

Now, we want to look at how Jesus lived the mandate to create and cultivate and how he lead in those three specific areas of responsibility. We want to build a definition of manhood, from the 33 years that he lived on the earth – a definition that you can apply to every area of your life, and through every season of your life. This definition of manhood will serve as a compass to guide you on your journey.

I. First Adam / Second Adam

a. The Bible describes Jesus as the second Adam

- i. Romans 5:17-19 “For if, because of one man’s trespass (Adam), death reigned through that one man, much more will those who receive abundance of grace and the free gift of righteousness in life through the one man Jesus Christ... For as by the one man’s disobedience (Adam) the many were made sinners, so by the one man’s obedience (Jesus) the many will be made righteous.”

1. Through Adam, sin entered the world, but through Jesus, righteousness entered the world.

a. Jesus came to earth to redeem all things – including masculinity!

2. Jesus accepts the responsibilities of the first Adam, who failed miserably.

a. Adam failed in all 3 areas:

- i. Adam did not obey God’s will
- ii. He did not pursue the work God had for him
- iii. He didn’t protect the woman God gave him
 1. This also went for his children as well

b. Jesus restored the failings of Adam by

- i. He followed God’s will – even when He was tempted by Satan just like Adam was!
 - ii. He completely accomplished the work God had for Him by offering His own life for the sake of others
 - iii. Jesus loved his bride (the church) even to the point of death
- ii. 1 Corinthians 15:45-47 “Thus it is written, the first man, Adam became a living being; the last Adam (Jesus) became a life-giving spirit... the first man (Adam) was from the earth, a man of dust; the second man (Jesus) is from heaven.”

b. Every man will walk in the shadow of one of these two men

i. Your life will either be marked by the darkness of he first Adam or the light of the second Adam, Jesus.

c. Conventional Manhood: Adam’s manhood.. It’s a manhood based on personal instinct, human reason, or human reaction. **THIS IS THE MANHOOD WE ARE BORN WITH**

1. Selfish
 2. Takes life from others
 3. Lacks true purpose
- ii. Adam thought he had it all figured out. When he disobeyed God by eating the fruit and then tried to provide for himself by covering with fig leaves.
1. Conventional manhood shouts “I got this! I’m a smart guy. I’ve got it all figured out!” – **This way ALWAYS leads to destruction -- for the man and those in his life.**

- d. Authentic Manhood: Jesus is the example
 - i. **Jesus gave us the perfect example and benchmark (aiming point; standard) for how to be a man (As we look at how we can**
 - 1. Rejects Passivity
 - a. Jesus rejected passivity – he was **BOLD**
 - b. The first Adam was just there – Jesus stepped up and lead
 - 2. Accepts Responsibility
 - a. Jesus fully accepted the responsibilities that we are given as man
 - i. Obeyed God’s will
 - 1. “My food is to do the will of him who sent me and to accomplish his work.” John 4:34 (Jesus speaking)
 - 2. His desire and heart was to lay down his free will and follow God the Father’s will
 - ii. Pursued the work God had for him
 - 1. Jesus said -- “I glorified you on earth, having accomplished the work that you gave me to do.”
What an awesome thing to be able to say: “God, I have done what it is you intended and created me to do.”
 - iii. Protected the woman God gave him
 - 1. Jesus’ woman (bride) is the church – the kingdom of believers – everyone who believes in Jesus as savior and follows him as Lord.
 - 3. Leads Courageously
 - a. Courage is stepping up in love in the face of fear
 - 4. Invests Eternally
 - a. Our purpose is called to live eternally
 - b. Jesus saves people by using people
 - c. People are the only eternal things on this earth. Everything passes away but our souls

- What does it mean to reject passivity in our lives?
 - How can we reject passivity by acting, initiating, and following through?
- In what ways specifically have you noticed a need or a “gap” in the life of someone or a need in a certain situation and decided to not act?
 - How did it make you feel afterward from not acting?
- In what ways specifically have you noticed a need or a “gap” in the life of someone or a need in a certain situation and decided to not act?
 - How did this make you feel?
- What are ways we can step up and lead courageously?
- How can we step up as men to invest eternally?
 - What does this look like?