

# Prophetic Insights

## Be a Man! Stand Up Against Jezebel!

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From Mike to our friends in Christ Jesus:

Being both Polish and Roman Catholic, I was raised in a female-dominated culture. This propensity for Polish Catholics to give way to matriarchal domination comes from a number of factors. Poles refer to Jesus' mother, Mary, as the "Queen of Poland." And within Roman Catholicism, Mary is called the "Mother of God" instead of the "Mother of Jesus" in His humanity. By that terminology she is placed even higher than God or our Lord Jesus. This frame of reference has greatly denigrated the God-given, Biblical role of men as servant leaders and heads of household within Polish families.

Maybe some of you men were raised in predominantly matriarchal societies such as Irish, Italian, Hispanic, African American, or Native American. Very likely your mother ruled the household, while your father was **passive**, **demeaned**, or **absent altogether**. Over the years as I meet men from these various female-dominated communities, I "kick the tires" to see if I'm encountering a man of spiritual strength and courage. If that's the case, then I know he too has overcome a lot to be a real man!

While I was growing up, I didn't like what I saw in my own matriarchal-dominated heritage, especially the disrespect shown to my father. Even before I belonged to Jesus as Lord of my life, I can look back now and recognize that our Lord was working to free me from female dominance. For example, as a teenager I worked part-time for a Jewish man who had two daughters but no sons. He became a "father" to me and

treated me like a son. During that period he embraced me in his heart by sharing his life values, goals, motives, and even his misgivings about himself. I was like sponge wanting to be just like him.

About the same time, a history teacher at our high school befriended me. Sometimes he'd get me out of study halls to play one-on-one basketball with him, and he and his wife treated me like family in their own home. It was evident to me that this teacher, like my Jewish "father," were the heads of their households. They certainly didn't lord their role over their families. Rather, they exercised God-required authority as servant/leaders in their homes, and by their actions and affection evidenced that they loved their wives deeply. I had no doubt that they put their wives and their children above their own personal interests.

Later, while I was serving in the Navy, Sue and I were privileged to be loved and mentored by several older couples along the way who helped us mature as a Navy Officer and a Navy Officer's wife. One of the principles for promotion in those days was derived from God's Word: "*If anyone does not know how to manage his own family, how can he take care of God's church?*" (1Timothy 3:5). This principle lasted until the ACLU sued. Thereafter many divorced men who lacked the character to lead were promoted. I had the misfortune to serve under some of these men who were "loose cannons"—and it was hell! Their own advancement, rather than caring for the people who served under them, was all they cared about. Almost to a man these officers kissed the seats of others in order to get ahead.

## What is a man who is "after God's own heart"?

For decades I've defined a Christian man as **"a man who does God's will regardless of what it costs him."** Why can I say this? Because a man who lives this way is both totally dependent on and fully trusts in the Spirit of our Lord Jesus Who dwells within him. All other men rationalize and lean on their own strengths—a total waste of manhood to our Lord and His purposes as well as to the people who need them to lead the way as God-dependent role models. These are spiritual eunuchs, lacking the courageous and self-sacrificial qualities of Christ-like manhood.

Today I hardly encounter men of Christ-like character and courage. Rather, manhood in Christendom has become dishonored through men who rationalize, excuse themselves, and/or blame others. It's been years since I heard a testimony of courage by a man who claims to belong to our Lord. Sadly, those I have heard from are the **"well-intentioned"**—men who are all mouth but have no determined follow-through in what they've voiced. That's because they lack **persistence** and **perseverance**, character qualities that are instilled by the Spirit in a man who loves our Lord with obedient trust. I cringe with sorrow around such men who impetuously make vows or plans but never get around to keeping them. And if they're married, their wives flinch when these men open their mouths.

In the Navy we used to say this kind of man has his head up the wrong part of his body. Scripture might call them **"nearsighted and blind"** (see 2Peter 1:5-9). If they could only see how their marriages defame our Lord Jesus and realize

how their personal cowardice and self-deception lets down so many others around them. I grieve just thinking about them! Yet they represent the majority of men within effeminized western Christianity today.

Even among my own male relatives I can barely identify with any of them. Few live repentantly, and the majority become defensive if any shortcomings or observed sins are mentioned. I can tell you from experience both with my own relatives and through helping others: **Within female-dominated families, people seldom ask forgiveness of each other for wrongs done or hurt inflicted.** Perhaps your experience is like that among my own relatives, where a handful have asked forgiveness when in reality a trainload was left unexpressed.

