

MRS. UNKNOWAH

Judges 13

Today we'll examine this beautiful picture of partnership

I. PARTNERSHIP IN COMMUNICATION (2-7)

Let no unwholesome word proceed from your mouth, but only such *a word* as is good for edification according to the need *of the moment*, so that it will give grace to those who hear. - Ephesians 4:29

A. UNKNOWAH RECEIVES AMAZING REVELATION (1-5)

B. UNKNOWAH IMMEDIATELY TELLS MANOAH (6a)

1. Her first response is to tell her husband right away
2. She may have had to interrupt his work
3. She trusts him
4. This is important news!

C. UNKNOWAH TELLS ABOUT THE MESSENGER (6b)

1. The Details
2. His Appearance
3. His Mysteriousness

D. UNKNOWAH TELLS ABOUT THE MESSAGE (7)

1. You will bear a son
2. Be especially careful with your diet
3. The child will be a Nazirite for life

II. PARTNERSHIP WITH SUBMISSION (8-14)

“... and be subject to one another in the fear of Christ.” - Eph.5:21

A. MANOAH'S ATTENTION (8)

1. He was listening and interested
2. He was confident

B. UNKNOWAH'S PRIORITY (9-11)

1. God's Revelation (9)
2. Unknowah's Response (10)
3. Manoah's Response (11)

C. THE COUPLE'S DESIRE (8, 12-14)

- Together they submit to God

1. They want to know what to do (8)
2. They want to know what he will be (12-14)

III. **PARTNERSHIP THROUGH ENCOURAGEMENT** (19-23)

“Two are better than one because they have a good return for their labor. For if either of them falls, the one will lift up his companion. But woe to the one who falls when there is not another to lift him up. - Ecc 4:9-10

A. MANOAH'S FEAR (19-22)

1. Angel Revelations (19-21)
2. Fatal Consequences (22)

B. UNKNOWNAH'S TENDERNESS (23)

1. Reassuring
2. Reasoning
 - a. If God were planning to kill us
 - b. Then, He would not have ...
 - 1) Accepted us (our offering)
 - 2) Shown us (given us special revelation)
 - 3) Told us (these things at this time)

CONCLUSION:

Reflect on these instructions from our study of Mrs. Unknowah:

1. Couples, remember that you are partners not competitors
2. Ladies, remember you are not a silent partner but a significant part of a team.
3. Men, remember that you are not to be silent about your partner .. praise her and the God who gave her to you. (See Proverbs 31:28-29)

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