

Series: Family Matters
Sermon: Marriage
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Daily Readings

Monday: Ephesians 5:25-33

Tuesday: 1 Corinthians 11:1-12

Wednesday: Luke 22:39-44

Thursday: John 17:20-26

Friday: Revelation 21:1-7

Saturday: Genesis 2:21-24

Discussion Questions

1. Have someone in your group give a brief recap of Sunday's message, highlighting the primary Scripture points and the main idea of the message.
2. How did this message strengthen and/or correct your previous ideas about marriage, and specifically, wives? Was there anything you heard for the first time or that caught your attention, challenged, or confused you? Did you learn anything new about God or yourself this week?
3. What does it mean to submit to the Lord in your daily life? Share a specific example.
 - What are some challenges you face in fully trusting and submitting to God?
 - In what ways does submitting to God affect your relationship with others?
4. Interact with this statement: "Marriage isn't about getting our way, but about getting out of the way so Jesus can be put on display." In what ways can marriage put Jesus on display? How do we "get out of the way"?
5. Read Ephesians 5:33. The verse concludes with instructions for both husbands and wives: husbands are to love their wives, and wives are to respect their husbands. How can couples live out these commands in daily life? How can those who are single or dating begin to cultivate these attitudes now?
6. In what ways can the church community support and encourage husbands and wives to live out the principles found in Ephesians 5:25-33?
7. What action step do you need to take in response to this week's message? How can your group hold you accountable to this step?

Action Step

Write out a prayer of submission to God. Pray this prayer when you wake up each day this week.

Consider the following example:

God, I submit myself to Your will, and trust in Your perfect plan for my life. Guide my steps and grant me the strength to follow You with unwavering faith. I submit my marriage, my kids, my relationships to you, and my work to you. I want to live a life that honors and glorifies You in all that I do.