

### Introduction:

"Relationships just don't work well when the man neglects to take the lead when he should, neglects to make decisions at home, and fails to be proactive in his involvement with his family."

- *"Passive Men, Wild Women"* by Pierre Mornell

### Fighting lies with truth

#### **Lie #12 (for men):**

Husbands are to earn the money and wives are to take care of the kids and the house.

#### **The truth:**

As a husband, I am the \_\_\_\_\_ in our home. I am responsible to provide for and protect my family's physical, spiritual, and emotional needs, as I \_\_\_\_\_ Jesus every day.

#### **Key verse:**

*<sup>1</sup> Follow God's example, therefore, as dearly loved children <sup>2</sup> and walk in the way of love, just as Christ loved us and gave Himself up for us as a fragrant offering and sacrifice to God.*

Ephesians 5:1-2

### Lie #13 (for women):

My husband is almost like another child I have to take care of. If I didn't handle our finances, the house, our children, and major decisions, this place would fall apart tomorrow.

### The truth:

When I take care of everything myself, I'm actually usurping my husband's \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_ role. Until I \_\_\_\_\_ taking care of everything, my husband will never step up and lead.

### Key verse:

<sup>5</sup> *Trust in the LORD with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding;*

<sup>6</sup> *in all your ways submit to Him, and He will make your paths straight.*

Proverbs 3:5-6

### Breaking the cycle

**Women:** Refuse to do things that are your spouse's job

**Men:** Step up and own the responsibility

### Discussion Questions:

1. How can a husband be a "servant leader" without becoming passive, and what's the difference between serving your wife and surrendering responsibility to her?
2. For husbands: Beyond providing financially, what's one specific, practical way you can take more ownership of your family's spiritual or emotional well-being this week?
3. For wives: What makes it so difficult to "trust in the Lord" by not stepping in to fix a problem, and what's one area where you could create space for your husband to lead?
4. How does a wife "enabling" a husband's passivity harm both him and the intimacy in their relationship?
5. Instead of complaining or criticizing, how can asking for help and expressing your need for your spouse – break the cycle of passivity and resentment?