*"...a woman who fears the LORD is to be praised. Give her the reward she has earned, and let her works bring her praise" (Proverbs 31:30,31).*

As Sue and I finished a season of reflecting while celebrating our 45th anniversary, I was struck by a divine revelation that I wanted to share with you. I marveled how Sue has been transformed over the years of our marriage to be the God-given helper (Hebrew ezer) who so reflects the love of Jesus as my wife. Everywhere we go I'm proud to see how so many people are attracted to her love—except one category of women. Something about Sue arouses contempt in the Jezebellic\* women we encounter. Over the years as I've observed this phenomenon, I found that it's her **humility of spirit** through which our Lord has been able to work in her heart and transform her. Humility of any kind is threatening to the power-hungry drive within

those captured by a Jezebel spirit. The very name Jezebel refers to one who says, **"I have no coequal!"**, either man or woman.

\*The spirit of Jezebel is recognized by female domination, manipulation, and independence. (You can read the sorry history of the historical Jezebel and her weakling, passive husband Ahab in 1Kings chapters 16-21.) These women have a calloused disregard and disdain for men in general, and eradicate by word and deed a wife's God-given responsibility to her husband. When every other form of domination fails, the Jezebel-influenced woman, like Jezebel of old (see 2Kings 9:30), will turn to sensuality and sexuality to gain control over men.

Sue was never well-received by the women among my own relatives who had Jezebellic tendencies. They were threatened by her humility and lack of desire to draw attention to herself—characteristics which were a threat to those enmeshed in a control hierarchy. Female-dominated families have a Jezebellic pecking order. In each generation there's always the **"alpha Jezebel,"** the Jezebel around whom the lesser Jezebels recoil and shrink when she's in their presence or when her name comes up in a conversation. Among my own female-dominated relatives there was, and still remains, an intimidating Jezebellic hierarchy.

- **Do you have this type of dominating hierarchy among your own female relatives?**
- **Is there one alpha Jezebel whom the other women fear to get on the wrong side of?**

**"It takes an Ahab\* in order for a Jezebel to rule."**

[\*An Ahab male is recognized by his submission to female control and his withdraw-

al from any form of confrontation with women. Keep in mind that most Ahabs can easily be seduced and dominated through female sensuality and sexuality.]

A Jezebel can't exercise rule if there aren't Ahabs around her! "Ahabs" are fathers, brothers, and husbands who hunker down and cower in the face of Jezebels. Ahab-ism is widespread throughout western Christendom today. Particularly because of the **impersonal, relationally uninvolved clergy system** within organized religion, no one is doing any face-to-face confrontation of Ahab-ish men who are mired in this unbiblical predicament. Let's look at relationships which help keep Jezebel power in place:

#### ***Fathers who embolden Jezebel daughters:***

So many 'Ahab' fathers undermine their daughter's marriage by refusing to interact with their son-in-law in a man-to-man manner—as one head of a household to another. This is a God-ordained protocol! 'Ahab' fathers listen too much to the complaints of their daughters, thus empowering the woman's domination over her husband while the father takes offense against his son-in-law. (And any source of one-sided information is slander, something God despises!) Frustrated and feeling unjustly accused, the husband withdraws into silence or absents himself from conversations and activities.

- **Are you a father who undermines your son(s)-in-law?**
- **Are you a son-in-law who is being undermined because your father-in-law listens to his daughter's negative complaints about you?**

### ***Brothers who embolden their sisters:***

Many 'Ahab' brothers fail to establish meaningful relationships with their brothers-in-law and interacting with each other as heads of their respective families. When this God-ordained protocol is violated, their Jezebellic sisters use their brother to bolster their power base.

- **Are you a brother who undermines your brother(s)-in-law?**
- **Are you brother-in-law whose wife prefers to talk with her brother instead of with you?**

### ***Husbands who embolden Jezebel wives:***

Far too many Christian marriages are modeled after the manner of Ahab and Jezebel. I recognize this because any time I'm trying to have a meaningful conversation with a husband when his wife is with him, she habitually butts in and takes over, speaking for him. A 'Jezebel' won't tolerate a 'co-equal'—even her husband.

- **Are you a man whose wife undermines you by butting in inappropriately?**
- **Worse, does she publicly demean you or ridicule you in front of others?**

I've been in the presence of a number of husbands who cower when their Jezebellic wives get on a roll with an "I rule here" attitude. These men embarrass me as a man who purposes to follow His Lord. Know this: The intent of a Jezebel spirit is to intimidate men! This demonic spirit is powerful enough to agitate people who are unaware of its presence to clam-up. If you're wondering how this might happen, read this anecdote from our book, ***God's Instruments For War:***

We were visiting a church service and were surprised by the complete lack of male testimonies during a time of open sharing.

On previous visits we had always observed a balance among the men and women as they spoke. Sitting there that morning Mike bowed and inquired of the Lord, "Why are there no men sharing?" The Spirit replied, "To your left are two women with a Jezebel spirit, sent here to inspire fear in the men to keep them from speaking."

