

**Life Outside the Box**  
**Message 4: Jesus on Marriage and Divorce**  
**Part 1 - Men**

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**Matthew 5:31-32** - *"It has been said, 'Anyone who divorces his wife must give her a certificate of divorce.' But I tell you that anyone who divorces his wife, except for marital unfaithfulness, causes her to become an adulteress, and anyone who marries the divorced woman commits adultery."*

**Ephesians 5:31** – *"For this reason a man will leave his father and mother and be united to his wife, and the two will become one flesh."*

Oneness Is Achieved as We:

**Leave** - Establish Interdependence

**Cleave** - Establish Commitment

**Weave** - Establish Intimacy

**Key Truth:** Intimacy is transparency with one another.

Three Aspects of Intimacy

1. Spiritual
2. Social
3. Physical

## **The Role of the Husband**

Key Truth: Responding to my wife as God commands pleases God and gives the best opportunity for oneness.

### Love like the **Savior**

**Ephesians 5:25** – “Husbands, love your wives, just as Christ loved the church and gave himself up for her.”

**Matthew 11:28-30** – *“Come to me, all you who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you and learn from me, for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. For my yoke is easy and my burden is light.”*

**1 Peter 3:7** – *“Husbands, in the same way be considerate as you live with your wives, and treat them with respect as the weaker partner and as heirs with you of the gracious gift of life, so that nothing will hinder your prayers.”*

### Lead like a **Servant**

Key Truth: Servant leadership is all about meeting needs.

**1 Timothy 5:8** – *“If anyone does not provide for his relatives, and especially for his immediate family, he has denied the faith and is worse than an unbeliever.”*

#### The How’s of Loving and Leading

- A. Communicate!
- B. Romance!
- C. Be trustworthy!
- D. Make her life easier!
- E. Pray with her and for her!
- F. Involve her greatly in key decisions!
- G. Consider her needs and wants!

\* All scripture is from the New International Version.