



Men's Roundtable: A Quest for Authentic Manhood

Session 7: Redeemed Masculinity

The Two Adams – Two Masculine Identities

44 If there is a natural body, there is also a spiritual body. 45 So it is written: "The first man Adam became a living being"; the last Adam, a life-giving spirit. 46 The spiritual did not come first, but the natural, and after that the spiritual. 47 The first man was of the dust of the earth; the second man is of heaven. 48 As was the earthly man, so are those who are of the earth; and as is the heavenly man, so also are those who are of heaven. 49 And just as we have borne the image of the earthly man, so shall we bear the image of the heavenly man.

– I Corinthians 15:45-49

"Adam and Christ stand over against each other, as two great figures at the entrance of two worlds, two creations, the old and the new... And in their actions and fate lies the decision for all who belong to them, because all men are comprehended in them"

– Hermann Ridderbos (theologian)

1. They are the leaders of two distinct _____ identities (Romans 5:12-19)

First Adam:	Disobedience	Sin	Judgment	Condemnation	Death
Second Adam:	Obedience	Grace	Justification	Righteousness	Life

2. They are the leaders of two distinct _____ identities

The solution is not a better version of yourself. The goal is _____.

	Conventional Manhood	Authentic Manhood
Identity:		
Relationships:		
Focus:		
Reward:		
Love:		
Defines Life By:		

The Defining Differences Between Adam and Jesus

1. The first Adam fell into passivity; the second Adam _____.

2. The first Adam disregarded his responsibilities; the second Adam _____.

He accepted responsibility...

- For a _____ to obey
- For a _____ to do
- For a _____ to love

What causes a man to accept social and spiritual responsibility?

- _____: it is clear to him from a young age that primary responsibility for the well being of others rests on him.
- _____: he has been trained from an early age by the men in his life what those responsibilities look like
- _____: he becomes spiritually transformed in the heart, causing him to desire those responsibilities

3. The first Adam abandoned his post of leadership; the second Adam chose to _____.

Men were created to lead, but it takes _____!

- He gave _____
- He gave _____
- He made _____

To be a courageous leader, every man must master a significant obstacle: _____

4. The first Adam sought a greater reward; the second Adam _____.

“Look, I am coming soon, bringing my reward with me to repay all people according to their deeds.”

— Revelation 22:12

Discussion Questions

1. Discuss the differences in the two Adams. Do they fairly represent the choices a man has in a masculine identity?
2. How does the discussion on the first and second Adam help you see your masculinity more clearly? Where are you more like the first Adam? Where are you more like the second Adam?
3. How will this definition of manhood help you in the future?
4. Is Jesus Christ your ideal of a “real man”? Why or why not?