



# REAL MEN

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## Opening Comments

- Today we continue the Men's Ministry series: **REAL MEN: Rediscovering Biblical Manhood!**
- Let's begin with a word of prayer. **Pray!**
- This series is about men rediscovering what it means to be a real man.
- Biblical manhood is a way of saying that God has spoken in His Word about what it means to be a man.
- We live in a culture that has deliberately obscured the clear definition of manhood and womanhood so that people can live any evil way they can imagine.
- The impact and damage this has caused may take generations to fix.
- Turn to (**Genesis 2**).
- Everything God does, He does deliberately.
- Genesis teaches us that when God made us, He made us male and female.
- He created men and women to be significantly different than the other.
- He later gave laws prohibiting the blurring of the lines between the two sexes.
- The prohibition against same-sex relations and even prohibiting wearing the other gender's clothing were all meant to reinforce the difference between the two (and only two) sexes/genders.
- This series – Real Men – is intended to reinforce what you probably already know about biblical manhood.
- And hopefully, it will deepen your understanding of these spiritual things.
- My original thought about what I was going to teach this morning had a working title of 'Real Men are not Sissies!'  
**Sissy - soft, timid, or oversensitive, or overly interested in things traditionally associated with women.**
- We must always use as our template when defining manhood our divine example – Christ Jesus.

- Anyone who would call Jesus a sissy is clueless about who Jesus was or is or about what He did for us.
- While always being the Lamb who takes away the sins of the whole world, He is also always the Lion of the tribe of Judah.
- During a conversation I had with David this week, another topic of much greater importance dominated our conversation.
- If I were to ask you what the single greatest thing EVERY man needs (besides a relationship with Christ), my guess is that we would get a variety of answers.
- Some might say love, others might say respect, and others might suggest a sense of purpose.
- Each of those things are important, but I believe there is one that surpasses them all.
- God describes it in the opening pages of the Bible.
- **Genesis 2:7-9**
- God created man, Adam, first, and made him in His image.
- God establishes his identity.
- **Genesis 2:15-17**
- Then God gave man a purpose.
- Up till this point God said everything in creation was good and man's creation was very good.
- But then there is something that is not good.
- **Genesis 2:18**
- In the goodness of everything God created, there was something missing in the creation of man.
- And it relates directly to the fact that man was made in the image of God.
- **Genesis 2:19-20**
- Adam needed someone in his life who was like him to be a helper.
- **helper n. — a person who contributes to the fulfillment of a need or furtherance of an effort or purpose.**
- So, God created a helper for Adam.
- **Genesis 2:21-24**
- God created the woman, Eve, and established the institution of marriage.

- God then went on to establish the family, then tribes, and nations.
- There is something all of these have in common – community.
- There are three basic definitions of community.

**Community: a group of people living in the same place or having a particular characteristic in common.**

- For example: the Men’s Ministry is a community of men.

**Community: a feeling of fellowship with others, as a result of sharing common attitudes, interests, and goals.**

- As believers, we are a part of the community of all believers.
- The third is a little more obscure.

**Community: a group of interdependent organisms of different species growing or living together in a specified habitat.**

- This is an interesting way to describe the church.
- We are a group of interdependent people of different backgrounds, experiences, cultures, and the like, who come together for the purpose of worshipping God and learning how to walk with Him.
- As men, we may have the community of marriage and family, and if we have extended family or other groups that bind us together, we have a sense of tribe.
- Our culture is working tirelessly to erode all those communities.
- But I want to focus on the one that I believe is so foundational that if you neglect this community, then you are at risk in all others.
- Turn to **(1 Corinthians 12)**
- In many ways I know I am preaching to the choir if you are here this morning.
- There are many men who are for many reasons not actively engaged in the church.
- This has been a dilemma for decades; men are not engaging in the life of the church.
- Here, in our reading, Paul discusses the unity and diversity of the church.
- **1 Corinthians 12:12-14**
- The body of Christ is synonymous with the church of Jesus Christ.
- Then Paul discusses the interconnectedness of the body.
- **1 Corinthians 12:15-27**

