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*[Music] this week um anyone read this week's tour portion there is a very very very convicting verse in this week's tour portion we're going to touch on that a little bit later um but I'm sure you guys it's number one topic everyone loves to write a commentary about and that is when Isaac prayed for his wife Rebecca prayed on her behalf and she conceived that's a very convicting verse because I pray for my wife um but sometimes I don't put a lot of effort into it I admit I admit that um sometimes you know when we go to bed at night we say the shema and uh you know fall asleep Isaac knew of the importance of praying for his wife not that she couldn't pray for herself she knew her own needs but what was it about her that convicted him that says I need to intercede for my wife today and when he did she became pregnant we know that Abraham was given the blessing that his seed would be as the stars in the sky as the sand and the Searight and we know that Isaac had that same blessing we know that Rebecca was going to have children according to the Covenant that God made with Abraham but she was Barren why did God wait until Isaac prayed to allow Rebecca to conceive the uh the rinic um reic commentary in the in the mishna states that God yearns to hear the prayers of the righteous he yearns to hear it not that he's not going to bless you but he yearns to hear you petition he yearns to have you come before him and humbly say my king oh gracious and merciful King will you beseech me this day in my request and so that kind of started me in a journey um to talk about women um without them we would not be*

here today right and so the more I started to study the more I realized that this topic was huge um 20 different essays uh from different Scholars from around the country um books read through skimmed through quite a few books this week and I started to realize that we have a type of stereotype of the ancient world and how women were treated um and I hope that at the end of this study the place of a woman will be more defined at least in the ancient world we we hear uh men sometimes get agitated with their wives or what not and and they make these these horrible remarks like I'm going to put her in her place right oh Matt don't you stepping in the land land land mines don't step there put her in her place when men say This Not That any of us men have ever thought of saying that when men say this what are what are we really saying according to scripture according to history and according to the culture of the ancient world what are we truly saying you see most uh in today's society view the near East and even the first century as a time when women were oppressed right we read the letters of Paul um Paul mainly um and we see wow what a chauvinistic culture is this cultural some Scholars would say yes absolutely women were a lesser being than men they were not honored they were not valued is this biblical some Scholars would say absolutely it's biblical we read this all through scripture but if this is the case the female the bride what does that say about the Bride of Messiah I would say us if the bride was oppressed if the bride was not honored if the bride was this lesser oppressive being in culture and in scripture what does that say about the Bride of Messiah the bride of Christ I want to start out with two brother nice good job spelling Matthew the tale of two brothers and I need three volunteers to do this preferably two of them are married yeah I need one more man one more man troy oh you guys are on the next one don't worry come on up come on up come on up so I have a script and this story is of course called The Tale of true brothers let's see here I want you sir to be H you got it you okay so what what your kid no you're not the wife where's my script where's my script there we go me and so you are this guy now the character name what's your character name hold on oh yeah you got a mic and everything how do you say that name there this is your on PO an what what poo on poo an poo okay that works and your name character name wife there go I'm like where's the name and you sir are b b she doesn't have a name good wife so this is a story about two brothers and one of them was married okay now in this specific story the wife is actually married to and Pooh okay but the reason why I want Brad to be the brother um is because at the end of the script I want to see I'll show you so in this story um in the story you have the older brother which is B actually nope it's ano sorry we have the older brother ano and Anu takes care of his younger brother Bata he allows him to sleep in his household he takes care of him as a son The Story Goes On to to say and um Bata is very gracious he works for his brother he serves his brother he plows the fields he Yokes the cattle and so on and so forth um and we're just going to start straight into the story so now at the time of plowing his elder brother an PO said to the younger brother read that just that section yep go let us make ready for ourselves a goodly yoke of oxen for plowing for the land has come out from the water it is fit for plowing moreover do Thou come to the field with corn we will begin the plowing in the tomorrow morning thus said he to him and his younger brother did all these things that his other older brother had spoken and when the morning had come they went out to the field both of them went out to the field with their things and their hearts were pleased exceedingly with their tasks in the beginning of their work and it came to pass after this that they were in the field and they stopped to plant corn and then go quickly bring us to Corn bring to us corn so Bata plant exactly they needed corn to plant so Bata runs back home to his brother's house and about to found the wife of his elder brother there and she was sitting there doing her hair get this on camera sitting there doing dramatic

