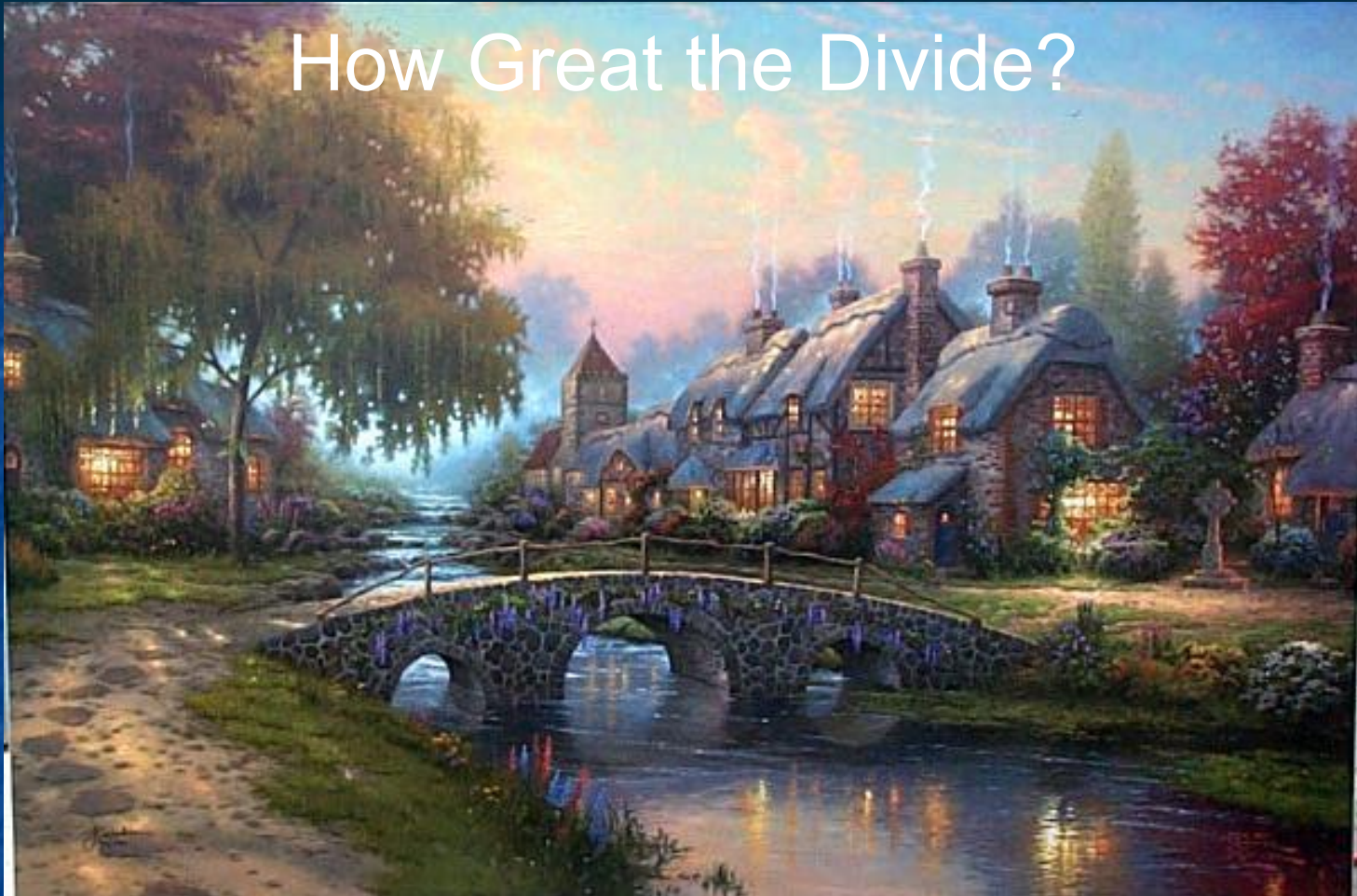


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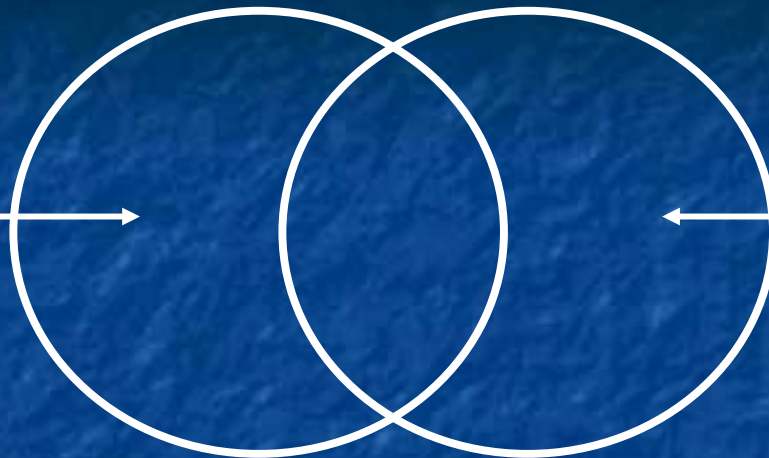
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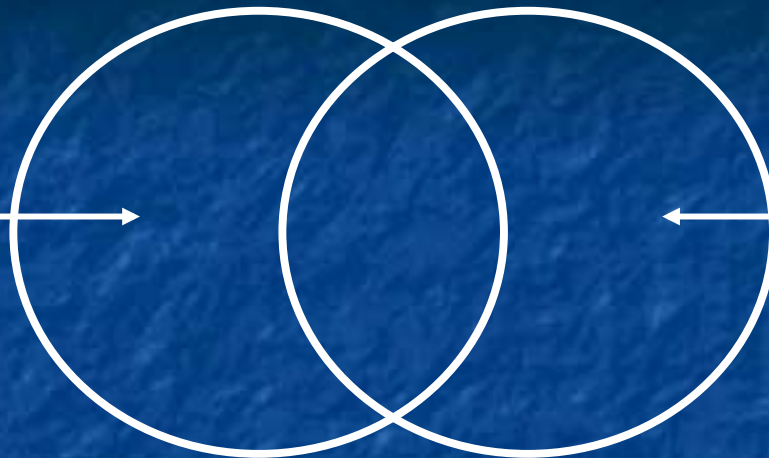


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*Can I
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Males have double the brain space and processing power devoted to sex as females. Just as women have an eight-lane superhighway for processing emotion while men have a small country road, men have O'Hare Airport as a hub of processing thoughts about sex whereas women have the airfield nearby that lands small and private planes.

- The Female Brain, Dr. Louann Brizendine

The Genesis of Our Differences

The Judgment on Women (Gen 3:16)

To the woman he said,

“I will make your pains in childbearing very severe; with pain you will give birth to children. Your desire will be for your husband, and he will rule over you.”

The Judgment on Men (Gen 3:17-19)

To Adam he said, "Because you listened to your wife and ate from the tree about which I commanded you, 'You must not eat of it,'

"Cursed is the ground because of you; through painful toil you will eat of it all the days of your life.

It will produce thorns and thistles for you, and you will eat the plants of the field.

By the sweat of your brow you will eat your food until you return to the ground...

The Questions

For women: *Will we connect?*
Can I trust you?

For Men: *Am I enough?*

*In the sex-wars, thoughtlessness is the
weapon of the male, vindictiveness of
the female.*

- Cyril Connolly (*The Unquiet Grave*)



Am I enough?

**Manning Up
according to Culture**

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MANNING UP

How the **RISE OF WOMEN** Has
Turned **MEN** into **BOYS**

It's been an almost universal rule of civilization that girls became women simply by reaching physical maturity, but boys had to pass a test. They needed to demonstrate courage, physical prowess or mastery of the necessary skills. The goal was to prove their competence as protectors and providers. Today, however, with women moving ahead in our advanced economy, husbands and fathers are now optional, and the qualities of character men once needed to play their roles—fortitude, stoicism, courage, fidelity—are obsolete, even a little embarrassing. *Today's pre-adult male is like an actor in a drama in which he only knows what he shouldn't say.*

