

THE BROKEN RIB

In this vision, I saw men (several of them) beating up each other. For what cause, I don't know, but they didn't appear to be fighting because they were angry at each other. They just seemed to be beating up each other for sport and literally to the point of injury.

As LaKendria and I were driving by, I focused in on one man in particular who was beating another and it was apparent that the man was badly hurt; he could hardly walk when it was all over. So, the man who beat him up then proceeded to help him to his truck but he was really struggling so the well man called out to us as we were passing and said, "Hey, I need help; can you come and help him?" We didn't know either of the men. They both were white, but without hesitancy or fear, I stopped and LaKendria and I got out of the car and helped him put the injured man into his own truck and sat him under the steering wheel. Then, the well man turned to me and said, "You need to hold his ribs in place so they don't move." So again, without hesitancy, I climbed into the truck and sat beside the injured man who was about to drive and LaKendria climbed in and sat beside me. I reached behind his back and held him around the waist with my left arm and took my right hand and carefully pressed the broken rib into place and held him tightly so his ribs wouldn't move. As long as I held his ribs in place, the pain was minimized and the injured man drove himself to the hospital.

I knew this was powerful! I could feel it! Though I had no interpretation yet, I knew God had just shown me something very powerful! From the time I arose at morning, I thought on it all day without speaking to anyone about it. God began to enlighten me during Wednesday Night Bible Study. After leaving the service, I shared the vision with my husband and began to share a little of what I believe God was saying, but I knew there was more.

HERE'S WHAT GOD GAVE ME: There is a 3-Fold Meaning—Wives Concerning Husbands, Husbands Concerning Wives & The Body Of Christ Concerning Each Other.

Gen. 1:26 (NKJV) Then God said, Let Us make man in Our image, according to Our likeness; let them have dominion over the first of the sea, over the birds of the air, and over the cattle, over all the earth and over every creeping thing that creeps on the earth."

Gen. 2:15-24 (NKJV) Then the Lord God took the man and put him in the Garden of Eden to tend and keep it. (16) And the Lord God commanded the man, saying, "Of every tree of the

garden you may freely eat; (17) but of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil you shall not eat, for in the day that you eat of it you shall surely die.” (18) **And the Lord God said, “It is not good that man should be alone; I will make him a helper comparable to him.” (19) Out of the ground the Lord God formed every beast of the field and every bird of the air, and brought them to Adam to see what he would call them. And whatever Adam called each living creature, that was its name. (20) So Adam gave names to all cattle, to the birds of the air, and to every beast of the field. But for Adam there was not found a helper comparable to him. (21) And the Lord God caused a deep sleep to fall on Adam, and he slept; and He took one of his ribs, and closed up the flesh in its place. (22) Then the rib which the Lord God had taken from man He made into a woman, and He brought her to the man. (23) And Adam said: “This is now bone of my bones and flesh of my flesh; She shall be called Woman, Because she was taken out of man.” (24) Therefore a man shall leave his father and mother and be joined to his wife, and they shall become one flesh.**

In this vision, God showed me the scene of men in general dealing with the issues of life. These men had no names and no familiarity to me to show that **ALL MEN** (not just your husband and not just mines), but **ALL MEN HAVE ISSUES OF SOME SORT AND THESE ISSUES CROSS ALL BOUNDARIES**--color, size, height, status and culture.

Secondly, He shows that the issues, in many cases, may not be about us and the way they handle them may seem strange and even inappropriate at times, but neither of those is the most important thing. What is most important is that we embrace them in the midst of the painful issues and hold securely the place that hurts just as in the vision. This must not be in an effort to take over or control, but to aid, comfort and support him while he drives himself to the hospital.

The Bible says that man is head of the wife just as Christ is head of the church. Notice according to the vision that man didn't lose his right to drive his own truck even in the face of injury or pain. So it is with life's issues, man doesn't stop being head of his house just because he goes through a difficult place, or just because he makes a bad decision, or even because he temporarily loses his way. God simply says **“HELP HIM”** because you are a comparable helper for him.

Also, as women obey God and take their rightful places beside their husbands and help them, it minimizes the pain, speeds the healing of the broken rib and draws the whole family closer. In the vision, the child never questioned the process; she just simply took her place beside the woman who had taken her place beside the man.

When God made woman, He caused a deep sleep to fall upon Adam so that He could perform surgery first, without man's interference and secondly, without pain. Then God made the woman and the two of them were one. So it is when a woman walks beside her husband as a helper, whether in the home, in the ministry, in the business, or in society in general, she puts the broken

rib back in place and the family structure is as God designed it to be.

Finally, understand that embracing the man and holding the broken rib is figurative or symbolic and not literal. Holding the rib speaks of support through TRUE LOVE **and prayer** for our husbands, through kindness **and prayer**, through encouragement **and prayer**, and through pain and suffering, **and more prayer.**

It is important to remember that she must not let go, however long it takes; and he must not stop before getting the proper help he needs, or the painful process begins again. If she lets go, the pain may become too great for him to see his way clearly to proceed on the journey, which thereby jeopardizes both their lives; and if she holds on but he refuses to continue on, he may suffer unnecessary levels and length of pain which could then cause inflammation that may endanger other parts of the body, such as a heart of unforgiveness, an unbridled tongue, lips that speak untruth, and feet that are swift to cause confusion.

Adam said that the woman is “flesh of my flesh and bone of my bone.” So if just one rib is broken, we must get in position and hold the ribs tightly for the sake of the one broken rib.

In the vision, it was clear to see that the injured man was going to have a difficult task driving in tremendous pain. But I was pleased to see that he did not refuse to **let me help** him and in so doing, he was able to--drive on, for the sake of all concerned.

So wives, will you help and patiently allow healing to come forth, however long it takes so your husband can--drive on?

Husbands, will you **LET** your wives hold your rib in place so you can--drive on? Your children are watching.

Body of Christ, will you allow each joint to perform its necessary function so the Body can “profit withal”? One can’t do it all. Your parts will wear out before time if you try to do too much, especially if that is not what God has assigned you to do. But, with each part working together, we can all grow to full maturity.