yeah doing your hair you're doing your thing and then Bata said to the wife of his older brother very sternly right get up and get me the corn that I can take back to the field for ampo my older brother rushed me do it now and do not delay go get it yourself go open the bin and take all that you need can you not see I'm leing my hair I do not want to drop the locks of hair while I dress them and so the youth went into the stable and he took a large measure of corn as much as he desired totake and he loaded it with the wheat and the barley and he went back out carrying it to his brother and they planted the corn we're not going throw that on the ground no no no we'll just put it backso guys please give a round of applause for Mickey Brad Jenny getting used to this I might hold on to the mic get used I might hold on to the m I love it I'll get you up hereto sing later if you like Matt that was a really boring play why would you why would you get them up there because I wanted to demonstrate something you seethis story was written 1200 BCE right what is that 3200 years ago in the 19th 19th dynasty of the New Kingdom of Egypt we just acted out a story that was over 3,000 years old now the story is a lot longer um the story actually ends up kind of uh kind of replicating the the story of uh Joseph and Piper's wifebecause right after this um the wife starts to try to take advantage of the younger brother and then he runs out to the field with his with his older brother and the older brother wants tokill him because the wife said he tried so on and so forth we w't going to get into that what I wanted to emphasize here is 3200 years ago how women reacted to man's authority over them right wealways think that oh men were so oppressive to women and they controlled women and everything that you say they would do doing her hair according to the story woman get me some corn get it yourself I'd about dropped the book when I was reading this 3,200 years old women were still independent in their decisions but I thought men weresupposed to be over women well in a context yes but it was not an oppressive time period for women even in the ancient world it wasn't you see most women in the ancient near East wererelatively very respected in earlier ancient near Eastern periods women had equal rights as men concerning appearing in public making legal decisions owning property etc etc even acquiringinheritance from their fathers we read this in in numbers 27 when zof Z zof Fahad Man by the name of zelop Fahad um he only had daughters and he ended up dying in the wilderness right uh aftermy son I and his daughters came to the elders and to Moses and said listen we don't have any brothers but we want the inheritance the land when we go into the land the parcel of land that'sgoing to be given to our father we want it all right Matt I didn't think women could obtain an inheritance I thought that was for the older son of the family no no it could go to women and that'sexactly what happened right God said okay you can give them that piece of land and then all the elders after they went in the land all the elders got upset they're like well what if thesewomen marry someone from other tribe now this this piece of land of Manasseh will go to Simeon or Levi or not Levi Simeon or napali or something and so they made another judgment okay guys you you canhave this property but you must marry a man within the tribe of Manasseh that way it will stay within the tribe and so on and so forth but I start discovering these things and I find it fascinatingin uh in ER everybody say ER you are this is the country or the kingdom that Abraham uh was originally from they found something called the the pit of death or the pit of the Dead iswhat they call it and it was when a priestess had died um and she was buried and the community respected this woman so much that they also found 10 men with theirweapons fully armored in the grave with her and 608 women ankle bracelets chains necklaces makeup or what was left of makeup chains everything also in thegrave with her these people committed suicide so that they could be with this woman of status and Usher her into the Afterlife as they viewed it this is the

status of women in the ancient Near East fertility goddesses worship more than the male Gods if a woman has um comes from a rich family indeed she is highly respected it's interesting because the biggest contrast uh in rights for women was between social classes it actually wasn't between genders you see the poor were not respected and the rich were respected amazing how some things do not change this is why when God spoke to the children of Israel he said listen guys everybody will pay a temple tax of a half shekel not more not less everybody will be equal in this um you know why we wear the tassels the zitzit see in the near East the blue was very expensive very expensive um and the only people that wore tassels because Israel was not the only one that wore tassels they wore them in Babylon they wore them in in the Hittite Kingdom um Hittites the only people that wore tassels were the elites it was kind of like a status that you'd wear in the Hem of your garment so only priests or maybe princes or Kings or Governors or just Rich folk these elites when they walked in a room you'd see their tassels oh hello sir can you imagine all of Israel walking into a foreign Kingdom everybody has them everybody is an elite everybody is a priest everybody has an equal High status in God's kingdom it's a teaching on its own but that was the biggest contrast um women could run businesses own land Queens priestesses it's interesting because do you know what they called a female priest in the Near East see the idea is that when you pray to your God right in the Pagan lands you would pray make sacrifices it would bring you blessing right and um so if you could have someone