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ALL ABOUT EVE

We may not fully grasp the depth, but surely we can recognize the grief-stricken sorrow in the heart of a barren woman. Women were created with a womb and the God-given desire to be fruitful. They were created to receive seed, to bear it and nurture it, and then to birth it into the natural realm. Some, for various reasons, may choose not to have children. But for those who yield to their desire but find, for no apparent reason or reasons beyond their control, that their womb is denied, there is great lamenting. Hannah was so grieved as she sought God for a child that the priest, Eli, thought she was drunk. Sarah's sorrow drove her to desperate means when she sent her servant to her husband's bed. What we see here is the woman's barrenness of the first dimension.

There is a second kind of barrenness women can experience that I would like to identify. When God put Adam and his wife, Eve, into the Garden of Eden, He

instructed them to “be fruitful and multiply.” Of course, we know they were intended to have children and bring forth another generation that in turn was to bring forth another generation. This is how they, and now we, are to multiply in the physical, which is the first dimension. But physical is only one aspect of the total human person. We are also mental, emotional, social, and spiritual, and here also we are to be “fruitful and multiply.”

We must recognize that one alone cannot multiply. One times zero is zero. It takes two. God did not tell the man and woman to add. One plus one is two. He told them to multiply. One times one is ONE. “*Therefore shall a man leave his father and his mother, and shall cleave unto his wife: and they shall be **one** flesh.*”(Gen. 2:24) When the sperm of the man penetrates the egg of the woman, they become one. The result is multiplication. The one cell grows and then splits. One times two is two. Then it grows and splits again. Two times two is four. It grows and splits again. Four times four is sixteen. And so on until it comes into a full manifestation of a whole new creation.

This dimension of multiplication is given to marriage. One person alone with all of his or her gifts, abilities, and talents can do great exploits, but cannot enter into the dimension of multiplication. *One can chase a thousand and two can put ten thousand (not two thousand) to flight.* (Deut. 32:30) Does that mean a person who never marries cannot enter into this dimension? No, but we will discuss this matter later.

Again, we are trying to identify another dimension of barrenness women can experience. The second dimension is the dimension of the soul where we function mentally, emotionally, and socially. Yes, a woman can function well mentally, emotionally, and socially as a person and do great exploits independent of a man. But

in her marriage she was designed by God to be a receiver and a helper. Her nature and purpose in the second dimension of her marriage is no different than that of the first dimension. She is a receiver and a helper. When no seed is being offered to her, when no seed is being imparted to her, she begins to feel void of purpose and impotent as a helper in the second dimension. The result is barrenness. She may call it loneliness, having no meaning or purpose, or living an empty life, but it is barrenness. Barrenness in the second dimension can kill her passion to receive seed in the first dimension.

Remember it takes two to enter into the dimension of multiplication. Through marriage, God gave the multiplied potential for greatness to the two becoming one. This also applies to their potential mentally, emotionally, and socially, as well as physically. This power of multiplication only happens when seed is being given and received. How is seed given and received in the second dimension? In the parable of the sower (Matt. 13:3-30) seed is given by speaking a truth about the nature of God. It is received when it is taken into the heart, pondered, believed, embraced, and allowed to become one with the receiver. Therefore, seed in the second dimension is given and received through **communication!** It is heart to heart, soul to soul communication.

When the man reveals the nature of his inner person to his wife, when he shares with her who and what he is mentally and emotionally, he is giving seed. Giving seed is talking about hopes and dreams, goals in life, and plans for the future. It is talking about insecurities and fears, letdowns and disappointments, and rejections and pain. It is discussing decisions and choices that have to be made. It is talking about memories of the past (good and bad), likes and dislikes, and what really bugs you. It is discussing and talking about the issues of both lives. *Keep thy heart with all diligence; for out of it are the issues of life.* (Prov. 4:23) It is listening to, finding out, discovering, and learning the other person. A man “knowing” his wife is not just sex. *“Likewise, ye*

husbands, dwell with them according to knowledge, giving honour unto the wife, as unto the weaker vessel, and as being heirs together of the grace of life; that your prayers be not hindered.” (I Pet. 3:7)

Seed is also given and received socially when there is interaction such as working and playing together. Working together on jobs or projects and sharing fun times in life are essential in the dimension of multiplication. Couples who believe they can't work together are couples that really don't "know" each other. Pressing through and communicating about those things that hinder couples in working together can take them through a process of learning to "know" each other. Is it easy? NO! But the results of multiplication can be well worth it. Although there can be room for separate interests, a couple that does not regularly have fun together will have a large void in the multiplication dimension.

As the wife receives the seed of the revelation of her husband's inner nature into the womb of her soul, she will ponder it in her heart and nurture it, which will give her the power to birth life to it. In other words she hears his dream. She receives his dream, holding it in the womb of her heart and finding it connects with and penetrates potential deep within her. She ponders it and nurtures it. She embraces it as her dream, becoming one with it. Then she gives life to it in the form of words, speaking hope, encouragement, strength, and possibilities. This is her function as his helpmate in the second dimension. Isn't it also the function of Christ's bride in the earth? It can take the marriage to greater heights.

