don’t have to be afraid of them because the man has the greater responsibility. Remember, we talked about how a man is to treat his wife, how a man is to love his wife and how a man is to desire that that woman comes to the full blossom of womanhood, how he’s to nourish her and cherish her and how he’s to be able to present her without spot, without blemish. In other words, she’s going to be prize, by the time he gets through loving her the way that he ought to love her. Well, that’s what he says in Titus. Now we need to go to 1 Timothy chapter 5. And you may want to write that in your Bible next to Titus. Let’s go to 1 Timothy chapter 5. In 1 Timothy and remember that book is just before Titus. Well, it’s 1 and 2 Timothy. And 1 Timothy, chapter 5, once again, Paul is writing to another son in the Lord. And this is Timothy. And he has a real neat and special relationship with Timothy. Timothy had a father that was not a believer. Timothy had a grandmother and a mother who loved the Lord Jesus Christ, who brought him up from a child in the scriptures. And then when Paul came to visit in Timothy’s home town, Timothy then became Paul’s disciple. We believe that he came to know Jesus Christ at that time. And so, Paul steps in and he’s like a father to him. Now, he’s writing him and he’s telling him, “Okay, here you are, you’re a pastor, you’re a young man, compared to the other men in the church. These are my instructions to you.” And so he opens 1 Timothy

chapter 5, by telling him, “Don’t sharply rebuke an older man, but rather appeal to him as to a father, to the younger men, as brothers and to the older women as mothers, and the younger women as sisters in all purity.” In other words, listen, this is what he wants. Now this is not what the world is seeing. And you may be listening. You may have accidentally caught me, as on divine purpose. But you may have accidentally caught me and I just welcome you. And I want you to come back and I want to share with you what God’s Word has to say. And you can get on the internet and you can share with me what you think about what God says or about what I say. And I would love to hear from you.

## **PART TWO**

Typical Christianity means that you live on a higher plane. Typical Christianity means that you live not the way society is living, but you live the way God tells you to live. He’s saying, this is how you treat the older women, like mothers, the younger women, as sisters in all purity. He says, “Honor widows who are widows in deed.” In other words, take care of women who are true genuine widows, who have lost their husbands. But if any widow has children or grandchildren...,” Now this is going to be so important, so listen carefully, “If any widow has children or grandchildren, let them first learn to practice piety in regard to their own family.” In other words, if you are a widow, then the church is not to take care of you. Your children and your grandchildren are to take care of you. If you’re a widow without anyone to help you, then the church is to take care of you. But I want you as a widow to learn piety, to learn holiness, to learn to live in the way that God says live in regard to your children, and in regard to your grandchildren. You don’t use them. You don’t misuse them. You don’t take advantage of them. Now watch, “And to make some return to their parents.” Now this is where our society is lacking. And one of the things that absolutely grieves my heart is to walk into nursing homes and I did that

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recently. I was in another city and I went to the nursing home to see a very precious friend of mine, a very precious friend that has Lou Gehrig's disease. After her husband died, the daughter had her sign over things to her, her money over to her and then put her in the most wretched nursing home. It just made me absolutely sick, because that woman does not have to live there. And yet, here is a gal that is not taking care of their parents. You know there is a return to parents and we need to take care of them and honor them. And if we're going to be women of God, that's what we need to do. I'm telling you, if your relationships are not right with others it will affect your marriage. And it will bring a tension to your marriage and it will bring an oppression to your marriage. Because if you're not getting along with your husband and when we're unhappy with ourselves or when we're feeling guilty, deep down inside guilt, even though we've rationalized it on the outside, there's not going to be a pleasantness in that marriage, because everything affects, you know, you can't isolate your life. One part affects the other. Well, it goes on to say this. "Now she who is a widow indeed and who has been left alone has fixed her hope on God, and continues in entreaties and prayers day and night." In other words, look, if you've been widowed and you are indeed widowed then you can devote yourself to a life of intercession, to a life of prayer. You can focus on God and on the things of God and interceding for others. And then it says, "But she..." and talking about widows, now. But you learn principles about women from this. "...she who gives herself to wanton pleasure is dead even while she lives." In other words, if you are just living for yourself, if you are living for your own pleasure and it's just greed, greed, greed, and listen, you can be a widow and you can make your kids absolutely miserable, because all you think about is you. And you're just, every time they pick up the phone, you're complaining. You didn't call me. You didn't come to see me. You didn't stay to talk. The kids didn't call me. The kids didn't remember my birthday. And they just make you feel miserable. Who wants to call? Our focus is not

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to be on ourselves. Well, he goes on and talking about this, he talks about a widow. If you're going to put a widow on a list at a church, she has to be at least 60 years old or more. I would qualify. But this is the kind of reputation she should have. Now listen, when you look at her reputation, you see what God intends for a woman, for any woman, every woman. "Having a reputation for good works." Let me ask you a question. Are you so worn out that you don't have time to do anything good for anyone else? Do you remember the days when we use to make a covered dish and take it to the new neighbor that had just moved into the neighborhood? Cookies, how we would help, and say, "Hey, listen, if you need to run to the store just send your kids over to my house. I'll help take care of them. I'll watch them for you." And we could trust our neighbors in those days. It was a whole different lifestyle because the woman was where the woman belonged in that season of life. And that was in the home. So she should have a reputation of good works. And if she has brought up children, if this is a woman that has raised children. Now listen to this next one, "If she has shown hospitality to strangers...." You say, what is hospitality? We don't know. We really don't know what hospitality is anymore. We don't know what it means to invite people into our home. Do you realize what benefit it would be to open your doors and to let young couples come into your home, to have them over? You don't need to have a splendid table, a casserole will do well. I remember the Apple family. And they had all these kids and they were poor as church mice. But they would invite me over. Now at that time, I had been married. I had been divorced. And I had been widowed. And I was a new Christian. And they would invite me over with my two boys. They'd have a big old pot of vegetable soup on the table and the bowls and the peanut butter and the jelly. And I would go get mayonnaise, because I like peanut butter and mayonnaise sandwiches. I was at home. But I was seeing: how does a Christian family operate? I would watch them as they prayed. I would watch them as they read the Scriptures. I would watch them as they dealt



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with their children. And I got a vision. I got an understanding of how a Christian family lives because they gave hospitality to me. I went to church. I was a stranger, but I was a stranger, and they invited me in. It goes on to say, “If she has washed the saint’s feet....” In other words, if she has been a servant to others, that’s what it means to wash the saints feet. It means to have them into your house. In those days, they would come into the house, they wore sandals, they were dirty and it just felt so good to have your feet washed. So it’s just a symbol again of hospitality, of servanthood. “If she has assisted those in distress....” You see, we need each other. We need a sisterhood. To be a healthy whole woman and to have a marriage that is solid and a marriage that is healthy, you need a sister. I’m not talking about a blood sister. I’m talking about a sisterhood, where we can bang things off of one another. Men talk far less than women. I mean the number of words they speak in day compared to the number of words that a woman speaks in a day, there’s a big differential there. He goes on to say this. “I want the younger widows to get married, to bear children, to keep house.” That word for keep house has the word “despoteo” in it. Did you hear the word despot? Listen, your career is to manage that home. Your career is to be the CEO of that home as long as the children are at home. You say, “But Kay, the finances are what are keeping me out of the home.” We’re going to talk about that later. But until then, just let me ask you a question: If God called you to be the homemaker and you belong to God and you’re God’s child, will God not provide all your needs? Yes He is.