praying for you and sacrificing for you all day long on your behalf then you would always have blessing so if you had a lot of daughters you'd pick one you will be a priestess they literally called them nuns they would never be married and they would spend their entire life in the temple of a pagan deity making sacrifices and praying for their family you see we have manuscripts and letters of nuns complaining about this very disgruntled about this my father chose me to be a nun now I'm not going to have any kids I'm not going to have a family I got to sit here and kill animals all day and make prayers all day long for my family but they had a status they were well respected in Greater Mesopotamia girls were typically married very very young boys married just a little bit older you see Prime marriage age for a girl was somewhere between 14 and 20 years old that's really young Matthew well I mean post puberty is time for marriage that's how they viewed it it's very logical um the males were probably roughly between what 26 and 32 years old when they got married much older maybe even older than that this is why many scholars believe when Miriam was pregnant with Yeshua very young probably teenager without a doubt most likely 14 15 16 years old maybe that old and we know that Joseph died long before she did that's why because in the culture women were married off younger you see in that culture the husband had a type of choice to choose his bride but it was up to the Father of the Bride to orchestrate everything okay what happened in the ancient way of marriage is the Covenant was between a man and a woman but it was emphasized between the two families what I mean by that is you sir if you're going to marry your daughter to someone you are responsible for working out the marriage contract not her you're responsible for working out the details of what happens if she can't bear children what happens if you guys do end up divorcing each other what does she get what do you get what happens if you don't give her shelter and food and clothing can she divorce you and if she does what can she take with her divorce in the Near East is a hot topic I may have some slides but I'll go ahead and talk about it now everyone thinks that because Deuteronomy 24 speaks of divorce and it only talks about the man's side of it that oh the Bible says that men can divorce women but women can never get a divorce guys the scriptures and this may be heresy I'm fixing to say okay the Bible um did not come with a commentary people knew the

context of scripture okay we still have the text but we don't have the full commentary that backed it scripture was given to a people who already knew their culture and could apply everything to it women could leave their husbands and when they did they weren't they weren't poor reading uh Mesopotamian and hittite uh divorce letters and it's very interesting because the man typically was left with nothing especially if they bore children most most of the time he would either have to pay her all of his money or leave her with the house or both what things haven't changed at all have they no and when a woman was divorced she was known as a widow your husband didn't have to die to divorce you in fact um a spouse dying is synonymous with divorce this is why Romans 7 Paul's talking about oh you know a woman is bound to her husband for as long as As as he's alive but when he dies she shall be released from the marriage but that is nowhere it's nowhere found in Torah Torah states that if there's an uncleanness which we'll go over that in another teaching it signifies an adulterous perversion if there is a type of adulterous perversion within the marriage the husband can leave the wife has nothing about them dying and leaving each other what Paul's saying is synonymous in oral tradition you're dead to me if you divorce right and so so it's it's very interesting see if you were going to marry off your daughter the husband would have to pay you for your daughter pay me yeah it is your most valuable possession that you have ever owned in fact in Assyrian uh in the ancient Assyrian language the abstract words for marriage which is utum hatan I made that sound like I really knew that's how it's pronounced didn't I indicate that a man the groom hatan enters into a family relationship with the male person of the other family IM the term for marriage the root words for marriage in the ancient Assyrian language okay not necessarily Hebrew but Assyrian signified a relationship between two men the Father of the Bride and the groom the wife of the future wife was the passive object of the transaction of women I'm not an object you're the most precious object you're the absolute most precious object of your father can you imagine this is many of you saw my post about um about Levi and Simeon going into sheum if you don't know the story I fig you in the details ask me afterwards um anyway there was a girl by the name of Dina and she was a teenager and she it says that she went away from her family to join into the party and party with all the ladies of the foreign land all right so Jacob's there he has he has what 11 12 sons and a daughter and she goes out away from their family it was a very taboo thing to do for the women to leave their families you see women had jobs but for the most part they were to be under the uh responsibility of their fathers at all times and their brothers and so most of the time the women would go out to the well and fetch water and whatnot but beyond that it was very dangerous for a woman to leave their family um and regardless Dina it seems that she's a little rebellious she leaves her family to go party with the pagans party with the pagans and while she's partying um sheam the prince of the Town sees her and scripture says that he laid with her and shamed her um he did not rape her the Hebrew word for rape there is not elsewhere in scripture is not used he laid with her and because he laid with her he shamed her in scripture The Virginity was something that was precious and that was part of the transaction of marriage you see a woman in the ancient world was under the responsibility of her father right and the responsibility was shifted to her husband the transaction of responsibility you will take care of this daughter of mine she will be your wife you will hold her as the most important item in your entire life Matt I'm glad we don't do that anymore I'm glad my father doesn't pass me off as some type of object valuable object in in a wedding we never do that anymore not at all we don't carry on this tradition anymore do we the giving away of a bride but the virginity was the father's responsibility to give away it wasn't the daughters in the culture it was the fathers that was

