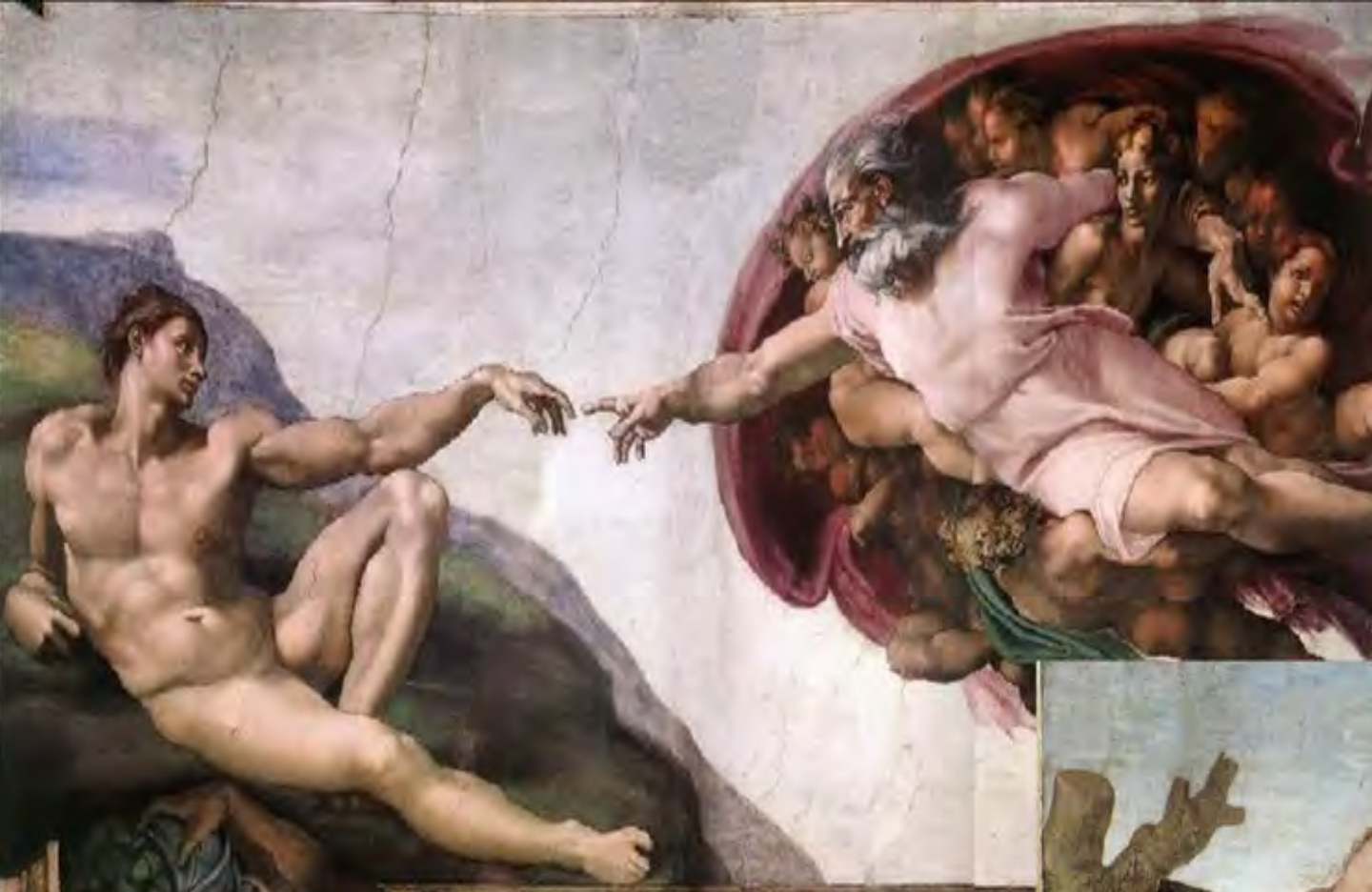


What does it mean to be a

REAL

MAN?



Creation of Adam
1510
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Creation of Eve
1509-10
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"In the beginning, God created them male and female..." (Genesis 1:27)

WHY?

