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BIG IDEA | Incompatibility can make our home INOPERABLE or UNSTOPPABLE.

Incompatibility is UNAVOIDABLE.

"If people can be divorced for incompatibility, I cannot conceive why all of us are not divorced."- G.K. Chesterton

SOURCES OF INCOMPATIBILITY:

- 1. Different Sexes
- 2. Different Family Backgrounds
- **3. Different Communication Styles**
- 4. Different Personalities

We must UNDERSTAND, FORGIVE, and CELEBRATE our differences.

Genesis 3:15-19 (NLT)

¹⁵ And I will cause hostility between you and the woman,

and between your offspring and her offspring.

He will strike your head,

and you will strike his heel."

- ¹⁶ Then he said to the woman,
- "I will sharpen the pain of your pregnancy,

and in pain you will give birth.

And you will desire to control your husband,

but he will rule over you."

¹⁷ And to the man he said,

"Since you listened to your wife and ate from the tree whose fruit I commanded you not to eat,

the ground is cursed because of you.

All your life you will struggle to scratch a living from it.

 $^{\mbox{\tiny 18}}$ It will grow thorns and thistles for you,

though you will eat of its grains.

¹⁹ By the sweat of your brow will you have food to eat until you return to the ground from which you were made. For you were made from dust, and to dust you will return."

HOW TO OVERCOME INCOMPATIBILITY- Play the position God has given us.

Ephesians 5:21-33 (NLT)

²¹ And further, submit to one another out of reverence for Christ.

²² For wives, this means submit to your husbands as to the Lord. ²³ For a husband is the head of his wife as Christ is the head of the church. He is the Savior of his body, the church. ²⁴ As the church submits to Christ, so you wives should submit to your husbands in everything.

²⁵ For husbands, this means love your wives, just as Christ loved the church. He gave up his life for her ²⁶ to make her holy and clean, washed by the cleansing of God's word. ²⁷ He did this to present her to himself as a glorious church without a spot or wrinkle or any other blemish. Instead, she will be holy and without fault. ²⁸ In the same way, husbands ought to love their wives as they love their own bodies. For a man who loves his wife actually shows love for himself. ²⁹ No one hates his own body but feeds and cares for it, just as Christ cares for the church. ³⁰ And we are members of his body. ³¹ As the Scriptures say, "A man leaves his father and mother and is joined to his wife, and the two are united into one." ³² This is a great mystery, but it is an illustration of the way Christ and the church are one. ³³ So again I say, each man must love his wife as he loves himself, and the wife must respect her husband.

SURRENDER to God's love. SUBMIT to God's ways.