



Wives, submit to your husbands as to the _____.

- Husbands are called to emulate Jesus in His sacrificial _____.
- Wives are called to emulate Jesus in His sacrificial _____.

Wives, submit to your husbands as your God-given _____.

- A husband's headship is an authority/leadership given by God, a responsibility before God, and an _____ to God.
- Headship is _____ leadership.
- When a wife submits she's entering into the dance of the _____: the Church freely submits to headship of Jesus.
- When a wife submits she's entering into the dance of the _____: Jesus freely submits to the headship of the Father. (Phil 2:3-11)
- Submission is not a sign of inferiority or weakness, but of _____.

TAKE A NEXT STEP

- _____: Find and execute a practical way to _____ (give) yourself to your husband this week.
- _____: Find a time this week to connect with your husband and ask Him a way you can better respect and _____ his leadership.
- _____: Make a commitment, this Fall, to read/listen to Tim Keller's "The Meaning of Marriage."

Every time you and I open the Bible, there's an unspoken question hanging in the air: "Do I BELIEVE this book is true and am I going to DO what it says? Nowhere is that more challenging than when it comes to what the Bible teaches about marriage . . .

A FEW COMMENTS BEFORE WE JUMP IN . . .

1. The Gospel is meant to impact every area of our lives. Marriage is a setting for Gospel RE-ENACTMENT and Gospel living.
2. Biblical marriage is long and hard, beautiful and MYSTERIOUS.
3. According to the Bible, men and women possess equal WORTH before God and in Christ, but distinctive, complimentary roles in marriage and the family.
4. All Christians are called to SUBMIT to one another, which includes husbands and wives.
5. LOVE is submission and submission is LOVE.
6. The fulfilling of our Biblical roles as husbands and wives is not CONTINGENT on the other filling their role.
7. One size does not fit all when it comes to the APPLICATION of these Biblical principles in different marriages.



Wives
Ephesians 5:18-33
Sunday, October 25, 2020

Growth Groups are the glue that holds our church together, the way we find and follow Jesus together. If you are not involved in a Growth Group, now is the time to jump in at gracecentralcoast.org.

This year, our aim is to see our Growth Groups embody our 3-fold identity as followers of Jesus: Family, Servant, and Missionary. To that end, we're framing our Growth Group Interaction Guide to help groups move in that direction.

During the COVID-19 crisis our groups are meeting live and virtually using Zoom and other online platforms.

CONNECT (ask these questions to check-in with your group)

If you are married, wives, share one thing you appreciate about your husband.

If you are unmarried, share one thing you appreciate about a marriage you value and esteem.

DISCUSS (use some of these questions to process God's word together)

1. Read Ephesians 5:18-33. How did you "come under" God's Word in the text and message this week? How did God speak to you or challenge you?
2. Read 1 Corinthians 11:3. What do we learn about headship and authority? Who is the head of Christ? Who is the head of the husband?

3. Read John 13:1-17. What does this passage teach us about headship/leadership? What is power for, according to Jesus?
4. Read Philippians 2:3-11. How does this text prove this statement: "Submission is not a sign of inferiority or weakness, but of GREATNESS."?
5. Both husbands and wives are called to emulate Christ, but in slightly different ways. How are husbands called to emulate Christ? How are wives called to emulate Christ?
6. WIVES BREAKOUT QUESTION & PRAYER: Wives, gather for some time away from your husbands and share which NEXT STEP you are going to take and how you need prayer in that. Pray for one another, for your husbands and for your marriages.
7. HUSBANDS BREAKOUT QUESTION & PRAYER: Husbands, gather for some time away from your wives to thank God for them, pray for them and pray for your marriages.

WRITE (use this space to write notes, prayer requests, etc.)
