

# *Marriage Gods Way*

## **The Greatest Love Story Ever Told**

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**Ephesians 5:21-24 (NIV)**

<sup>21</sup>Submit to one another out of reverence for Christ. <sup>22</sup>**Wives**, submit yourselves to your own husbands as you do to the Lord. <sup>23</sup>For the husband is the head of the wife as Christ is the head of the church, his body, of which he is the Savior. <sup>24</sup>Now **as the church submits to Christ**, so also wives should submit to their husbands in everything.

1. The charge to submit is for everyone! And in this context specifically to wives. Men should not be referencing Paul's words as a way to gain power over a woman.
  2. Submit means to willingly place oneself under proper order—not inferiority, not coercion, but with humility and grace.
- **Our entire existence is about marriage. It started with a wedding and it ends with a wedding.** (*Genesis 2:20-25; Revelation 19:1-9*)

**God as Husband and King:**

- ◆ Isaiah 54:5
- ◆ Hosea 2:19-20
- ◆ Psalm 45:1-17

**Saved Sinners as His Bride:**

- ◆ John 3:25-30
- ◆ Romans 5:8

**The Greatest Love Story Ever Told Looks Like This:**

- A bride was chosen (*John 3:16*)
- She fell from Grace (*Genesis 3:21-24; Isaiah 64:6; Romans 3:23*)
- The bride price was paid (*1 Peter 1:18-19; 1 Cor. 6:20; 2 Cor. 5:21*)
- The groom left to prepare a place (*John 14:1-3*)
- The bride waited in expectation (*Hebrews 9:28*)
- The groom returned unexpectedly (*1 Thessalonians 5:1-2*)
- **Our lives should mirror the great love story of the Cosmos.** (*vs. 24, Ephesians 5:31-32*)

*“When people look at your marriage they should see the power and glory of God as work in you as you live out the great story of the Gospel of Jesus Christ.”*