

Wild at Heart – Week 5b

The Battle For A Man's Heart

1. Review the sheets for Chapter 3 is 'The Question That Haunts Every Man' – what have you done with your question? Where have you taken it? The core question doesn't just go away even if we've successfully ignored it for years. It will compel us to find an answer. Where in your life are you looking for answers?

2. What would it feel like death to lose or to know that you will *never, ever* attain?

3. Where does most of the energy of your life get spent in a normal week? Why are you spending it there?

4. Consider the story of the pastor who had been trying to please his wife for years but she kept giving him an "F". What grade do you feel you're currently getting from your woman? And what does that make you want to do?

5. Has there been a pattern to the relationships with women (ex-girlfriends, ex-wives etc) in your life? Did the relationships work in similar ways and did they end in similar ways?

THE GOLDEN-HAIRED WOMAN

Field Notes

Why is pornography more addictive for men than heroin? Because that seductive beauty reaches down inside *and touches your desperate hunger for validation as a man you didn't even know you had*, touches it like nothing else most men have ever experienced. You must understand—this is deeper than legs and breasts and good sex. This may be the biggest revelation a man comes to about the Beauty—that his struggle with her is not about sex but about *validation*.

Let me ask you now about the fantasy woman—the woman in your daydreams, the women who make *Sports Illustrated* swimsuit issue, or perhaps the women you are looking at or talking to on the Internet: When you look at her, what does it feel like she is *saying to you*?

How does she make you feel as a man?

And after the pornographic "affair" is over, how do you feel then? Did it satisfy—meaning, you never need to go back, because you have an Answer to your Question?

We've got to be honest about two things: First, Eve is a garden of delight (Songs 4:16). Man, oh man, is she! Femininity can really arouse masculinity—no question about it. But I'm sorry, Mr. Springsteen, she's *not* everything you want, everything you need—not even close. Of course it will stay "a million miles away." You can't get there from here because it's not there. It's not there. The answer to your Question can never, ever be found there. Has that ever really sunk in to you? Let it now. Put your pen down and just sit with this thought for a few minutes: *I will never find what I'm looking for in a woman*. What happens in your heart as you allow that to be true? Is it sadness? Emptiness? Relief?

Father, I want to know You, but my coward heart fears to give up its toys. I cannot part with them without inward bleeding, and I do not try to hide from You the terror of the parting. I come trembling, but I do come. Please root from my heart all those things which I have cherished so long and which have become a very part of my living self, so that You may enter and dwell there without a rival. In Jesus' Name, Amen. (A.W. Tozer, The Pursuit of God)