

MARRIAGE: SERVING ONE ANOTHER

Colossians 3.18, 19

THE PURPOSE OF MARRIAGE

**It is not your love that sustains a marriage,
but it is marriage that sustains your love.**

-Deitrich Bonhoeffer, "Letters and Papers from Prison"

Colossians 3.18, 19 // Ephesians 5.22-33

When God created the first marriage in **Genesis**, He already had in mind the union between His Son and the church, which is His bride. Marriage is a gift to be a reflection and reminder of the Gospel.

BIBLICAL SUBMISSION

Hupotasso: This Greek word denotes a willful yielding to a recognized authority.

What Submission is Not:

- Inferiority or being "less than." It is important for us to remember that God Himself, all throughout the Old Testament, is referred to as our help. And in the New Testament, the Holy Spirit is named as our Helper.
- Following along blindly, especially into sin
- Being silent
- Being rid of your own uniqueness, creativity

What Submission Is:

- Being servant-minded and selfless
- Wanting the other to succeed
- Working as a team
- Becoming more Christ-like and reflecting the church

BIBLICAL HEADSHIP

Hupotasso: This Greek word denotes a willful yielding to a recognized authority.

What Headship is Not:

- Insisting on being followed, manipulative
- Ultimate authority; it is not issuing commands
- License to do whatever, whenever, or used for selfish gain
- Superiority or authoritarian dictatorship; it is not making all the decisions

What Headship Is:

- Otherly-minded. The goal of headship is to bless the other
- More of a responsibility, rather than a right
- The role of being the lead servant
- Being called not to rule, but to love

What is it to "submit"? It is to give oneself up for somebody.

What is it to "love"? It is to give oneself up for somebody.

- John R. W. Stott

NOTES:

Other Suggested Resources:

A blog post from Pastor Sam Storms

www.samstorms.com/all-articles/post/men-and-women-in-ministry:-the-meaning-of-headship

A sermon from Pastor Tullian Tchividjian on the Biblical Marriage

www.crpc.org/media/sermon/jesus-nothing-everything-part-18-

Daily Devotionals:

Monday: Colossians 3.18.19 // Proverbs 27.17

Tuesday: Ephesians 5.22-33

Wednesday: Genesis 2.18-25 // Ecclesiastes 4.12

Thursday: Matthew 6.33

Friday: Titus 2.3-5 // 1 Peter 3.1-7

Saturday: Philippians 2:1-18 // Hebrews 12:2

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

NEWCOMERS MEET & GREET - FEB 9TH

If you're new or don't feel connected in the church, check out our **Newcomers Meet & Greet next Sunday February 9th!** We will have a brief get-together right after service where you can meet Pastor Jobey and other ministry leaders, find out more about who we are as a church, ask questions, and enjoy some snacks! Even if you've been coming to Life Mission for a few months, **we want to meet you!** Childcare will be provided. **Let us know on your Connection Card** if you're interested in joining us and **what your childcare needs are.** We look forward to meeting you!

JUNIOR HIGH MINISTRY - FEB 9TH

We are **launching our Junior High Ministry** (7th & 8th graders) **NEXT SUNDAY!** If you have junior high age kids, **PLEASE sign them up** at the Connection Booth TODAY!

GPS MEETING - FEB 10TH

Join us on **Monday the 10th at 6:30PM** here at the church for our quarterly GPS (Gospel Positioning Strategy) Meeting. We'll have a time of worship, prayer, and looking ahead to see where God is moving us forward as a church. Childcare will be provided. **Please let us know on your Connection Card** if you plan to join us and what your childcare needs are, so we can plan accordingly.

MEN'S MINISTRY LAUNCH!

We're very excited to announce the launch of our **Men's Ministry** led by Pastor Jobey on Monday, **Feb 24th!** We will meet every other Monday night at 7pm. The **location is To Be Decided** based on how many sign up to participate. So **PLEASE help us plan by signing up** at the Connection Booth TODAY!

KIDS ON MISSION

Please log on to check out www.lifemissionchurch.com and click "Kids" at the top to read more about the vision and plan we have for our kids, including Pastor Jobey's heart and his walk through of our curriculum.

SAVE.

Jesus was sent to save. We have been saved to be sent. We are sent into our community to share the Good News that Christ came to save us, and we hope to see many who find new life.

EQUIP.

We want to equip those very people in the Word so that they can continue to grow as disciples of Christ. From our preschool to our adults, our passion is to see everyone equipped in the Gospel to live a life of freedom and joy.

SEND.

Lastly, we then want to see those equipped people sent into their community and world. From schools and playgrounds, to families and work places, we want to see people who are spiritual leaders in their life, showing people the truth of Christ's Good News.

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COMMUNITY GROUP HOMEWORK

Read **Colossians 3.18, 19** as well as **Ephesians 5.22-33**. What stuck out to you the most or was the most impactful from the message on Sunday or from these verses? _____

In your own words, what is the purpose of marriage? _____

Read **Colossians 3.18, Ephesians 5:22-24** and **1 Peter 3:1-6**. What is part of the wife's role in marriage? _____

Read **Colossians 3.19, Ephesians 5:25-33** and **1 Peter 3:7, 8**. What is this passage saying that part of the role of the man is? _____

Do believe the Word of God and what it says about submission and headship? If not, why? If you do, does what you believe about submission and headship line up with your actions? _____

Read the John Stott quote in the sermon notes. Stott notes that though there are differences between submission and headship, they two are bound on the same heart and foundations. How does this help give a better biblical picture of what these two are? _____

On Sunday, Jobey talked about what these two are NOT. Look over the list of what they are and are not in the sermon notes. What sticks out to you here, and why do you think we usually oppose this subject? _____

Read **Luke 22:42**. Who is speaking here? Who is submitting? _____

Now read **Philippians 2:1-18** and **Hebrews 12:2**. In what ways did Jesus submit to God the Father? When Jesus submitted to the Father did it make him less God?

Now read **John 13:2-5**. If Jesus who is God can submit to others in sacrificial service, then what makes it so hard for us to submit to the ones we love? Where is the disconnect from the Gospel to your heart? _____

In what ways can we reflect the Gospel in your marriage, future marriage, or friendships? _____

Pray and spend some time thanking God the Father for sending Jesus down to earth to model for us what submission looks like and ask the Holy Spirit to continue to show you through His Word what it looks like in your daily life.