

Serving & Sacrifice
Ephesians 5:21-33
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Introduction

Reflecting Christ in Our Marriages

Submission: v.21-24

- Submission is not....
- Submission is....

How do I submit when I disagree?

1. I submit as an act of worship.
2. I allow the Holy Spirit to fill me. (18)
3. I see the big picture.

Sacrificial love: v.25-33

- Christ-focused leadership:

How do I sacrifice when it is inconvenient?

1. I am motivated by unconditional love.
2. I see oneness.

Keys:

- Mutuality
- Interwovenness:

Living It Out in Our Lives

Young Person/Single: serve someone in your life

Divorced: begin to live again

Parents: model sacrifice and service to your kids

Married: become an expert in anonymous acts of service

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²¹ Submit to one another out of reverence for Christ.

²² Wives, submit yourselves to your own husbands as you do to the Lord. ²³ 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. ²⁴ Now as the church submits to Christ, so also wives should submit to their husbands in everything.

²⁵ Husbands, love your wives, just as Christ loved the church and gave himself up for her ²⁶ to make her holy, cleansing her by the washing with water through the word, ²⁷ and to present her to himself as a radiant church, without stain or wrinkle or any other blemish, but holy and blameless. ²⁸ In this same way, husbands ought to love their wives as their own bodies. He who loves his wife loves himself. ²⁹ After all, no one ever hated their own body, but they feed and care for their body, just as Christ does the church— ³⁰ for we are members of his body. ³¹ “For this reason a man will leave his father and mother and be united to his wife, and the two will become one flesh.” ³² This is a profound mystery—but I am talking about Christ and the church. ³³ However, each one of you also must love his wife as he loves himself, and the wife must respect her husband.