A six week look at what God was up to in creating us as we are

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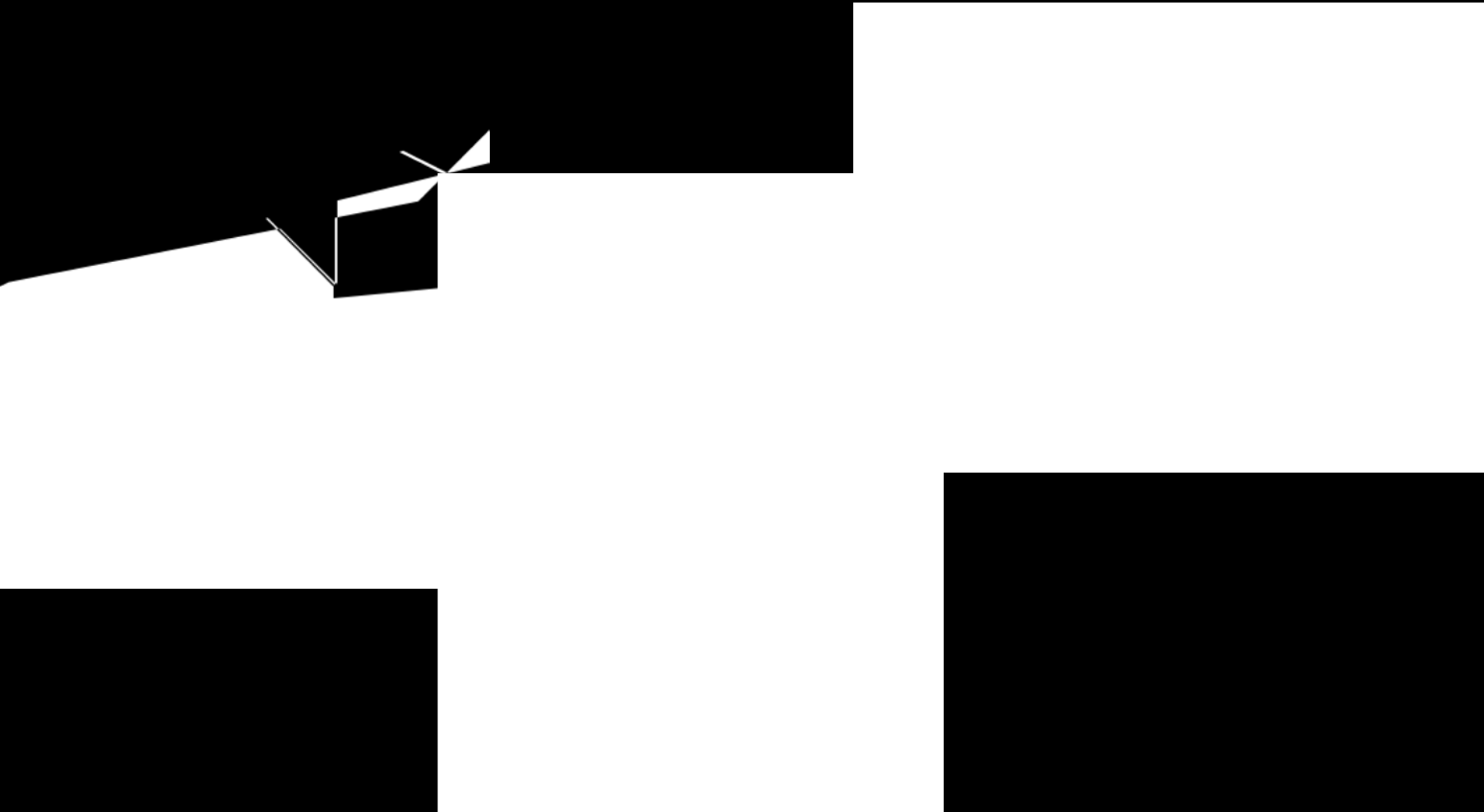
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Have Experienced _____.

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1. Sex

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“Marriage Will Make Me a ‘Real Man’”

~Musician Josh Kelley

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David Blankenhorn

Fatherless America (New York: Basic, 1995), 17.

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Romans 5:17-21 “**17**For if, because of one man’s trespass, death reigned through that one man, much more will those who receive the abundance of grace and the free gift of righteousness reign in life through the one man Jesus Christ. **18**Therefore, as one trespass led to condemnation for all men, so one act of righteousness leads to justification and life for all men. **19**For as by the one man’s disobedience the many were made sinners, so by the one man’s obedience the many will be made righteous. **20**Now the law came in to increase the trespass, but where sin increased, grace abounded all the more, **21**so that, as sin reigned in death, grace also might reign through righteousness leading to eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord.”

