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## Groups | What Every Man Needs

### Get Started

Welcome to Spring Groups!! We are excited to do life with you! We pray that you find community that will create lifelong friendships!

**Icebreaker:** Question – What is your favorite vacation destination or dream vacation destination?

### Start with

**2 Samuel 6:13-23 NKJV** 13And so it was, when those bearing the ark of the Lord had gone six paces, that he sacrificed oxen and fatted sheep. 14Then David danced before the Lord with all his might; and David was wearing a linen ephod. 15So David and all the house of Israel brought up the ark of the Lord with shouting and with the sound of the trumpet.

16Now as the ark of the Lord came into the City of David, Michal, Saul's daughter, looked through a window and saw King David leaping and whirling before the Lord; and she despised him in her heart. 17So they brought the ark of the Lord, and set it in its place in the midst of the tabernacle that David had erected for it. Then David offered burnt offerings and peace offerings before the Lord. 18And when David had finished offering burnt offerings and peace offerings, he blessed the people in the name of the Lord of hosts. 19Then he distributed among all the people, among the whole multitude of Israel, both the women and the men, to everyone a loaf of bread, a piece of meat, and a cake of raisins. So all the people departed, everyone to his house. 20Then David returned to bless his household. And Michal the daughter of Saul came out to meet David, and said, "How glorious was the king of Israel today, uncovering himself today in the eyes of the maids of his servants, as one of the base fellows shamelessly uncovers himself!"

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21 So David said to Michal, "It was before the Lord, who chose me instead of your father and all his house, to appoint me ruler over the people of the Lord, over Israel. Therefore I will play music before the Lord. 22 And I will be even more undignified than this, and will be humble in my own sight. But as for the maidservants of whom you have spoken, by them I will be held in honor."

23 Therefore Michal the daughter of Saul had no children to the day of her death.

## Make it Personal

This week Pastor Stephen closed out the Relationship Series – "I can Be Mad All By Myself". Pastor Stephen opened the sermon by using the illustration of his responsibility to mow the lawn when he was a child. In this story, he was urgent to get inside and watch the football game, but he couldn't get the lawn mower going. His father then had to show him that in order for it to work properly "it needed gas". Similarly, in order for men to operate, there are certain things that they need.

Definition of Need:

- **Point 1: The Number One Need is Honor and Respect .** Consider a bank account. If you are constantly withdrawing from your bank account- what happens? It costs you something. It is important that we aren't just withdrawing but also depositing. What are some examples of deposits?
  - Hear that we "trust their judgement". Affirm more than you correct. Encouraging words- IE: "I think the world of you, Thank you for all you do, I trust you".
  - Q- What are some other examples of deposits that build honor and respect?
  - Q-Real talk- Are you a person that naturally deposits before you withdraw? Or do you find yourself constantly withdrawing?
  - Q- How can you challenge yourself to be a person who ascribes honor and respect this week?
- **Point 2: The Number One Need of a Man is Sexual Fulfillment.** You may be thinking, we can't have 2 number ones. But consider this- Ex: If your car needs

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gas and doesn't have it- it won't operate. Also- if your car needs oil and doesn't have it- it won't operate. Men need more than one thing in order to operate.

- **Note:** Pastor Stephen noted that it's dangerous to awaken an appetite before it's time. Sex is something that is designed by God to be within marriage.
  - Pastor Stephen noted that marriage is about serving one another. If our mindset is not to serve one another, the challenge can become what a wife needs vs. what a husband needs, instead of serving each others needs.
  - Q – What biblical examples do we have of serving others above ourselves that can translate in the relationship of a husband and wife in marriage?
  - Q - Read 1 Corinthians 7:5 NASB. What does this verse say a married couple can do so that Satan will not tempt them?
- **Point 3: The number one need is significance and legacy.** Pastor Stephen illustrated that the first half of a man's life can be about making his dad proud. But there is always a shift that goes from – I want to make my dad proud to I want to build something that I am proud of.
  - Q – What are some ways a wife can help her husband build a legacy?
  - Q – Read Proverbs 31:21-23 What does verse 23 say specifically?
  - Q – How can a wife support a husband in being prepared for that seat?

## Takeaway Points:

- Any natural need or spiritual need that God has given to humanity- God has given a Holy solution for that need and Satan has created a counterfeit solution for that need.
- Men have more than one need to operate.
- For Men- Going to work is going to war.
- The first job of a man is restore the presence of God into their home.

## Activity:

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Give your groups 5 minutes to write down a practical next step from today's discussion.

## Prayer Requests

- Ask your group members to share any prayer requests they have.
- Pray and close out your group.

## Reminders

- Be sure to take attendance today!
- Continue to add and accept people to your group.
- **Announcements:**
  - Growth Track Step 1 is this Sunday! Find out more about who we are at Union.
  - Marriage Night is March 15th! Register to get your seats!  
<https://theunionchurch.com/events>
  - Water Baptisms is March 10th! Register for baptisms:  
<https://theunionchurch.com/events>
  - Easter at Union is around the corner! Invite the people in your world! For Easter service times and to reserve your seat:  
<https://theunionchurch.com/events>