his choice this man will be your husband and scripture even tells us about this in Deuteronomy if a Man Lies with another woman right without getting permission from the father and it be found out he has to pay the brideprice he stole he stole something from another man he stole his daughter the most valuable possession ever and scripture says that he must now reimburse him whatever the father wants \$100,000 you better take a loan Out Boy and he must marry her and he must take care of her and he must honor her and he must esteem her and he must give her shelter food whatever she wants for the rest of his life because he stole so Dina goes out and she is laid uh or Shech them lays with her now you see if you have a daughter in the ancient world because of this idea if your daughter was not a virgin before she got married it was a shameful thing not necessarily for her but for the father this is how he takes care of his family this is how responsible he is for his family and so when it says that shech laid with her that was why it was shameful it was a shameful thing because he stole something at that point in time and jacup was shamed after the fact it says sheum couldn't stop thinking about this girloh I like this girl my heart is attached to her so he goes to his father HR Hey Dad I stole something wasn't supposed to do this but we got to make it right we got to go approach Jacob and we got to give him whatever he wants for this woman I love her okay I love her so they approached Jacob and Jacob's distraught man this poor man shamed his honor was now shamed so they work something out Hymer offers him this huge bride price the bride price is there to restore the honor back to Jacob he'll make money and then his daughter will be married and like the whole thing never happened her brothers were upset by this because sheum shamed their family should he treat our do our sister as a they said and so they talked the men of the city into circumcising themselves you know it's our custom that you guys got to get circumcised it was not their Customs that the pagan an get circumcised that was an honored ritual within the Hebrew people they lowered that ritual down to apply to pagans for a type of Revenge and on the third day after all these men had made the agreement Jacob's honor is restored because his daughter assuming pregnant but doesn't have to be now has a husband they go into the city these two teenagers Levi and Simeon and they slay the entire town guys this this used to be my favorite story because I'm always on their side I'm like yeah teenagers yeah they weren't they weren't old little kids the rabbis say that there are 600 men in that City that they slay a lot of people were like yeah but they kind of cheated because they' just be circumcised you can swing a sword back at these two little teenagers come on right these teens overtook the city and when Jacob heard out heard about it he was distraught Levi apparently was a little repentant but Simeon was not and Jacob scolded Simeon you have shamed me more so than they did by taking your sister why because Jacob honored an agreement he was in a contract and Simeon and Levi made the name of their father dirt because of this so the real victim in all this is Jacob now he has a daughter that's V is no longer a virgin she doesn't have a husband now because his sons killed him and he made a contract and his family his name on that contract was thrown in the mud poor po guy I say that to demonstrate the value of women in the ancient new you see I used to teach this actually and I still do for the teens um that marriage begins at consummation right when you know um sex I used to teach this that's still do for teens once you do that you're married hold off but in the ancient near East sex was not the marriage it was when the agreement was made right when the object is passed when the ownership responsibility is passed on to another man that's when you're married all right Isaac and Rebecca Rebecca was his wife before she came betrothed wife his responsibility remember Mary and Joseph they hadn't done it yet right but when she became pregnant he said ah I'm going to have to put her away why would he have to put away someone he's not married

