Introduction: “Missing In Action”

1. The evolution of the American male

2. The father-absent family

3. The impact of changing roles
   a. ________________ men
   b. ________________ women
   c. Confused children

4. Two “PCs” we must avoid
   a. “P____________________ Correct”
   b. “P____________________ Christian”
Redefining manhood in our marriages and homes:

1. It always begins with mutual ____________.

... and be subject to one another in the fear of Christ. Ephesians 5:21 (NIV)

- The Metaphor of “The Dance”

2. A great dance/marriage requires clarity of ____________.

22Wives, be subject to your own husbands, as to the Lord. 23For the husband is the head of the wife, as Christ also is the head of the church, He Himself being the Savior of the body. 24But as the church is subject to Christ, so also the wives ought to be to their husbands in everything.

25Husbands, love your wives, just as Christ also loved the church and gave Himself up for her; 26that He might sanctify her, having cleansed her by the washing of water with the word, 27that He might present to Himself the church in all her glory, having no spot or wrinkle or any such thing; but that she should be holy and blameless.

28So husbands ought also to love their own wives as their own bodies. He who loves his own wife loves himself; 29for no one ever hated his own flesh, but nourishes and cherishes it, just as Christ also does the church, 30because we are members of His body.

Ephesians 5:22-30 (NIV)
3. Husbands are to “_____________ _______” and give their lives to lead their families in righteousness.

**What does this mean?**

- Husbands must love their wives _________________________.

- Husbands must love their wives with _________________________.

- Husbands must love their wives _________________________.

**What does this not mean?**

- It doesn’t mean you always do what your wife _________________.

- It doesn’t mean you don’t have a life of your _________________.

- It doesn’t mean you make her _________________________ on you.

- It doesn’t mean you “call all the shots.”
Application/Discussion Questions:

1. What **new insight** did you gain concerning the roles of men in marriage?

2. How has **our culture** made it difficult to function according to God’s design?

3. How have **abuses** in the church made it difficult to function according to God’s design?

4. (Men) What specific steps do you need to take to become the man God wants in your home?

5. (Women) What specific steps do you need to take to help your husband be the man God wants him to be in your home?

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**Marriage that Works**

**Personal Commitment – Week 2**

From this day forward...

- I will “step-up” and give my life to lead my family in righteousness.

  *Husbands love your wives, just as Christ also loved the church and gave Himself up for her.*

  Ephesians 5:25 (NIV)

 Signed ________________________________ Date ____________

I commit to pray for...

- Husbands to “step-up” and give their lives to lead their wives and families in righteousness.
- Husbands to love their wives **sacrificially**.
- Husbands to love their wives with **intentionality**.
- Husbands to love their wives **sensitively**.