

sinner. The very last thing that a depraved sinner would ever do is to own up to his sin before God, confess his lost and undone condition.

**Biblical Principle:** Even when the sinner is conscious of his wickedness –he lacks spiritual reasoning; **he seeks shelter behind his own self-righteousness and trusts in his own good works to counterbalance his evil. Or he redefines God in his own terms. Or he dismisses God!**

**?Question:** How does God want you to respond in your family to the culture?

## **DO | What are you going to do about it?**

### ***Eph 6:12***

*For our struggle is not against flesh and blood, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the powers of this dark world and against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly realms”*

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**1. Acknowledge the adversary.** Satan is real (1 Peter 5:8-9). When you’re being attacked, it’s proof that you’re a believer. The more you make an impact for God, the more the Devil is going to fight you.

**2. Accept God-given authority.** Most believers don’t understand about the authority they have against the Devil.: *“we have all authority in Heaven and on Earth.”* -*“Therefore go and make disciples”* He’s given us a specific mission: sharing the message of Jesus as his ambassadors

**3. Put on God’s armor.** We also need to be dressed for battle. Put on the helmet of salvation that will protect from the thoughts from the Devil. Think God’s thoughts, so that you may be His voice. Put on the belt of truth to share the truth, not falsehood -to lead people into righteousness.”

**4. Aim the artillery.** The battlefield for spiritual warfare spans your thought life, the dark world culture and the forces of Satan. (2 Corinthians 10:4-5). The weapons God gives you to demolish arguments are humility, faith, truth, and praise. Take every thought captive!

**Biblical Principle:** Satan’s goal- turn from God and back to sin! HUA

**?Question:?** Are you conscience and engaged in the battle around you!!

**Application:** Identify anti-family cultural norms!

## **Stories from the Field**

*There is a Gathering Storm over the family. The family unit is being subverted by everything from economic pressures to government encroachment. The secular culture must eradicate any semblance of a biblical worldview in the upbringing of the future generation, for it is seen as an obstacle that must be removed to obtain their moral revolution.*

**God created the family from the beginning, as a union between one man and one woman, who should go forth and multiply.** For, families display the grace of God and the glory of the Gospel and are essential to the functioning of society.

The secular world view erodes the roles of parents in the upbringing of children. **The secular storm and the sexual revolution aim to normalize its entire transgender ideology. They now target the rights of parents:** they disrupt the life of the home and subvert the family bonds. They begin with claims that, for adults – for now, **gender is merely a social construct and gender identity is up to the individual.** The logic is that every individual must possess a highly protected autonomy to decide their gender identity – sowing moral confusion into the minds of our children.

**When logic infects a society, moral absolutes disappear. The forces of secularization and moral revolutionaries have pushed an agenda that is clear: parents who refuse to get on board must be severed from their children.** God created us in His image as rational beings with the capacity to reason and make logical conclusions. After the fall, when sin entered into the world, man became less rational than God intended.



**Men of Valor**

### **Gathering Storm #5**

**Biblical Manhood:** To love and follow Jesus by being Men of the Word and Men of Prayer while Accepting Accountability, Taking Responsibility, Leading Intentionally, Persevering through Adversity in their domain to make God Known

**With the rejection of “mother and father” is a rejection of the God who ordered His creation perfectly to His glory.** The state is now also looking at education, seeing that it must intervene and stamp out any practices that promote visions of human flourishing divergent from secular orthodoxy

**Faithfulness to Christian teaching now places parents outside the mainstream of secular thinking and could potentially lead to termination of parental rights.** The end to parental rights is the end of the family and the end of human civilization as we know it. **The logic of the secular age must be met with the full force of Christian conviction, witness and world view.** The moral revolution progresses by redefining institution after institution and relationship after relationship.

### Talk about it:

**Question for contemplation and discussion:** What did God enlighten to you in the text?

## **KNOW | What does God want us to know**

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### ***1 Cor 11:3***

*But I want you to realize that the head of every man is Christ, and the head of the woman is man, and the head of Christ is God.*

- **With the rejection of “mother and father” is a rejection of the God who ordered His creation perfectly to His glory**
- 1st order principle: Christ has been given power over all and all things are made subject to Him. So, every creature is under the authority of Christ. Some are willingly submissive, and they constitute the Church. Some are rebellious, and they constitute the world. God even rules the godless, the rebels, for His own ends, to His own purposes. But nevertheless, He rules.
- 2<sup>nd</sup> order principle: the head of the woman is the man. Man has authority over woman. He’s not just speaking of marriage. The man

must recognize God has given him authority and the woman must realize in any relationship that she has been given the place of submission. This isn’t wrong. This is the way God made it. You don’t play golf with a fishing pole; you don’t go fishing with a golf club. God has made people, in the same sense, to do certain things, and that’s the way they’re made, and that’s the way they function, and that’s the way they’re fulfilled. Man has authority over woman.

- 3<sup>rd</sup> order principle: the head of Christ is God, and Christ loved it. Christ was willingly submissive to the Father’ We must maintain this testimony to the world and to each other in the way we act, in the way we look, in the responsibility we take to fill that role

**Biblical Principle:** God created submission in relationships to prevent chaos. Submission of equal values is mutual commitment and cooperation of distinct roles- it is submission by choice.

**? Question:** Do you “rule well” , loving her like Christ loves the church, so that your wife has the same willingness to submit as Christ did?

## **BE | How does God want us to become more like Him?**

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### *Genesis 3:13*

“And the woman said, ‘The serpent deceived me, and I ate.’

- **Human reasoning suffers from the ravages of sin. Eve played the victim.** Self-justifying blame shifting. Well, she can’t deny that she ate. But she wants God to think she is a victim of circumstances, which God must have created, because God created everything, including serpents. This is **depravity**. This is how it acts always – classic definition of depravity. **It can be defined as a condition of the human soul in which there is disobedience to God, lack of fellowship with God, the sentence of death, an unwillingness to acknowledge sin, a concern only for the consequence of sin, not sin itself, in which there is no desire to repent, in which there is no desire to turn from sin, in which there is blame shifting and a constant effort at self-justification and self-exaltation.**
- This is what Jeremiah said; “The heart of man is deceitful and desperately wicked.” And the condition cannot be changed by the