As Mike looked in that direction, he could see the two women the Spirit was indicating. In prayer he asked if there was anything he should do. The Spirit prompted, "You can pray to bind their influence here this morning." In the middle of prayer he glanced over to see both women glaring at him. At the end of the service he mentioned the situation to the church leaders. They recalled that the two women had begun attending several weeks earlier, and that the testimonies of the men had dwindled from that point. Having been exposed, the two women never returned there.

### ***Just a side note:***

If you're a man to whom the Spirit has given a prophetic gift, you've most likely experienced Jezebel attacks. This spirit first tries to isolate you through falsehoods and disparaging comments which listeners tend to accept because of the woman's intimidating personality. If your love for our Lord keeps you wanting to be used by His Spirit, this demonic spirit can afflict you with deep feelings of despair as it hovers around you. You can be further disheartened when Ahab men around you cower and refuse to stand up for Jesus.

For many years this is what living around my relatives was like for me. I often had to deal with my Jezebellic female relatives by trying to protect Sue from their verbal darts, and when I wasn't successful, I grieved when she was brought to tears by their callous remarks and actions.

And when we conducted seminars in various congregations throughout this nation, there were some in which the Jezebel spirit obviously ruled. In these congregations we would alter the seminar format in order for me to protect Sue from that spirit's attacks.

Keep in the forefront of your thinking that Jezebel is the foremost demonic principality over this nation, ruling the women-dominated media, school systems, and "Christian" religious establishment. If you're going to be a man like David, a man after God's own heart, then listen up:

- **AHAB, WAKE UP!**
- **IT'S TIME TO STOP ALLOWING JEZEBEL TO DOMINATE OR INFLUENCE YOUR MARRIAGE AND HOME!**
- **JEZEBEL IS NEVER GOING TO RELINQUISH ITS POWER UNTIL YOU UPHOLD ALL OF YOUR GOD-GIVEN RESPONSIBILITIES!**
- **THESE RESPONSIBILITIES FROM OUR LORD ARE YOUR PLATFORM TO WALK IN THE GOD-GIVEN AUTHORITY IN CHRIST THAT OBLITERATES JEZEBEL'S POWER!**

We've written about the influence over this land of the Jezebel and Ahab demonic spirits for a long time. In this e-mail I'm writing in concerned desperation to warn you to do something about it! Please, don't forfeit this opportunity for your marriage and the people you care about to be aligned as our Lord Jesus calls for. Your 'Ahabic' excuses for your irresponsibility and refusal to live out God's commands for men who love and follow His Son are as meaningless to Him now as they will be at His Judgment Throne. Hear this in your heart:

*"Now what I am commanding you today is not too difficult for you or beyond your reach" (Deuteronomy 30:11).*

Be a man who is sincerely earnest and determined to be like our Lord Jesus! Fully yield to His Spirit and BE LIKE JESUS in your life, your marriage, and in all your other relationships. Those who choose to cower in self-preservation are like the cowards who burn in the lake of sulfur (Revelation 21:8). Your clergy may not tell you the things I'm writing because they need your money to sustain their position and their church structure. But I'm warning you because it's in God's Word, and His Word is truth and warning! Heed it while you can!

Here are a few of the many materials on our website that focus on the influence of Jezebel and Ahab:

- July 2003 Newsletter: You Belong To Me!
- Discussing How To Restore The Early Church, Lesson 41: Sue's Counsel For The Ezer
- Lifebyte 62: Does Your Marriage Reflect Your Covenant With Our Father?
- Prophetic Insight: Keep Drawing Nearer To Jesus—Don't Be Discouraged By The Demonic Principalities And Powers, August 22, 2013
- December 2003 Newsletter: Develop Christlikeness—Destroy the Curse of Eve
- Prophetic Insights: Fathers Need The Love of Jesus, June 3, 2013

You may think that these materials are too much for you to read. But please, courageously share this e-mail with your family, your relatives, and your faith family. Read at least several of the recommended materials. Discern if the demonic entity of Jezebel instead of our Lord Jesus is ruling you, your home, relatives, and/or faith community. If you discover that Jezebel is at work, then you also have Ahabs who are allowing it to operate. Do something about it! Our video series, *Jesus In Your Home*, or our written series, *Discussing How To Restore The Early Church*, will show you what you need to do. So do it!

From an older man who has firm resolve about His Lord and knows what other men must do,  
*Mike, and his God-given helper suited for him, Sue*

P.S. Some of you may think that I'm coming down on men with an ax. That's not true! I'm holding up high the cross of my Lord Jesus Christ for men who are Kingdom-hearted—those who are ruled by Jesus their King and want to be like Him. I refuse to lower the cross for Ahab cowards who hide out in religious comfort and allow their wives to rule. Amen.







