

2023 GraceLife Conference (Session 9)

Men's Session

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Scripture References:

- Romans 10:11
- Genesis 1:26, 27
- Genesis 2:7
- 1 John 4:16, 18
- Romans 3:23

Summary:

*We're living in the age of grace; despite that, however, our environment still has pervasive law-based teachings that lead to toxic masculinity. Men are subjected to immense pressure to conform to rules contradictory to who God says they are; the "man law" that the world pushes at us prevents us from accepting responsibility for our actions and creates fear of showing others our authentic selves. Thankfully, we have Jesus Christ as the perfect model of manhood to follow; connecting with God—our source and the One who made us—provides us with its true definition.*

Notes:

1. Men are taught to hide their authentic, true selves from others for fear of being rejected. Getting trapped in "man law" keeps us in shame and condemnation.
2. The Bible calls men the head; failure to know what this means can cause severe pressure.
3. For real success in life, we can't fall back on self-effort; we need Jesus as our example. We can't depend on ourselves or others to live successfully; for biblical manhood to work properly for us, we need God.
4. We all want to be loved and accepted, but if we don't receive this affirmation growing up, we feel empty inside; as a result, we can lose focus on God if there's nothing to counter those negative emotions.

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