

Our text speaks of the principle of male leadership

I. THE FAILURE OF LEADERSHIP

- A. Our text: Moses home is out of order: *His wife is making the spiritual decisions of the home*
1. **V25** *Then Zipporah took a sharp stone and cut off the foreskin of her son and cast it at Moses' feet,*
 2. This is not OK with God! Radical picture – God met Moses to kill him!
 - a. **V24** *the LORD met him and sought to kill him.*
 3. God's plan is male leadership: *The man is supposed to lead*
- B. There are enemies of male leadership – things that hinder men from taking leadership
1. **The absence of male examples:** Men are often raised by women (absent fathers)
 - a. Or they saw weak fathers who let the wife run everything (It is now normal to them)
 2. **The resistance in our culture to male leadership:** *Term - toxic masculinity*
 - a. Constant message: *Men are dangerous/it's terrible for a man to lead – the patriarchy*
 3. **Human laziness:** Leadership takes work! It takes time to pay attention/get involved
 - a. It's easier to leave it to the women
 4. **The unwilling ness to cause pain:** The boys would not be happy with being circumcised
 - a. Men don't like the drama that comes with saying no/correcting
 5. **Resistance that comes from women:** *Women will fight you when you try to lead! V25 husband of blood*
- C. It is not OK to God!
1. **You fail to equip your children:** *Spiritually out of order!*
 - a. Children are less likely to serve God when they only see women spiritually engaged
 - b. You fail to equip them for their own marriage/parenting in the future
 2. **You cause unnecessary marriage tension:** *Moses wife was not happy!*
 - a. No woman is happy with having to lead – even if she fights you/tries to lead
 3. **You damage your destiny:** **V24** *the LORD met him and sought to kill him.*
 - a. You most often kill destiny – will not be able to enter into destiny: You'll make a bad Pastor!
 - b. It is damaging to churches when men don't lead
 1. They allow damaging things/people: *They don't like drama*
 2. They cause a lack of confidence: *People won't follow a man who won't lead*
 - a. *Wives who run everything/tell men off – incredibly damaging!*
 3. You will never make disciples if you won't lead

II. THE CALLING OF LEADERSHIP

- A. **You have permission from God to lead!**
1. Male leadership is God's plan: He is the one who wants you to lead – regardless of world opinion
- B. **You are accountable to lead:** **V24** *the LORD met him and sought to kill him.*
1. Adam where are you? Even though Eve sinned. Adam failed in his leadership
- C. **You must use wisdom in leading**
1. Your first job is to love your wife – meet her needs
 - a. **Eph 5:25** *Husbands, love your wives, just as Christ also loved the church and gave Himself for her,*
 1. Find out what she needs
 2. Sacrifice yourself to show her love
 2. You must lead with wisdom: *Don't demand/quote scripture/scream*
 - a. Explain why (you need to know why 1st) b. Say no c. Say I love you, but this is what we're going to do

III. THE GRACE ON MALE LEADERSHIP

- A. Good news: God doesn't demand perfection
1. She submits – not very happy about it. But God accepts it
- B. God blesses male leadership: **Titus 1:4-5** *⁴To Titus, a true son in our common faith: Grace, mercy, and peace from God the Father and the Lord Jesus Christ our Savior. ⁵For this reason I left you in Crete, that you should set in order the things that are lacking, and appoint elders in every city as I commanded you*
1. Grace comes as Titus takes leadership