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~ *SERMON NOTES* ~

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SERMON TITLE: *“Understanding the Man of Your Dreams Before You Wake-up and Realize it’s Really A Nightmare”*

SCRIPTURE: Proverbs 31:10-12

INTRODUCTION: Have you ever thought that marriage licenses should come with a warning label? When a couple gets married neither have a clue how difficult it’s going to be to have a good relationship in their marriage. To have a good marriage requires hard work and more hard work. It will require a lot of forgiveness and grace. The simple but hard truth is it can be tough living in the same house with another person. *You may love your spouse deeply but they can be absolutely difficult to live with at times.* But it’s also true there’s no greater joy than working through the tough times and discovering the joy of living with the person you committed your life to on your wedding day.

I. SPECIFIC WARNING LABELS

- A. Another human being cannot meet all your needs.
 - 1. The only person who can meet your needs is the Lord Jesus Christ.
 - 2. A serious problem occurs when a wife expects her husband to provide for her something that only God can give.
- B. The romantic level after you’re married will not always be the same as when you were dating.
- C. Your husband can love you very much and still not have a clue about what you need.

- D. Your spouse will not always want to work on your relationship.
- E. You won’t do everything together.
- F. The only person any of us can change is ourselves.
 - 1. Proverbs 25:24
 - 2. Wives are not their husbands Holy Spirit. (John 16:7-8)

II. WHAT DOES THE MAN IN YOUR LIFE NEED?

- A. Men need respect and admiration. This is the most important thing a man needs from his wife.
 - 1. Ephesians 5:33
 - 2. Esther 1:16
 - 3. 2 Samuel 6: 16-23
 - 4. Proverbs 12:4
- B. Men need space.
- C. Men also need acceptance
- D. Husbands want and need to share experiences together, but not the same way as a woman.
- E. Husbands need to be the spiritual head of their home and wives must learn to trust his spiritual insight.
 - 1. It was Eve, not Adam who was deceived. (1 Timothy 2:14)
 - 2. Genesis 3:14-19

CONCLUSION: Do you believe there is a “marriage crisis” in the Christian community? Many would say “Yes!” But I would like to challenge you that we don’t have a “marriage crisis” in the Christian community, but we do have a crisis of faith. We have a crisis of trusting God in what He says about what He has already established in His Word when it comes to marriage and our roles as husband and wives (1 Peter 3:9; 1 Peter 2:20).