- All believers are the body of Christ individually and at the same time members of the body of Christ.
- Another way of saying this is that I am the church and at the same time a member of the church of believers.
- Turn to (**Hebrews 10**).
- Why did Jesus establish the church and then inspire Paul to describe it as His body.
- Everything God does is deliberate.
- He made the church to be an extension of Christ on the earth.
- But it also serves to meet the deep-rooted need that we have to be a part of a community.
- Our problem is that God also made us to be individuals.
- Our individual nature fueled by our sin nature will tempt us to believe that we don't need the church to have a relationship with God.
- Even in the earliest days of the church this was a problem so God inspired the writer of Hebrews to exhort us.
- **Hebrews 10:24-25**
- Some might suggest that is not telling us we need to go to church.
- Notice the two words, 'assembling...together'.
- These are translated from one Greek word.  
**'assembling...together' – episyntagōgē - congregation of the faithful n. — a local, religious gathering of those allied with and trusting in the God of Israel for religious services.**
- In other words, the local church.
- For someone to say they don't need to be a part of a local church is to suggest they don't need the rest of the body of Christ.
- That would be like your eye saying it doesn't need to be in your skull to work.
- If the eye could remove itself from the body, it would die, and the body would suffer.
- It is no different with the church.
- If a man separates himself from the church, he will begin to die spiritually, and the body of Christ will suffer from his absence.
- I have witnessed it so many times that I can almost say that it is guaranteed to happen.

- Every believing man must be in vital community with other men who are seeking to be like Christ.
- The best place to do that is in the local church.
- No church is perfect because it is filled with imperfect people.
- You will never find a perfect church because you are not perfect.
- And if you were to find a perfect church for you, it wouldn't be perfect for your wife or children.
- Too often someone will leave a church in search of a church their kids will enjoy.
- That is a terrible criterion for choosing a church.
- Another one is looking for a church where you are being fed.
- Listen, there came a point in your life when your mama stopped spoon-feeding you.
- If the pastor is teaching God's Word, and you are not being fed, the problem is probably not with the pastor.
- If you have been in the faith for any length of time, you should be feeding yourself.
- And your reason for coming to the local church is not about being fed, but about being a part of the community of the body of Christ.
- Your objective in coming to church should not be what you are going to get from it but what you are able to contribute to the community.
- Jesus said about His reason for coming to the earth (**Mark 10:45**).  
**For even the Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve, and to give His life a ransom for many.**
- We should rejoice if every time we came to church we can say that we gave more than we received – that is like Christ!
- Most people, especially men, underestimate the importance and value of being in community within a local church.
- Listen, I have been in ministry long enough to have heard every reason imaginable for not being a part of the community of the church.
- Most of them are excuses and not reasons.
- I am too busy! Too busy to obey God and do something that please Him?

- My kids don't like it! So what! There will be lots of things in life that they should do that they don't like.
- They need it, just like you need it.
- My spouse doesn't want to come! That's unfortunate, but it is still not a good reason not to come yourself. Invite her to join you and then come.
- Guys, be careful that you are not allowing excuses to keep you from doing what God says you need to do to stay spiritually healthy and strong.
- We will close with this Scripture (**John 15:5**).  
**I am the vine, you are the branches. He who abides in Me, and I in him, bears much fruit; for without Me you can do nothing.**
- You will find it very difficult to bear good fruit if you are not connected in community to the body of Christ.
- I know I am preaching to the choir with this but some man you know needs to hear it.
- Go to [rumble.com/ccfv/](https://rumble.com/ccfv/) and share it with him.  
**[rumble.com/ccfv/](https://rumble.com/ccfv/)**
- Let's pray and ask the Holy Spirit to help us be real men in community with the body of Christ!
- **Let's pray!**