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Summary

Week Seventeen Summary:

A recent bestseller, *Love and Respect* by Emerson Eggerichs, revolutionized the relationship “self-help” industry (and many marriages) by asserting that men need respect the way women need love. It’s not a new idea. The Apostle Paul penned the idea 2000 years ago in his letter to the Ephesians, “. . . each one of you also must love his wife as he loves himself, and the wife must respect her husband.” The word “must” tells us this is not an optional or conditional suggestion. It is a command. Wives are commanded to respect their husbands just as urgently as husbands are commanded to love their wives. In the marriage relationship, each partner has a core role or identity—the husband is the Head and the wife is the Helper—and from these roles flow core responses, or ways of relating to each other. The Husband/Head responds to his wife with Praise and Honor for the way she helps and completes him. The Wife/Helper is to respond to her husband with Respect for and Submission to his authority and leadership. In marriage, the husband is given a mandate to lead, but as a servant-leader, so his wife is not belittled or oppressed, nor is she unloved. In this kind of marriage, a husband demonstrates his love and a wife demonstrates her respect by endeavoring to meet one another’s core concerns (or needs).

The Core Concerns of a Wife (these should be no surprise):

- **Companionship** A relationship where she can “know and be known.”
- **Security** Stability and clear direction for the family as well as financial security—not “wealth.”
- **Significance** Appreciation for her invaluable contribution to the family.
- **Emotional Responsiveness** Understanding “how I feel” is more important than “fixing my problem.”

The Core Concerns of a Husband (these might be a surprise):

- **Companionship** For men, this tends to be more “side by side” than “face to face.” For women, companionship means *talking* together. For men it means *being* together.
 - **Support** This is more than moral support (I know you can do it!) It means taking care of things behind the lines and behind the scenes so that he can be successful on the front lines.
 - **Admiration** Men who know they are respected and admired by their wives rise to new heights of sacrificial, Christ-like leadership.
 - **Physical Responsiveness** Just as women are hurt by emotional coldness from their husbands, men are wounded by sexual coldness from their wives.
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