to they were already in Covenant with each other he was responsible for her in ancient Assyrian law a man would have to start the marriage proposals not with the father but with the mother-in-law you would approach her first first in a Syrian law okay Israel's a little bit different other kings were a little bit different but I want to demonstrate to you guys that how we view marriage and women in the ancient near East is a little bit different than what it really was how about slander against your wife men we don't talk about our women when they're not around do we wives when we're out with the guys we always have nice things to say about them right even when we when we're having a fight everyone I saw a couple guys Deuteronomy 22 has a section of protecting the woman from this very thing if any man take a wife and go into her and hate her he doesn't like her okay has a problem maybe she pesters him or something I don't know bad cook who knows and gives occasion of speech against her and brings up an evil name upon her and say I took this woman and when I came into her I found out she was not a virgin then shall the father of the girl and her mother take and bring forth the tokens of virginity unto the Elders of the city of the gate and the girl's father shall say unto the elders I gave my daughter to this man to wife and he hated her and lo he has given occasion of speech against her saying I found that your daughter of I found not that your daughter is a virgin and yet these are the tokens of my daughter's virginity and they shall spread the cloth before the Elders of the city and the Elders of the city shall take that man and chastise him and they shall immerse him in a 100 shekels of silver he has to pay a hundred shekels of silver which is weight of silver and give it unto the father of the girl because he has brought up an evil name upon the virgin of Israel and she shall be his wife and he may not put her away all of his days and if this thing be true if she wasn't a virgin and the tokens of virginity are not found for her they shall bring out the girl to the door of her father's house and the men of the city shall stone her with stones and she shall die because she is brought folly into Israel to play the in her father's house so shall you put away evil so recap if a man does not like his wife and he starts to talk badly about her amongst the city okay then a trial will be held for example this is saying for example if he says she she wasn't she she wasn't a virgin that was our contract that she would be a virgin she was not a virgin when I married her and so now I'm talking bad about her this isn't saying that that she actually is risen the the emphasis on this story is a man talking and slandering his wife and so the father will bring forth the tokens of virginity another teaching let's just say the father had proof and leave it at that the father will bring forth the evidence that his daughter was a virgin and then if he presents the evidence and says look this guy just doesn't like who he married and now he's wanting to get out of it somehow divorce or something so the Elders of the city will charge him a 100 shekels of silver paid to the father and he can never divorce her for the rest of his life of course if she's found guilty if the Covenant that the father made with him is not true then the girl is killed where is she killed where is she stoned Father's House his responsibility right so guys don't talk badly about your wives she was given to you as a possession you under contract when you got married you're under contract to take care of her that is her place in your life simple dislike for a wife is not ground for a divorce you see the the Pharisees in Deuteronomy 24 it speaks about the the laws for divorce um and there's a debate what is the grounds for divorce it talks about um this if a man finds an unclean thing it could be translated unclean word but an unclean thing in his wife um then he can divorce her and so on and so forth and of course from what we know in the ancient world we have commentaries and all the surrounding Nations that unclean thing was a perversion kind of like a adultery but anything that's perversion uh whether it's with another men whether it's with inside the household man can divorce her this is why Yeshua talks about adultery being

the only grounds this perversion sexual perversion is the only grounds for divorce well the Pharisees by the time of the first century they started getting really uh really liberal with that finding an unclean thing and they stated that if your wife burnt your breakfast you could divorce her this is how out of whack this is what guys do right we're like well that word probably doesn't mean that she burnt my toast out no this is not the way of the ancient world once you're in Covenant you're stuck hopefully it's a good thing right you're in it for the long haul marriage was always meant to be a strengthening of a single person into a complete being via another person that's what marriage was always always supposed to be always talk about Psalms 128 Psalms 128 is very cool cool passage of scripture States blessed are all who fear the lord word all is everyone Cole in Hebrew who walk in obedience to him you will eat the fruit of your labor blessings and prosperity will be yours your wife will be like a fruitful Vine within your house your children will be like Olivechots around your table yes this will be pleasing for the man who fears Yahweh and so there's a there's a Scot debate and uh about the context of this verse that verse one all is really only applying to men blessed are the men who fear Yahweh why because the rest of the verse talks about your wife will be fruitful and bless in the last verse blessed is the man who fears God look at the blessings of this I find this awesome look at the blessings blessed are let's just say Cole is men blessing are blessed are the men who fear God what is the blessing their wives will be fruitful their wives will be happy their wives will bear children their wives will be blessed not on their own account if the man fears God then the wife benefits from it [Music] what if the man fears God if the man is going to walk in righteousness then it's a trickle down effect the blessings go down to his family it's why so important guys there is a hierarchy there is a hierarchy in the household right the men serve God right and the women are the responsibility under the men the children under the women this is why I hammer the topic of men stepping up and being the spiritual leader in their house because that's the order of how things are supposed to be not that a woman can't I I meet many families where if a man is not willing to step up in the position to lead his family