The wife can also receive the revelation of her husband's inner fears and pain into the womb of her heart, finding that it touches and penetrates potential deep within her. As she ponders and nurtures it, life will be birthed that can speak love and healing

to his fears and pain. This is her function as his helpmate in the second dimension, and it can create greater potential for the marriage.

If the husband does not communicate with his wife, if he does not share his heart or his nature with her, the womb of her soul in the marriage is barren. She is not given what she needs to grow life to give to him. She feels discontent, dissatisfied, and a failure as a helpmate. Barrenness in the second dimension can also cause an unhappy, lamenting wife.

Just like there are women who don't want children, there are women who won't or can't receive seed from her husband. There are various reasons for this, but it is not the purpose of this writing. We simply want to define and understand women's barrenness in the second dimension. Hopefully we are seeing the powerful possibilities that can result when the multiplication process is happening in the giving and the receiving of seed in this dimension.

Now we can understand how a wife can begin to lose her desire for sex and even come to hate it. Her security, acceptance, and value in her marriage are established by what is being communicated to her in the second dimension. The barrenness that she feels can rob her of the security, acceptance, and value she needs to function as a wife. If she is not accepted and important enough to be offered seed to the womb of her soul, then she can begin to feel like she is only her husband's personal prostitute in the physical dimension. Love to the woman is what is happening in the second dimension, therefore, sex is no longer lovemaking, it is an obligation.

We have discussed barrenness in the physical and the soul, which is mental, emotional, and social. Now let's look at the spiritual. All seed in the spiritual must come from God. Remember when God reveals Himself to us; it comes in the form of seed that we, both male and female, receive. As we believe it and embrace it, we

become one with it. We become the vessels in which and through which He reproduces His Life. Because the male is part of the bride of Christ, he must function in the spirit realm as the female functions in being the receiver of the seed. To his head, Christ, he is the receiver, and then he turns to the wife and is the giver of the seed he has received. It goes without saying that if the husband has not received spiritual seed from Christ, he has no spiritual seed to give. He must realize that he has to present himself to Christ with the same willingness, openness, and passion that he desires his wife to present herself to him.

Because in Christ there is no male or female, the woman can also receive seed from Him and become fruitful and productive in reproducing His Life. But in the marriage where there can be the power of multiplication, the husband must be receiving and giving spiritual seed. He can't just be receiving it. He must also give it to multiply. Spiritual seed is given in the same way seed is given to the womb of the soul, through communication.

Spiritual barrenness in the spiritual dimension is different from the barrenness in the second dimension of the marriage. In the second dimension of marriage Jesus will not trespass into the place He has given to the husband. Jesus will not give seed He has ordered and supplied the husband to give. Barrenness in the marriage will remain barren until the husband gives seed. Also, Jesus will not trespass into the place He has given to the wife. He will not receive seed the husband needs to give, when the wife is not willing to receive it. Barrenness in the marriage will remain barren until the wife receives the seed.

As an individual person in Him, Jesus never leaves us barren spiritually. His seed is plentiful and He is always ready and willing to give it to those who come to Him. Spiritually, as an individual, we need never feel barren. A husband or a wife can

feel complete, secure, accepted, unconditionally loved, valued, and fruitful in his or her relationship with God and still feel empty or barren in the relationship with their spouse. It was to a married couple that God gave the commission to be fruitful, multiply, subdue the earth, and have dominion.

“And God blessed them, and God said unto them, Be fruitful, and multiply, and replenish the earth, and subdue it: and have dominion over the fish of the sea, and over the fowl of the air, and over every living thing that moveth upon the earth.” (Gen. 1:28)

I believe that to subdue the earth and have dominion over it is going to require the greatness that only comes through the process of multiplication. We are not going to be able to bypass bringing marriage back into God’s order and doing it the way God has ordered it to be done and still enter into the third dimension of the Kingdom of God. Can we also take it into the place of the church and say that until there is a “marriage” or a joining together into oneness the ministry of women with the ministry of men, we are not going to move into the multiplied greatness needed to subdue the earth and have dominion?

How can those who don’t marry enter into the dimension of multiplication? When there is no spouse, then Jesus, without trespassing, can enter into that place of completing the multiplication equation of “one times one is one.” Paul is our scriptural example.

I would like to say a little more about Eve, except now her name is Mary. An angel from God tells her that she is going to receive Seed from God. She will bear and give birth to the Son of God. Salvation was going to be birthed into the realm of time through the woman. Bringing salvation into the world was something that God and the woman did independently without the involvement of the man. It was when Adam ate the forbidden fruit that sin became generational. He could no longer give pure seed.

It was Eve that handed the fruit to Adam. It was Mary who not only put salvation into the hands of her husband, Joseph, but also into the hands of all mankind who would reach out to take it. God gave vindication to Eve. He also gave to all women the open door to receive personally from Him, and then to give it to her children, her husband, and even to all mankind. Because it will be the result of intimacy with God, what she gives will bear the saving nature of her God. Herein women can find their scriptural authority for ministry.

“And Adam called his wife’s name Eve; because she was the mother of all living.” (Gen. 3:20) The root word from which the word *Eve* comes means “to declare.”

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