



discipleship LIFE NOTES



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Love and Submission - in Marriage
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Key Scriptures

Ephesians 5:22-33
James 1:23-25

Key Thoughts

Love and submission creates spirit led oneness with God and one another.

Questions

- 1 why is submission/surrender in the kingdom seen as a strength rather than weakness?
- 2 Greg said the first placed purpose for marriage was to create oneness of spirit with Christ and one another. What are your thoughts in relation to this statement?
- 3 what is the difference between oneness in the spirit and oneness of the flesh and how does this outwork itself in our relationship with Christ and our spouse?
- 4 Ephesians 5:25 says that husbands are to love their wives as Christ loves the church and verse 22 says wives are to submit or be subject to their husbands. Why do many struggle to live like this and what is the solution so we can demonstrate this love and submission?
- 5 Matthew 5:9 says blessed are those who are peacemakers for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. What does this look like inside a marriage?
- 6 Whether you are thinking about getting married or are married, why is it so vitally important we commit our lives to His pattern of love and surrender?

7 Greg mentioned 4 positions in relation to Love and submission within marriage. Which position do you see your marriage in and what do you believe God is asking you to do about that?

4 positions we can be in

- 1: Husband loves wife and wife submits to husband
- 2: Husband loves but wife doesn't submit
- 3: Husband doesn't love but wife submits
- 4: Husband doesn't love and wife doesn't submit

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