spiritually the wife will or if you're single wife can and it's funny because most of the time the wife will do a better job at leading the family spiritually than the husband but that's not her job it's not shouldn't be her responsibility that's the responsibility of the husband who paid the bride price who guaranteed to her father that he would take care of her now we know that women can fear God too you know the the um um woman of Valor blessed woman who fears Yahweh we know that but the context of Psalms 128 is men it's your job to have that responsibility in the household alongside your wife you're supposed to be leading see there's another debate on Psalms 128 where it talks about your wife will be like a fruitful Vine within the house within the house within the house well David Kimi a medieval Jewish Sage spoke about what that meant of course think about the time period that they're in this guy's writing right Middle Ages she is compared to a Vine in this birth in this verse because Vines were sometimes planted inside of a house can find any evidence of that but regardless as it grew it would grow towards the aperture of the home and the vine would exit outside while the root is firmly planted inside so too should a woman be firmly planted inside the house not go outside you're supposed to be in the house barefoot and pregnant horrible right isn't that isn't that what isn't that how we see some men act in Society not even allowed to go outside you're supposed to be firmly planted within the house that's what you're supposed to be doing it's interesting because Professor Briggs um re-evaluated the situation at the turn of the century and he says that evidence shows the innermost room in the house which is what that Hebrew word in the house represents was the most sacred it housed the dinner table you see therefore Psalms 128 is speaking of the



wife centered with the existence of the home and the family with out her constant presence would collapse if a man is righteous if a man fears God then his wife will be firmly planted at the sacred innermost core of the house with the children and with you around the table where you meet for meals and without her you would have no family your family your household everything would collapse I want to do another skit Jay and Jennifer this would be great did any women bring rocks because they thought that this teaching was going to go really bad really quick where is this for you and this is for you we need microphones scooch over this way a little bit scooch over scooch over so what I would like oh this is going to be great um so we know Colossians 3:8 it says wives submit yourselves to your husband submit to your husband in all things amen so Jay I would like you to tell Jennifer to submit to you with passion submit to me woman and Jennifer as you can see just just tell us how that makes you feel here I don't know what did I write there respond with however you feel about that how do you feel about that just we can always we can edit the video it's okay know where the door is so I took a look at that word submit and according to Vine's expository dictionary submit the Greek word submit does mean to submit in a military situation when you submit to like the general the troops submit rally together but in non-military nope not yet not done yet yeah not done yet in non-military circumstances I mean sometimes looks like a war marriage right but it's not supposed to be it's not a military engagement in non-military use it was a voluntary attitude of cooperating assuming responsibility and assisting in carrying a burden so sir you have a folded over section if you could just read that with this new Enlightenment of this definition honey would you please help me carry the burden of this household as my helpmate give them a round of applause please this is great no one died helpmate wives be a helpmate to your husbands carry the burden help them carry the burden of your household there is a hierarchy it's a hierarchy of responsibility some would say ownership in the English language responsibility the husband is responsible for the wife wife is the prime responsibility for the children and the husband owes responsibility for to to God one thing that I read a rabbi once said was that based on Psalms 128 there is a type of Engagement between being righteous to God fearing God and your spouse and your wife right how many of you guys know that when you were divorced if you ever got divorced or if your husband ever died women do you know what would happen to you you could if you were wealthy enough which if you divorce most of the time you were you would go out and you would establish your own household you might buy a field you might do all kinds of stuff live your own life but typically you would return to your father's house you would return to the man who was responsible for you before you went I what some of you guys are thinking Matt I'm single or I'm divorced or I'm widowed this whole teaching is about marriage and women how does this apply to me because the same situation applies to you if you do not have a spouse if you do not have a husband you are supposed to return to the covering and the responsibility of your father my father has been dead for a long time of the father you see there's still a covering there's still a responsibility for you anyway this Rabbi made the connection he says so if a man fears God then his wife will be joyful Happy Blessed what happens if he doesn't he states that there are many times when men come to me for counseling he says my wife is just ugly I cannot stand her right so scripture say better to live at the corner of your roof than in the house with a contentious woman Rabbi what do I do the rabbi looks at him and says you know how your wife treats you in the relationship is how you treat God in that relationship it's a reflection now whether you agree with that or not I find it very convicting I become upset in the household instantly I reflect is this how I treat God self-examine first maybe this is is God trying to teach me a lesson in this when was the last time I tried to be a helpmate for God

