

Colossians



At the Center of it All

Christ at the Center of the Family

Col 3:18-21

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¹⁸ Wives, submit to your husbands, as is fitting in the Lord. ¹⁹

Husbands, love your wives, and do not be harsh with them. ²⁰

Children, obey your parents [x](#)in everything, for this pleases the Lord.

²¹ Fathers, do not provoke your children, lest they become discouraged.

OUTLINE

1. *The Reason for Family*
2. **What's gone wrong in our Families?**
3. *The Redeeming of Family*

1. The Reason for Family

Genesis 1:26 Then God said, “Let us make man in our image, after our likeness...²⁷ So God created man in his own image, in the image of God he created him; male and female he created them.

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Genesis 1:28 And God blessed them. And God said to them, “Be fruitful and multiply and fill the earth...”

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Genesis 2:18-22

Then the LORD God said, “It is not good that the man should be alone; I will make him a helper fit for him.” ...²¹ So the LORD God caused a deep sleep to fall upon the man, and while he slept took one of his ribs and closed up its place with flesh. ²² And the rib that the LORD God had taken from the man he made into a woman and brought her to the man.

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“My father’s God was my helper; he saved me from the sword of Pharaoh.” Exodus 18:4

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GOD is the Great Helper

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What submission IS...

- *Lower in family rank; equal in team value*
- *A posture of humble trust*
- *Encouraging the husband to lead*
- *Deferring in decision making when necessary*

What submission is NOT...

- *A position of lesser value or dignity*
- *Women submitting to every man*
- *Women doing whatever the husband wants*
- *A justification for a husband's bad behavior*

1. The Reason for Family

Wives show off strength giving support of God

(Col. 3:18)

Husbands show off the self-giving (AGAPE) love of God

(Col. 3:19)

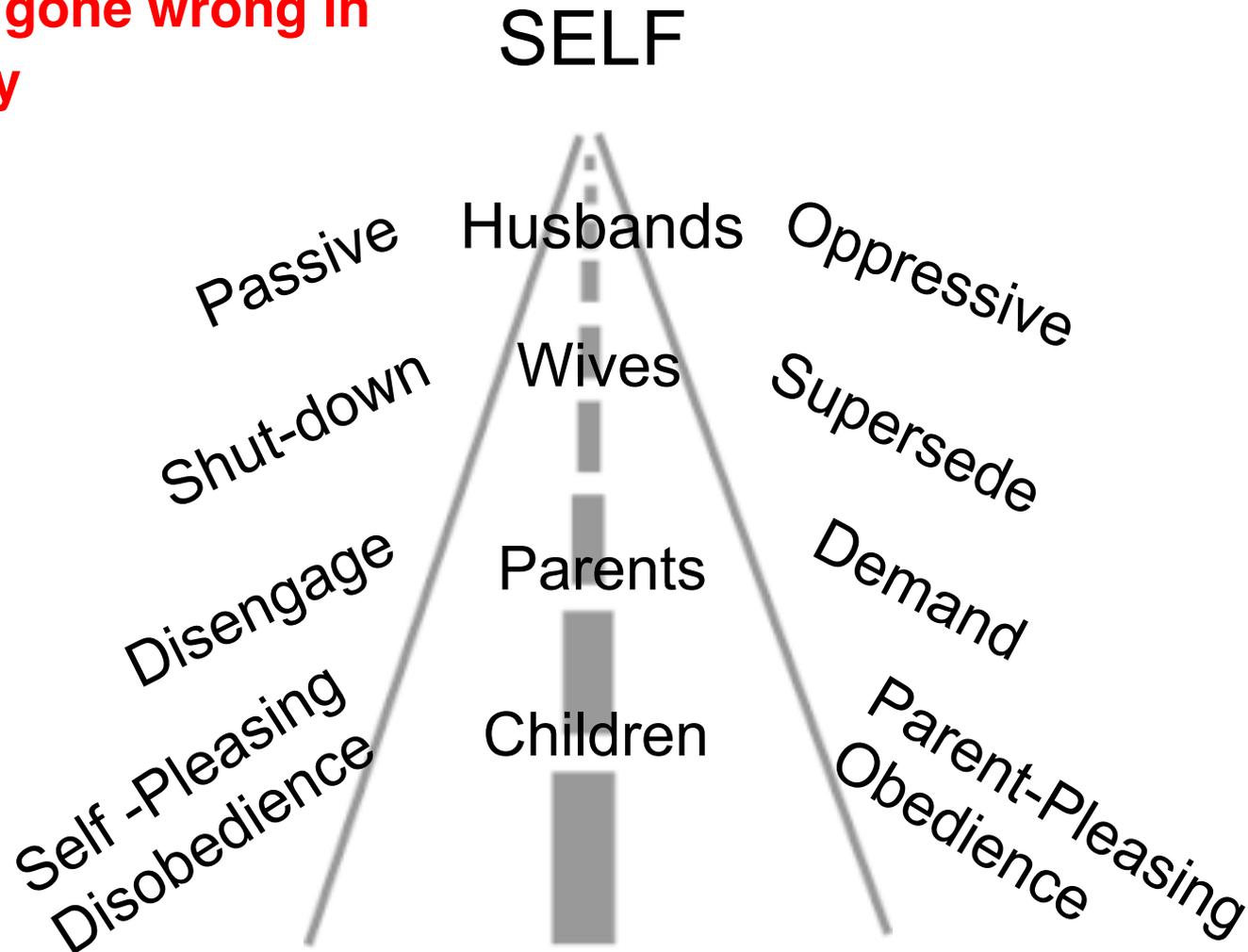
Children show off the God-pleasing nature of God

(Col. 3:20)

Fathers/Parents show off the structured freedom

(Col. 3:21)

2. What's gone wrong in the Family



3. The Redeeming of Family

