

## Point Man – Week 6

*How a Man Can Lead His Family*

*From the book by Steve Farrar*

**Read:** Chapter 7 – Husband and Wife Teamwork in the Marriage Cockpit

*Ecclesiastes 4:9-10 - 9 Two are better than one, because they have a good return for their work: If one falls down, his friend can help him up. But pity the man who falls and has no one to help him up!*

*1 Peter 3:7 - Husbands, in the same way be considerate as you live with your wives, and treat them with respect as the weaker partner and as heirs with you of the gracious gift of life, so that nothing will hinder your prayers. (1 Corinthians 7:5)*

### Questions for discussion:

1. In light of 1 Peter 2 and 3 about submission, what do you think of Steve Farrar's football analogy? Is the Montana-Rice Principle scriptural?
2. What does submission mean? What does it NOT mean? What does headship mean? What does it NOT mean?
3. What's the difference between authoritarianism and sacrificial leadership? How does our choice of styles affect our wives and kids?
4. What role does communication play in effective leadership of the home? What role does communication play in an authoritarian relationship? What are ways to get better at communicating with our wives?
5. What role does trust play in effective leadership? What happens when our wives don't trust our leadership? How can we earn the trust of our family?

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*"One ambitious young lawyer asked how one went about winning trust, and the senior partner said dryly; 'Try being trustworthy.'"*

*"To the wife it should be said that the form your submission takes will vary according to the quality of your husband's leadership. If the husband is a godly man who has a biblical vision for the family and leads out in the things of the Spirit, a godly wife will rejoice in this leadership and support him in it."*

*"[I] also believe a man should not demand submission from his wife. Instead, he should be such an exemplary model of submission to the authorities in his own life, that he provides the kind of leadership in the home that is easy to follow."*