

**Series: *Tuning Up Family Life, #4***

**Message Summary:** How to be the husband your wife needs? Two words. Take responsibility! We live in an age where it seems no one wants to take responsibility for anything. Because of this, nothing gets better. Nothing improves. Taking responsibility is essential in order to see real change. Our relationships are no different. They do not improve on their own. Now...let explain what this means.

## **The Husband Your Wife Needs**

### **1. Take responsibility for your role**

**A. Take responsibility with your spiritual role - Ephesians 5:22**

**B. Take responsibility with your loving role - Ephesians 5:25,28**

### **2. Take responsibility for the obstacles**

**A. Get a clue - Proverbs 28:26**

**B. Get a plan - Proverbs 21:5**

**C. Get some counsel - Proverbs 26:16**

### **3. Take responsibility for your weaknesses**

**A. Admit your own weaknesses first - Matthew 7:4-5**

**B. Change yourself first**

**C. Be consistent first**

### **4. Take responsibility for your future**

**A. Stop settling for less**

**B. Stop looking for the easy button**

**C. Start the process today**

**Questions:** LifeGroups begin next week - Sept. 18<sup>th</sup>

**EXPLORE IT-** Review Sunday's sermon outline and add addition notes people made about the message.

1. Why do we men tend to shy away from our spiritual leadership role in our marriages and families? What makes our loving role challenging?
2. Discuss how we take responsibility for obstacles in our marriage. Why do we tend to avoid them?
3. We all have personal weaknesses. How do we take responsibility for them in our marriage?
4. How do we settle for less than God has planned for us in marriage?

**APPLY IT-** (15min) What can you begin doing today to start the process of working to improve your marriage?