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Wisdom for Marriage
Ephesians 5:21-24
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Group Leader Guide

Sermon Recap

Pastor Jason's sermon "Wisdom For Marriage" delves into the topic of submission in marriage. Submission is highlighted as obedience to God and a display of trust and obedience to Him, not a matter of value or superiority. Overall, the sermon focuses on how both spouses following Christ is key to a successful Christian marriage. Pastor Jason advises couples to communicate openly, be unified in Christ, and surrender their will in times of conflict.

Discussion Questions

How can Christian couples be sure Jesus is at the center of their relationship?

- Pastor Jason emphasized that both spouses should seek, trust, and serve Jesus to make him the center of their marriage.
- What steps can you take in your current or future relationship to ensure Jesus remains the primary focus?

What does submission in a Christian marriage look like, if it's not about power or control?

- The message stated submission is about serving and pleasing God together in obedience and trust.
- How might you demonstrate submission to your spouse in a way that glorifies God and brings unity?

How can husbands serve their wives selflessly and make decisions that are in line with God's will?

- Pastor Jason described the importance of considering the wife's concerns and seeking God's will in decision-making.
- What practical steps can men take to lead their families in a manner that aligns with the teachings of Christ?

In what ways can couples strive for open communication and unity in their marriage?

- The sermon mentioned the importance of not living separate lives but being one together in Christ.

- What are some effective methods or practices that can strengthen communication and unity in a marriage?

How can women be discerning when choosing a husband, and how can men ensure they are the type of leader a wife can submit to?

- Pastor Jason advised women to find a man with a strong connection to God, and men to become leaders who can guide a wife desiring to follow Christ.
- What qualities should individuals look for in a potential spouse, and how can one develop those qualities in oneself?

Prayer

- Pray for the strength to submit to God's mission and order in our lives
- Ask for guidance and wisdom for married couples to follow Christ at the center of their relationship
- Pray for the ability to honor and trust in God's design for marriage and other relationships

Teaching Notes:

Wisdom is knowledge for effective action.

Submission is a way to effectively reach an objective.

Biblical submission puts my mission under God's mission.

Submission isn't turning off your brain & following directions

Submission involves using all you know & doing all you can for the accomplishment of the mission while doing it in your place & in God's order.

Submission is a choice we make, not one made for us.

The big idea:

The key to a successful Christian marriage is both people following Christ as one.

- God designed marriage.
- Marriage is between a man and a woman.
- When you get married, two become one.

21 submitting to one another in the fear of God. 22 Wives, submit to your own husbands, as to the Lord. 23 For the husband is head of the wife, as also Christ is head of the church; and He is the Savior of the

body. 24 Therefore, just as the church is subject to Christ, so *let the wives be to their own husbands in everything.*

1. A wife's submission to her husband is obedience to God.

God knows there are two people with two wills often going two ways, and so He tells us, the wife yields to the husband.

Biblical submission is the way two people seek to serve & please God together as one.

The phrases "in the fear of God" & "as to the Lord" are key.

Next Paul writes...

"For the husband is the head of the wife, as also Christ is head of the church, and He is the Savior of the body."

Leadership is a responsibility to act selflessly...

...not a license to be live selfishly.

2. The husband is responsible.

It means when there are 2 desires...

...the head must decide what pleases God & what to do.

24 Therefore, just as the church is subject to Christ, so let the wives be to their own husbands in everything.

...Because the wife is to yield to her husband &...

...the husband is to yield to Christ, we can all...

3. Live with open hands & open hearts.

We don't have places that are closed to the Lord...

...And we don't have places that are closed to each other.

We surrender our will and our way to Christ and each other.

Is there ever a time a wife should not submit to her husband?

You want to obey Christ & your husband does not want to.

...Is something sinful, illegal, immoral, unsafe, or foolish?

You don't want to obey Christ & you think you know better.

The key to a successful/healthy Christian life is following Christ with all your heart & the key to a successful or healthy Christian marriage is two people following Christ with all their heart as one.