- Manning Up, by Kay Hymowitz

Table Discussion:

In the teenage/young adult culture you grew up in, what did it mean to “be a man”? How does today’s teen/young adult culture answer that question?

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You husbands likewise, live with your wives in an understanding way, as with a weaker vessel, since she is a woman; and grant her honor as a fellow heir of the grace of life, so that your prayer may not be hindered. (1 Peter 3:7)

In the absence of your
praise, your wife will
assume your criticism.

Does she have any clue you
are thinking of her?

Do you know her love
language? Do you
appreciate her differences?
Do you know what she
faces as a woman?



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Husbands, love your wives, just as Christ also loved the church and gave Himself up for her... So husbands our also to love their own wives as their own bodies. He who loves his own wife loves himself; for not one ever hated his own flesh, but nourishes and cherishes it, just as Christ also does the church... (Ephesians 5:25, 28-30)

Marriage is the soil for growing glory. We must see our spouse in light of what they are meant to become, without turning bitter or complacent about who they are.

- Dan Allender, Intimate Allies.

What sacrifices are called for to deepen your marital allegiance?

Are there boundaries you need to make to build trust?

What sacrifices are called for to deepen your marital intimacy?

What can you discover and disclose that will build connection?





*Now what is love?
I pray thee, tell.
It is that fountain
and that well,
where pleasure
and
repentance dwell.*

- Sir Walter Raleigh
"A Description of Love"



Assignments:

Discover you and your mates' love languages.

Ask your wife (or a woman friend in your life), *What are some unique challenges you face because you're a woman?*

Next Week: **Intimate Allies**

Eros will have naked bodies; Friendship naked personalities. - C. S. Lewis, The Four Loves