

CLOSENESS AND CONQUEST

SHE WANTS TO BE CLOSE, HE DESIRES TO
WORK AND ACHIEVE

CLOSENESS - SHE WANTS YOU TO BE CLOSE

■ GEN 2:24

■ CLEAVE ¹ TO ADHERE CLOSELY, STICK, CLING

² TO REMAIN FAITHFUL

HEBREW CLING, HOLD, KEEP CLOSE

■ SPIRITUAL AND EMOTIONAL CLOSENESS

■ **DEUT 24:5 - IF A MAN HAS RECENTLY MARRIED HE MUST NOT BE SENT TO WAR OR HAVE ANY OTHER DUTY LAID ON HIM. FOR ONE YEAR HE IS TO BE FREE TO STAY AT HOME AND BRING HAPPINESS TO THE WIFE HE HAS MARRIED**

■ **WHY THE FIRST YEAR?**

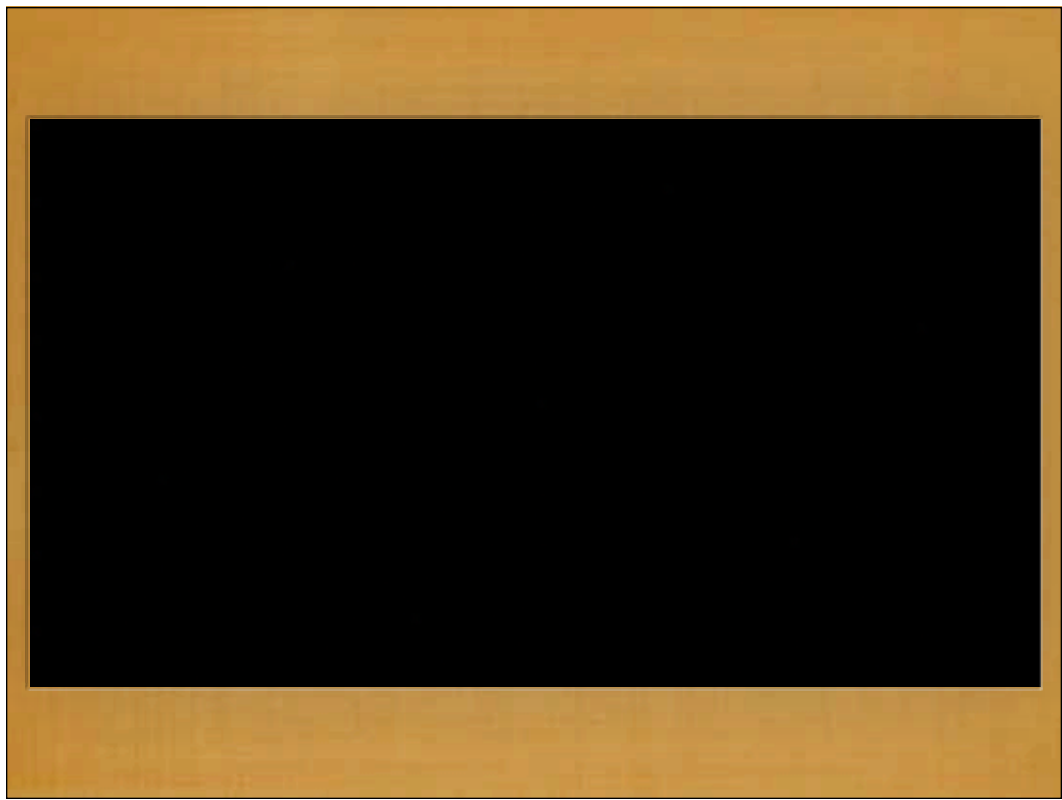
■ **SET THE TONE**

CLOSENESS WANTS TO CONNECT

- “DWELL” WITH HER
 - FIND HER HEART
- FACE TO FACE TIME = HEART TO HEART TIME
- REMEMBER STARBUCK’S

**1COR 11:11 - NEVERTHELESS, IN
THE LORD WOMAN IS NOT
INDEPENDENT OF MAN, NOR IS MAN
INDEPENDENT OF WOMAN**

INVOLVEMENT ←————→ INDEPENDENCE



SHE WILL FEEL CLOSE TO YOU WHEN YOU...

- ...HOLD HER HAND/HUG HER
- ...ARE WITH HER ALONE SO YOU CAN FOCUS ON EACH OTHER AND LAUGH TOGETHER
- ...ARE AWARE OF HER AS A PERSON WITH A MIND AND OPINIONS...LET HER KNOW YOU ENJOY DISCUSSING THINGS WITH HER AND GETTING HER INSIGHTS
- ...ARE AFFECTIONATE WITHOUT SEXUAL INTENTIONS

CONQUEST - HIS DESIRE TO WORK AND ACHIEVE

- CONQUEST - NATURAL INBORN DESIRE OF THE MAN TO GO OUT AND “CONQUER” THE CHALLENGES OF HIS WORLD - WORK & ACHIEVE
- ADAM’S FIRST CAREER ASSIGNMENT
- GEN 2:15 - THE LORD GOD TOOK THE MAN AND PUT HIM IN THE GARDEN OF EDEN TO WORK IT AND TAKE CARE OF IT

■ GEN 2:18 - ... I WILL MAKE A HELPER
SUITABLE FOR HIM.

■ HEBREW “A HELP ANSWERING HIM” OR “ONE
WHO ANSWERS”

■ 1COR 11:9 - NEITHER WAS MAN CREATED
FOR WOMAN, BUT WOMAN FOR MAN

■ **WOMEN ARE OFTEN ATTRACTED TO THE WILDER SIDE OF A MAN, BUT ONCE HAVING CAUGHT HIM THEY SETTLE DOWN TO THE TASK OF DOMESTICATING HIM.**

JOHN ELDREDGE "WILD AT HEART"

WHAT DO YOU DO?

- FIRST QUESTION A MAN ASKS ANOTHER
- MEN DON'T SEE WORK AS AN OPTION
- TWO CHOICES WORK OR GO TO JAIL

- **PROV 12:4 - A WIFE OF NOBLE CHARACTER IS HER HUSBAND'S CROWN**
- **CONTINUE TO BE HIS "CHEERLEADER"**
- **DON'T MAKE HIS WORK A COMPETITION WITH MARRIAGE AND FAMILY**

WORKAHOLICS

1. SOME HUSBANDS LIKE TO BE AT WORK BECAUSE IT IS THE PLACE HE FEELS RESPECTED
2. WHINING OR CONTEMPT WON'T DRAW HIM HOME
3. INFLUENCE HIM DIRECTLY

**HE WILL FEEL YOU APPRECIATE HIS
DESIRE TO WORK AND ACHIEVE WHEN...**

- ... YOU EXPRESS YOUR FAITH IN HIM RELATED TO HIS CHOSEN FIELD
- ... YOU LISTEN TO HIS WORK STORIES AS CLOSELY AS YOU EXPECT HIM TO LISTEN TO YOUR ACCOUNTS OF WHAT HAPPENS IN THE FAMILY
- ... YOU SEE YOURSELF AS HIS HELPMATE AND COUNTERPART AND TALK WITH HIM ABOUT THIS WHENEVER POSSIBLE
- ... YOU DON'T DISHONOR OR SUBTLY CRITICIZE HIS WORK "IN THE FIELD" TO GET HIM TO SHOW MORE LOVE "IN THE FAMILY"

NEXT WEEK:

**OPENNESS AND
HIERARCHY**