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The Example of Jesus – John 5:19-23

19 So Jesus said to them, “Truly, truly, I say to you, the Son can do nothing of his own accord, but only what he sees the Father doing. For whatever the Father does, that the Son does likewise. **20** For the Father loves the Son and shows him all that he himself is doing. And greater works than these will he show him, so that you may marvel. **21** For as the Father raises the dead and gives them life, so also the Son gives life to whom he will. **22** The Father judges no one, but has given all judgment to the Son, **23** that all may honor the Son, just as they honor the Father. Whoever does not honor the Son does not honor the Father who sent him.

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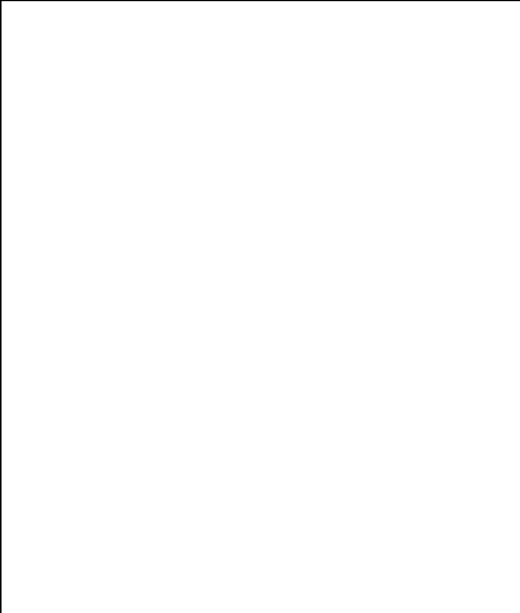
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“The genius of the medieval ideal of the chivalrous knight was that it was a paradox. That is, it brought together two things which have no natural tendency to gravitate towards one another...It taught humility and forbearance to the great warrior because everyone knew by experience how much he usually needed that lesson...The disparate strands of manhood--fierceness and gentleness--can find healthy synthesis in the person of the knight and in the code of chivalry. Here these competing impulses--normally found in different individuals--find their union.”

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“Were one of these two bents given full rein, the balance required for authentic Christian manhood would be lost. Strength and power, without tenderness, for example, give us the brute. Tenderness and compassion without masculine firmness and aggressiveness produce a male without the fire to lead or inspire others.”

~C.S. Lewis, “The Necessity of Chivalry”

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“In my view, America's greatest need is for husbands to begin guiding their families, rather than pouring every physical and emotional resource into the mere acquisition of money.”

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1 Then Jesus was led up by the Spirit into the wilderness to be tempted by the devil. 2 And after fasting forty days and forty nights, he was hungry. 3 And the tempter came and said to him, "If you are the Son of God, command these stones to become loaves of bread." 4 But he answered, "It is written, "'Man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word that comes from the mouth of God.'"

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5Then the devil took him to the holy city and set him on the pinnacle of the temple **6**and said to him, "If you are the Son of God, throw yourself down, for it is written, "'He will command his angels concerning you,' and "'On their hands they will bear you up, lest you strike your foot against a stone.'" **7**Jesus said to him, "Again it is written, 'You shall not put the Lord your God to the test.'" **8** Again, the devil took him to a very high mountain and showed him all the kingdoms of the world and their glory. **9**And he said to him, "All these I will give you, if you will fall down and worship me." **10**Then Jesus said to him, "Be gone, Satan! For it is written, "'You shall worship the Lord your God and him only shall you serve.'" **11**Then the devil left him, and behold, angels came and were ministering to him.

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32 And they went to a place called Gethsemane. And he said to his disciples, “Sit here while I pray.” **33** And he took with him Peter and James and John, and began to be greatly distressed and troubled. **34** And he said to them, “My soul is very sorrowful, even to death. Remain here and watch.” **35** And going a little farther, he fell on the ground and prayed that, if it were possible, the hour might pass from him. **36** And he said, “Abba, Father, all things are possible for you. Remove this cup from me. Yet not what I will, but what you will.”

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37 And he came and found them sleeping, and he said to Peter, “Simon, are you asleep? Could you not watch one hour?”

38 Watch and pray that you may not enter into temptation. The spirit indeed is willing, but the flesh is weak.” **39** And again he went away and prayed, saying the same words. **40** And again he came and found them sleeping, for their eyes were very heavy, and they did not know what to answer him. **41** And he came the third time and said to them, “Are you still sleeping and taking your rest? It is enough; the hour has come. The Son of Man is betrayed into the hands of sinners. **42** Rise, let us be going; see, my betrayer is at hand.”

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