tried to share responsibility with my fatherH just interesting Genesis 21:8 and the Lord God said it is not good that man should be alone I will make him a helpmate helpmate she helps you know shehelps here and there and so on and so forth yeah my wife stays at home or she works or you know she makes sure the house is clean she takes care of the kids it's not what this is this issaying see that word to helpmate is AER k k KGO AAR Cano kdo tongue TI today is there is a military term it means to offer Aid support helpprotection in a military sense it's it's in a backup if you will anybody ever played paintball Airsoft one two two really there it comes out love some paintball got intoairsoft airsoft is really cool it doesn't hurt nearly as much you know some people like but the guns look a lot real and you don't have to wear a full mask BBS basically um and so you're outin the woods cuz we're not playing speedball typically we're out in the woods 45 minute games and you get lost you're I'm going to be a scout I'm going to be a sniper with my little paintballgun it was always cool to be a sniper and roll around my Barrel is an 18-inch barrel instead of your 16 I'm that much more accurate no one got that okay never mindso you be craw you'd be crawling around to the ground right and you be hear Pap here are people overhead no one sees me H I'm all alone I'm the scout sniper even got a red dot in mypaintball gun the thing shoots 50 feet I got a Red Dot scope on it sneak up to a base I'm gonna get this guy see someone walking around the base Red Dot here we go gotcha poppaintball flies so straight and then a gust of wind blows and it misses my target he sees me yells down and all 10 guys at the base hey look at that guy guy over therealone oh snap behind a tree paintballs flying past you lighting you up I could really need some help here I could really use some help and then your best boy was flanking thebase when you weren't looking and he attacks them draws the fire off so you can escape and gain more cover help is there mate literally that's what is talkingabout he's talking about that women help mate is someone who is going to fight to protect your husband it's not cleaning the kitchen it's not helping out the house it's nothomeschooling the kids it's not getting another job it's protect your husband especially when he gets pinned down KGO means corresponding to counterpart or equal in matching I will make you a helpmate I will make you someone who will have the strength and thedefense to be able to help you in any situation that is equal to you kdo it's equal counterpart women are not the same as men but I would argue According toHebrew it was meant to be an equal strength component within the marriage my cono this week's tour portion Genesis 25:21 and Isaac prayed to the Lord forhis wife because she was Barren and the Lord granted his prayer and Rebecca his wife con conceived this is possibly one of the most convicting verses I have ever read in the scripture read a lot ofverses talk about my righteousness isn't fil is as filthy rags yeah it is I am a sinner yeah all have lost sheep yeah I'm a lost sheep I have sinned against Y and Isaac prayed for his wife on her behalfand she conceived how often do I pray for my wife I do quite a bit but I'll be honest sometimesometimes I just don't think about it Jenny um we were going to bed the other night we always sing shma uh or say the shma before we go to sleep and typically after shma we say a littleprayer and then we go to bed you know um and a said SM was tired and just went to bed she woke me up shook me me pray for me okay I will pray for you Isaac prayed for his wife was shegoing to conceive yeah she was gonna that was part of the blessing but it was his responsibility to make sure that he petitioned for the blessings of his wifeshe could do it alone and we see this all through scripture Hannah did it alone whispered husbands if you'remarried it is your husband's responsibility responsibility to petition the father for the blessings in your life it's his job men that is your job as ahusband why because not just any father pass the most valuable possession in the world to you yeah my father-in-law not just himin Judaism they believe that all marriages um typically are two

Souls that were matched in heaven and then they came down and they grew up and they it's mysticism I don't believe it but I like the idea because how many of you know that the Father pre-plans the steps that you're going to take in life how many of you know that God has a journey for you and you end up finding out about it as soon as you're fixing to take the next step what this is this door this door is the one that's going to open I wanted that door to open I'm not going through this door I want to knock on this door open this door so you walked through the door the father made sure that you were equipped to be responsible for your wife men are you living up to that responsibility H everyone thought that this teaching was going to be about women it's the men if a woman is divorced or a widow then guess whose responsibility is to take care of them the other men in the community that's what it was take care of the W the widows and the fatherless the community is supposed to take care of them of course God's going to take care of them he's their covering official covering it's going to be by the father but your job does not stop with your household you see silence what I love about this is we have many examples in scripture Hebrews 11:7 is one of them by faith Noah when warned about the things not yet seen in holy fear fear of God built an ark and saved his family because of Noah's Faith his family was saved we see this