

Point Man – Week 1

*How a Man Can Lead His Family
From the book by Steve Farrar*

Read: Chapter 1 - Point Man on Patrol

Ephesians 5:25-31 - Husbands, love your wives, just as Christ loved the church and gave himself up for her to make her holy, cleansing her by the washing with water through the word, and to present her to himself as a radiant church, without stain or wrinkle or any other blemish, but holy and blameless. In this same way, husbands ought to love their wives as their own bodies. He who loves his wife loves himself. After all, no one ever hated his own body, but he feeds and cares for it, just as Christ does the church—for we are members of his body. "For this reason a man will leave his father and mother and be united to his wife, and the two will become one flesh."

Questions for discussion:

1. What was a “point man” during the Vietnam war, and how does it relate to our roles as heads of our households?
2. What role do you think the leadership (or lack thereof) of husbands and fathers have in the statistics about divorce, teen pregnancy, teen drug abuse, etc.? Do you buy into the idea that it’s at least partly “our” fault?
3. How does Satan work by attacking our relationship with our wife? How about our kids?
4. Re-read the story on page 30 about Tom Peters, the author of many self-help books on business and professional excellence. In making the choice between excellence in family or business, what is his advice?
5. Is our job the part of our lives where we should get our greatest sense of accomplishment?

“I’ve asked you how you intend to keep your marriage off the casualty list. Let me ask you something else. How are you going to keep your kids off the casualty list?”

“You were appointed. Like it or not, you carry the responsibility. You are the point man.”

“If a man is passive and indifferent to the things of God and the spiritual leadership of his home, then attack is not necessary. He is already neutralized.”

“Gentlemen, I know that you love your families. You love your wife. You love your children. You would be willing to die for them. In most wars, that’s what men are asked to do. ... But in this war, it’s different. In this war, Jesus Christ is looking for men who will live for their families.”