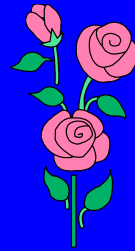


# Biblical Reflections on Marriage

## Session 6: God's Blueprint for Husbands



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# The Marriage Redeemed

- Recapping Genesis 2: the man as servant-lord (nurture & protect), the woman as servant-helper.
- The dynamics of intimacy, commitment, & interdependence, resulting in oneness, trust, and cooperation
- Recapping Genesis 3: sin producing alienation, the curse of conflict between the man and the woman & difficulty living in the world
- The marriage redeemed: putting God first & turning from manipulation to ministry

# The Redeemed Husband

## Ephesians 5:25-33

### Masculine Ministry in Marriage

- Christ-like love (*agape*)
- The Rule of Self-Sacrifice
- Cross-bearing Love: “He gave himself up for her” (v. 25)
- The husband as pastor-gardener
- “With the Word” (v. 26)
- The head’s love for the body: true masculinity (vv. 28-30)
- The wisdom of love for a wife (v. 29)

Husbands, love your wives, as Christ loved the church and gave himself up for her, 26 that he might sanctify her, having cleansed her by the washing of water with the word, 27 so that he might present the church to himself in splendor, without spot or wrinkle or any such thing, that she might be holy and without blemish. 28 In the same way husbands should love their wives as their own bodies. He who loves his wife loves himself. 29 For no one ever hated his own flesh, but nourishes and cherishes it, just as Christ does the church, 30 because we are members of his body. *Ephesians 5:25-30*

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## Ephesians 5:25-33

### Masculine Ministry: How to?

- Death to self, v. 25
- Washing of water through the Word, v. 26
- Presenting her to God, v. 27
- Spiritual Care, v. 27
- Emotional Care, v. 28
- Holding fast to her, v. 31
- Christ and the church

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# The Redeemed Husband

## 1<sup>st</sup> Peter 3:7

### Masculine Ministry: I Peter 3:7

- Live with your wives
- According to knowledge
- Cherishing her
- Protecting her
- Remember who and who's she is
- If you value your relationship with God (see Malachi 2:14).

Likewise, husbands, live with your wives in an understanding way, showing honor to the woman as the weaker vessel, since they are heirs with you of the grace of life, so that your prayers may not be hindered

# The Song of Solomon's Picture of Marital Love

**She:**

The voice of my beloved! Behold, he comes, leaping over the mountains, bounding over the hills... My beloved put his hand to the latch, and my heart was thrilled within me... I arose to open to my beloved, and my hands dripped with myrrh... I am my beloved's and my beloved is mine... I was in his eyes as one who finds peace.

**He:**

How beautiful is your love, my sister, my bride! How much better is your love than wine... I came to my garden, my sister, my bride, I gathered my myrrh with my spice, I ate my honeycomb with my honey, I drank my wine with my milk... How beautiful and pleasant you are, O loved one, with all your delights!

*"This mystery is profound... it refers to Christ and the church." Ephesians 5:32*