

FAMILY  
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WEEK 2

# lasting & fruitful marriage

**MARRIAGE GOD'S WAY**

# Ephesians 5:21-33

<sup>21</sup> Submit to one another out of reverence for Christ.

<sup>22</sup> Wives, submit yourselves to your own husbands as you do to the Lord. <sup>23</sup> For the husband is the head of the wife as Christ is the head of the church, his body, of which he is the Savior.

<sup>24</sup> Now as the church submits to Christ, so also wives should submit to their husbands in everything.

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<sup>25</sup> Husbands, love your wives, just as Christ loved the church and gave himself up for her <sup>26</sup> to make her holy, cleansing her by the washing with water through the word, <sup>27</sup> and to present her to himself as a radiant church, without stain or wrinkle or any other blemish, but holy and blameless. <sup>28</sup> In this same way, husbands ought to love their wives as their own bodies. He who loves his wife loves himself.

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<sup>29</sup> After all, no one ever hated their own body, but they feed and care for their body, just as Christ does the church—<sup>30</sup> for we are members of his body. <sup>31</sup> “For this reason a man will leave his father and mother and be united to his wife, and the two will become one flesh.”

<sup>32</sup> This is a profound mystery—but I am talking about Christ and the church. <sup>33</sup> However, each one of you also must love his wife as he loves himself, and the wife must respect her husband.

To get a Christian perspective on relationships we must first look at what Jesus says about his relationship with the Father, the Fathers relationship with him, and their relationship with believers.

LOVE. FAITHFULNESS. UNITY. RESPECT. SUBMISSION.  
SACRIFICE.

When Paul speaks about marriage in Ephesians, he uses all the same words.

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Paul likens marriage to the relationship between Jesus and the Church. Both are equally loved and valued by the Father.

The wife is the focus of the husband's love as the church is the focus of Christ's love.



LOVE, SACRIFICE, HEADSHIP, SUBMISSION FLOW  
BETWEEN HUSBAND AND WIFE AS THEY FLOW  
BETWEEN CHRIST AND THE CHURCH.