more times in scripture uh Cornelius through Cornelius Faith his family was saved and even the Jailer in Acts remember when Paul was in the the jail and an earthquake came and all the doors fell over and the Jailer comes up oh no my prisoners are gone what am I going to do pulls his sword fix an end his own life because he's lost the prisoners they start singing to him hey man let me tell you about Yeshua walk out of the jail say what what you guys still doing here and he believed and him and his household were saved that very day it is the responsibility of the husband to make his household righteous now does that mean that you know all your family is going to be saved if there a bunch of heathens and you're not I'm not saying that what I'm saying is it's the responsibility of the man of the house to lead his family in righteousness and in the ways of God men you're not supposed to convince your wives to follow you you're supposed to convince your wives that you're worth following by the example of fearing God it should not be the other way around when was the last time that you prayed for your wife on a way to work every morning my coffee I pray a little prayer no when was the last time you sat down with your wife and interceded for her with her before the father what a better example of this the righteousness being trickled down what a better example to demonstrate messiah's role as our bridegroom is it by our righteousness that we're back in Covenant with the father no because 2 Corinthians 5:21 says God made him who had no sin to be sin for us so that in him our groom bridegroom in him we might become the righteousness of God it is through our husband that we are made righteous you see there was always something that bothered me about thinking of myself as a bride the bride of Christ any of you guys ever struggled with that no just me I mean you think of a bride you think of a white dress you think of the veil and here I am walking what walking down with my bouquet am I going to toss the I mean really you know heels I what what what is this Vision yeah that beard I me how am I going to be a bride I'm not that pretty how am I going to be bride not supposed to be a female bride you're supposed to be the helpmate isah KGO that one that would surround your bridegroom surround Messiah and be willing to fight and back him up with whatever tries to come against him that is our job as the Bride of Messiah it's not some fancy that's why why John and Paul make these references he wasn't talking about dressing up and being a pretty little wife he was talking about gearing up and being an aid of support right that's our job that's our job as the followers of Messiah we follow him and we stand up for him and we witness and we tell others about our bridegroom how many of you know that Messiah paid the bride

price for you we're hitched guys Covenant that's what Hebrews talks about if you continue transgressing against Messiah you're trampling the Covenant the blood of the Covenant you're trampling the marriage bride price has been paid already been paid we're supposed to honor him help him who can find a virtuous woman for her price is far above rubies you guys ever read proverbs 31 this girl was legit buying fields making tapestries dressing herself making clothes planting vineyards planting fields harvesting owning and managing servants owning and managing business what her husband do sat at the gates all day women in the near East were looked at very differently than what I fear we've been taught who what is her price far above rubies her children stand up and encourage her and so does her husband who praises her that's convicting verse I wonder how many how many men were coming to this teach and being like yeah we're going to talk about the place of a woman G do this get them Matt what is the place of a woman the place of a woman is in the constant honor encouragement and support given to her by her husband why is it that we pray to God through Messiah why is it that we petition things we bring things to him father I bring this before you today because it's his job to encourage us to support us it's the job of our father it's the job of our bridegroom if you're a husband here today that's that's your job to your wife wives it's your job to aid your husband you could say submit you could but we know the context of the word means something much more than that help your husband carry the burden assist your husband in carrying the burden of leading the family guys she cannot assist you in carrying the burden leading the family if you're not leading it sometimes we just need to buck up and take charge and take the leadership role in our household my wife prays better than me probably so does mine but that's not her responsibility she'll do it it's not her responsibility to be the spiritual leader of the household she does such a great job at it I'm sure she does but it's your responsibility guys she's supposed to be helping you carry the burden of leading the home that was that was the end of my slide and that was the message that I studied up all week to talk about that one verse in Genesis 25 Isaac beseeched the father on behalf of Rebecca that one pricked me very hard I can do better I can do better as a spiritual leader of my household I can do better for praying for my wife for the blessings that she needs what if it's true what if it's true with the rabbi state it's tradition but what if it's true that God yearns to hear the prayers of those who fear Him that should make you excited to beseech the father women you should pray for your husbands you should pray for your household men you should pray for the widows and the orphans as if they were part of your household because scripture says they are they are that's the point you're supposed to be leading your household spiritually and [Music] honorably

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