



[guardrails] “Head On” Collisions

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Main Scripture: 1 Corinthians 11:1-16

Referenced Scripture: Matthew 11:29, Deuteronomy 28:45-48, Genesis 3:16, John 3:16, Isaiah 14:12-14, 1 Timothy 4:12, John 1:1, Philippians 2:6

OPEN:

1. What in particular spoke to you from Pastor Bob’s message?
2. In what way can there be no authority without submission, and no submission without authority?

DIG DEEPER:

1. Paul writes in **1 Corinthians 11:1** “*Imitate me, just as I imitate Christ*”. He was saying to the Corinthians they needed an example to follow and challenged them to follow his walk with the Lord. In this study we see the first of three important questions to consider- *Who is your example?* What examples are people you know following? Who do you allow to shape and mold your life?
2. In **1 Corinthians 11:3** we find the divine order which is declared by God. Why is it that many want to change these roles? What are some of the consequences you have seen in our society from this thinking?
3. Looking closer at **1 Corinthians 11:2-12** Paul is addressing the second question to consider- “*Who is in charge?*” He is saying don’t run from the authority God has placed over you. What is it about authority and submission that can allow some people to grow, and hinder growth in others? In general, how have you responded to those in authority over you?
4. In your own words describe how the curse in **Genesis 3:16** is broken in **John 3:16**. What do these verses teach you about people and about God?
5. In **1 Corinthians 1:11-12** Paul is telling us that although our roles as men and women differ, equality does exist. Compare this biblical view with the worldview (chauvinism/feminism). How have things gone so awry?
6. The third question to consider is- *How is it displayed?* In **1 Corinthians 11:13-16** How is Paul addressing the outward expression of the inner quality of the heart? What are the ways that our daily behavior, mannerisms, and dress reflect who we allow to shape and mold our lives, and who/what rules and reigns in our hearts and lives? Why is this significant?

REFLECT:

1. How have you found authority and submission to be built and based upon love and service, and never power and control?
2. What do you need to be doing to more fully embrace your God given role as a man or a woman?

MEMORY VERSE:

Matthew 11:29

“Take My yoke upon you and learn from Me, for I am gentle and lowly in heart, and you will find rest for your souls.”

