

## **Back to the Basics**

*And God caused a deep sleep to fall on Adam and he slept and He took one of his ribs and closed up the flesh in its place. Then the rib which the Lord God had taken from man He made into a woman, and He brought her to the man. And Adam said: "This is now bone of my bone and flesh of my flesh; she shall be called Woman, because she was taken out of Man." (Genesis 2: 21-23)*

### **Truth, Not Lies...**

We need to examine our lives as men and women. The pain we have in life is the direct result of the breakdown of family. Marriage is an assignment. Two people are to look at one another and recognize who each is in God and understand that they are supposed to build each other in that. But what happens today is that many women wake up every day trying to figure out "what your man should be doing for you." And men, what is really corrupting society is that there are no fathers and mentors. There has to be a patriarch who understands that he must be an example; he must provide leadership and teach. There are women who are raising boys and or girls in the house with no men. As a result, young people are lost because there is no covering, no wisdom. We, as men, have to come outside of our homes and spread ourselves; they need to be touched with truth, not lies. This is about what God says a man is and what God says a woman is—not what is on the talk shows. We must go back and start where God started in Genesis.

### **Men, Take Heed...**

- In the beginning, God fathered man. He mentored man. He taught man before He gave him a woman. We need to do something about mentoring men.
- In Genesis, it says, "she took its fruit and ate it, and she also gave to her husband and he ate." At this moment, Adam failed to protect his wife. One of the things that God has lifted us up to do is protect what has come out of us; when we fail to protect what comes out of us, we loose a curse. Adam knew what was right, but he didn't speak up, and he didn't do anything about it. Adam was more concerned, at that moment, with keeping harmony with his wife rather than keeping harmony with God. There are times you have to take a stand. You know that you are led by God and you understand what His word says, so you have to stand in that direction. It's a lot of pressure. Men, I charge you today, if you need to read and study anything, it needs to be scripture. To turn this nation around, a man must study the word of God, and say when the scripture is misquoted.
- Men, we are responsible for standing up and taking our rightful roles...as mentor, father, role models. God is going to hold us accountable. All of the pain going on in society...women have been abused by us, used by us, all of this AIDs stuff.... We've got to give an account to God. And the children...we're responsible for wherever they end up. I don't care if it's your child from birth. We're responsible.

### **Women, Listen Up...**

- Ladies, you have more power than hell over the destiny of a man. You can ignore that, play with it, sit up and be glamorous about that, but the devil couldn't touch a man—he yielded to the authority of Adam—then he waited. He knew God was going to make woman. He realized he couldn't get to the man, but he knew *you* could. He said, “I believe that God is going to make a woman, and if I can fool her, she's got enough power to take him in. I can't do it, so I've gotta go to something more powerful than hell; and if she uses it wrong, she'll curse a man, and if she uses it right, she'll take him up.”
- There is great power in your walk and grace that God has given you, ladies. You are to be a helper—one called to go alongside man and do something that nobody else can do. A man is to bring a woman to her full potential. And you are to do everything possible for your spouse to make him complete in what God said. I'm not telling you not to have a life; I just want you to know what God gave you.
- If anybody needs help now, men need help. If we ever needed you before—not to be in competition with, or to fight with—we need you now. We're going to jail, going to prison, killing ourselves, committing suicide...can you help a brother with that power you have? With the beauty and the knowledge that you have? Can you understand that part of me is missing? I don't know how to feel my way through this thing. I'm a little crazy and I need somebody that's got more power than hell.”

We're going back to the basics. In order for us to talk about nations and kingdoms, there has to come a peace within each of us. God is saying, “I'm serious about men and women lining up with my word.” If you line up, healing, deliverance, and favor will automatically come—all of those things God has ordained will happen when order hits.