

# UPGRADE YOUR VITAL RELATIONSHIPS

## EPHESIANS 5:21-24 [ NLT\* ]

**21** And further, submit to one another out of reverence for Christ. **22** For wives, this means submit to your husbands as to the Lord. **23** For a husband is the head of his wife as Christ is the head of the church. He is the Savior of his body, the church. **24** As the church submits to Christ, so you wives should submit to your husbands in everything.

[ \* all verses in NLT unless otherwise noted ]

## BIG IDEA

A fulfilling marriage is uniquely designed to require selfless **dying to yourself** instead of **fighting for yourself**.

- ▶ Submission to someone else always begins with mutual \_\_\_\_\_ for each other & reverence for Jesus.

**21** And further, **submit to one another** out of reverence for Christ.

■ It never means to imply \_\_\_\_\_ nor \_\_\_\_\_.

1 Corinthians 15:28

Galatians 3:28

God designed men & women with the same \_\_\_\_\_, but different roles.

23 For a **husband is the head** of his wife as Christ is the head of the church. ... 24 **As the church submits to Christ**, so you **wives should submit** to your husbands ...

▶ **Husbands** are \_\_\_\_\_ ...who selflessly give themselves up like Jesus.  
(v23)

▶ **Wives** are \_\_\_\_\_...who selflessly respond like the Church. (v24)

■ Yielding is motivated by both \_\_\_\_\_ & \_\_\_\_\_. (w22,24)

■ Yielding is letting him lead\* at an \_\_\_\_\_. ( \*takes responsibility & initiative)

■ Yielding should sometimes be \_\_\_\_\_.

▶ When it means **disobeying** God or **disrespecting** yourself.

## PRIORITY 8

Wives, **yield** to your husbands like the Church responds to Jesus.

► **You** are uniquely designed to help your husband thrive in his role.

1. Let him lead with his own \_\_\_\_\_ of initiative & responsibility.
2. Let him make the \_\_\_\_\_ and take the **time** needed to **grow** into his role from a boy to a man.
3. Let him know exactly what you \_\_\_\_\_ & \_\_\_\_\_.