

**MARRIAGE PART I**  
**“THE SILENCE OF ADAM”**  
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**I. THE CURSE OF ADAM’S SILENCE**

Genesis 3:6, “When the woman saw that the fruit of the tree was good for food and pleasing to the eye, and also desirable for gaining wisdom, she took some and ate it. She also gave some to her husband **who was with her**, and he ate it.”

Larry Crabb: “The silence of Adam is the beginning of every man’s failure...And it is a picture—a disturbing but revealing one—of the nature of our failure. Since Adam every man has had a natural inclination to remain silent when he should speak.”

**II. ACTIVE SERVANTS**

- A. David: “I have found David son of Jesse a man after my own heart; he will do everything I want him to do.” Acts 13:22
- B. Jesus: “I have brought you glory on earth by completing the work you gave me to do.” John 17:4
- C. Paul: “I have not been disobedient to the vision given me from heaven.” Acts 26:19
- D. James 4:17: “Anyone, then, who knows the good he ought to do and doesn’t do it, sins.”  
D.L. Moody: “If God be your partner, make your plans large.”

**III. THE COST OF MALE ABANDONMENT**

- Daughters of single parents are 53% more likely to marry as teenagers, 111% more likely to have children as teenagers, 164% more likely to have a premarital birth, and 92% more likely to dissolve their own marriages.

- 80% of rapists motivated with displaced anger come from fatherless homes.
- 85% of all youths sitting in prisons grew up in a fatherless home.
- Fatherless children are twice as likely to drop out of school.

**IV. WHAT KEEPS US PASSIVE?**

Larry Crabb: “I suggest that a man is most manly when he admits ‘I don’t know what to do in this situation, but I know it’s important that I get involved and do something. I will therefore envision what God may want to see happen in this person’s life or in this circumstance, and I will move toward that vision with whatever wisdom and power God supplies me.’ A manly man moves even when there are no recipes.”

**V. RAISING TOUGH MEN**

**VI. BRINGING IT HOME**

- A. Fathers: Are you pursuing your children?
  - Do you know your children and their friends?
  - What is the spiritual temperature of their hearts?
  - What are their greatest temptations?
  - What strengths are you encouraging and building?
- B. Husbands: Are you pursuing your wife?
  - Are you loving her in such a way that it’s costing you something? (Is she first in your affection, over your ambition and your own comfort?)
  - When is the last time you have prayed with her?
  - Do you view your God-given calling as a man to be one more of responsibility than privilege?
- C. Are we serving as Mentors?  
2 Timothy 2:2, “And the things you have heard me say in the presence of many witnesses entrust to reliable people who will also be qualified to teach others.”