



GRACE CHURCH
LAKE CAMPUS

SERMON
NOTES



The Battle for Home | Marriage

GOD'S PLAN

The family is a launchpad for the Gospel.

THE BATTLE

Christ or culture? Who defines the marriage?

DAILY TESTIMONY

Husbands and wives, our love tells the story of Christ and His church.

WIVES

1. Submit (v. 22, 24)
 - a. as to the Lord
 - b. as the church submits to Christ
2. Respect (v. 33)

HUSBANDS

1. Lead (v. 23)
 - a. Christ is the head of the church
2. Love (v. 25)
 - a. as Christ loved the church

GET ON THE OFFENSIVE

Husbands, ask your wife to pray with you this week.
Wives, say yes—and then pray out loud together.

Genesis 3 & Ephesians 5:22-33



GRACE GROUPS

1. READ GENESIS 3

Where do you see the spiritual battles of headship and submission being lived out in your life/marriage? What sinful tendencies do you personally need to repent of in marriage (domination, resistance, self-centeredness)?

2. READ EPHESIANS 5

How can you daily model Christ and the Church in their marriage? What does "wives submit to your husbands as to the Lord" look like in practice? What does "husbands love your wives as Christ loved the church practice?"

3. LOOK OVER THE CHART BELOW

What part of American culture's view of marriage is the hardest for you to let go of? Which part of God's design for marriage is the most difficult for you to consistently live out?

Marriage: Culture vs. Creation & Christ

Topic	American Culture	Creation & Christ
1. Definition & Purpose	A contract for happiness and companionship. About <i>me</i> and my fulfillment.	A covenant from God (Gen. 2:24). Reflects His image and Christ's union with the church (Eph. 5:32).
2. Duration	Conditional — "as long as love lasts." Divorce is normal.	Permanent — "What God has joined, let no one separate" (Matt. 19:6).
3. Authority & Order	No roles; authority is seen as oppressive.	God-given roles (Gen. 2, Eph. 5). Husband leads sacrificially; wife submits joyfully.
4. Love	Romantic, emotional, conditional.	Sacrificial, covenantal, unconditional (Eph. 5:25). Modeled on Christ's love at the cross.
5. Conflict	Leads to exit: divorce, affairs, or "moving on."	Leads to forgiveness, sanctification, and growth (Col. 3:13).
6. Curse vs. Redemption	Normalizes the curse — wives resist, husbands dominate, marriages fracture.	Christ redeems marriage — wives respect, husbands love, together show the gospel (Eph. 5:22-33).
7. Ultimate Purpose	Marriage is about <i>me</i> — my rights, my joy.	Marriage is about <i>God</i> — His glory, His gospel, His kingdom (Eph. 5:32).

WEEKLY BIBLE READING PLAN

MONDAY- EPHESIANS 5

FRIDAY- 1 JOHN 4

TUESDAY- COLOSSIANS 3

SATURDAY- 1 PETER 3

WEDNESDAY- 1 CORINTHIANS 7

SUNDAY- REST DAY

THURSDAY- PROVERBS 31