

Life Group / Reflection Questions

Read 1 Kings 21:1-29.

This passage tells the story of how Jezebel and her husband Ahab had Naboth killed so they could take his vineyard. The type of unhealthy marriage that Ahab and Jezebel had in this passage serves as an example of a husband who is passive and a wife that is controlling.

- *What types of attitudes or circumstances can cause us to become passive not just in our relationships with others, but in our relationship with God as well?*
- *How have you seen passivity weaken a relationship? What types of experiences have you had with passivity?*
- *Ahab's and Jezebel's character flaws were a reflection of their own insecurities. How have you seen your own insecurities negatively affect your relationships?*
- *Jezebel controlled Ahab by belittling him with her words. What kinds of words would help you feel more able to maintain a healthy relationship? How can you strive to speak positively in your own relationships?*
- *What types of controlling behaviors have you seen damage your relationships or the relationships of others? If this is something you struggle with, what might be the source of your controlling tendencies?*
- *How can we be effective leaders in our lives and in our relationships without being overbearing or controlling?*
- *Describe a time when God held you accountable for a sin that you committed. What did you learn from this situation?*
- *What changes do you need to make that will allow you to step into the role that God created you to fill as a man or a woman?*



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"Ahab & Jezebel"

Wave Church SD

Once Upon A Marriage
"Ahab & Jezebel"
1 Kings 21

MARRIAGE MYTH #3:

IN MARRIAGE SOMEONE MUST WEAR THE PANTS.*

***WHEN GOD IS MY ONE, AND MY SPOUSE IS MY TWO,
GOD WEARS THE PANTS!**

WHERE IT ALL WENT WRONG ~ ADAM & EVE

Genesis 3:16

6 To the woman he said, "I will surely multiply your pain in childbearing; in pain you shall bring forth children. Your desire shall be for your husband, and he shall rule over you."

FROM WRONG TO THE WORST ~ AHAB & JEZEBEL

1 Kings 21:25 (NLT)

Who one else so completely sold himself to what was evil in the Lord's sight as Ahab did under the influence of his wife Jezebel.

- **AHAB REPRESENTS THE PASSIVE HUSBAND.**
- **JEZEBEL REPRESENTS THE CONTROLLING WIFE.**

THE PASSIVE HUSBAND

1 Kings 21:2-4

2 Ahab said to Naboth, "Let me have your vineyard to use for a vegetable garden, since it is close to my palace. In exchange I will give you a better vineyard or, if you prefer, I will pay you whatever it is worth." 3 But Naboth replied, "The Lord forbid that I should give you the inheritance of my fathers." 4 So Ahab went home, sullen and angry because Naboth the Jezreelite had said, "I will not give you the inheritance of my fathers." He lay in his bed sulking and refused to eat.

THE CONTROLLING WIFE

1 Kings 21:5-7

5 His wife Jezebel came in and asked him, "Why are you so sullen? Why won't you eat?" 6 He answered her, "Because I said to Naboth the Jezreelite, 'Sell me your vineyard; or if you prefer, I will give you another vineyard in its place.' But he said, 'I will not give you my vineyard.'" 7 Jezebel his wife said, "Is this how you act as king over Israel? Get up and eat! Cheer up. I'll get you the vineyard of Naboth the Jezreelite."

- **BELITTLES HER HUSBAND WITH HER WORDS. (7a)**
- **TAKES OVER. (7b)**

1 Kings 21:15-19

15 As soon as Jezebel heard that Naboth had been stoned to death, she said to Ahab, "Get up and take possession of the vineyard of Naboth the Jezreelite that he refused to sell you. He is no longer alive, but dead." 16 When Ahab heard that Naboth was dead, he got up and went down to take possession of Naboth's vineyard. 17 Then the word of the Lord came to Elijah the Tishbite: 18 "Go down to meet Ahab king of Israel, who rules in Samaria. He is now in Naboth's vineyard, where he has gone to take possession of it. 19 Say to him, "This is what the Lord says: Have you not murdered a man and seized his property?" Then say to him, "This is what the Lord says: In the place where dogs licked up Naboth's blood, dogs will lick up your blood — yes, yours!"

WHO IS HELD ACCOUNTABLE?

THE HUSBANDS' CALL TO LEAD

- **THE PROVIDER**
- **THE PROTECTOR**
- **THE PASTOR**

WHAT IS GOD'S IDEAL FOR MARRIAGE?

- **UNITY THROUGH MUTUAL SUBMISSION (Gen. 1:27)**
- **HONOR EACH OTHER'S UNIQUE GOD GIVEN CALLING (Gen. 3:15)**
- **SHARED MISSION (Gen. 2:26-28)**