

Marriages Ascending

(Ephesians 5:22-33)

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- I. Husband, **H**_____ your wife towards holiness.
 - A. *“For the husband is the head . . .”* (v. 23)
 - B. *“to make her holy . . .”* (v. 26)

- II. Husband, **O**_____ display your love.
 - A. *“love your wives, just as Christ loved . . .”* (v. 25)

- III. Husband, **N**_____ your soul-mate.
 - A. *“He who loves his wife loves himself.”* (v. 28)
 - B. *“feeds and cares for . . .”* (v. 29)
 - C. *“as he loves himself . . .”* (v. 33)

- IV. Wife, **O**_____ your husband to God.
 - A. *“as to the Lord.”* (v. 22)

- V. Wife, **R**_____ your husband’s dignity.
 - A. *“the wife must respect her husband.”* (v. 33)

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Base Camp Discussion Questions

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Read Ephesians 5:22-33 together and discuss one insight that hit you as either a husband or a wife:

²² Wives, submit to your husbands as to the Lord. ²³ 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. ²⁴ Now as the church submits to Christ, so also wives should submit to their husbands in everything. ²⁵ Husbands, love your wives, just as Christ loved the church and gave himself up for her ²⁶ to make her holy, cleansing her by the washing with water through the word, ²⁷ and to present her to himself as a radiant church, without stain or wrinkle or any other blemish, but holy and blameless. ²⁸ In this same way, husbands ought to love their wives as their own bodies. He who loves his wife loves himself. ²⁹ After all, no one ever hated his own body, but he feeds and cares for it, just as Christ does the church— ³⁰ for we are members of his body. ³¹ “For this reason a man will leave his father and mother and be united to his wife, and the two will become one flesh.” ³² This is a profound mystery—but I am talking about Christ and the church. ³³ However, each one of you also must love his wife as he loves himself, and the wife must respect her husband. Eph. 5:22-33 (NIV-1984)

In the sermon, the acrostic HONOR was used to describe healthy marriage practices. Break up into men and women groups and discuss where you may struggle and how you could have victory in each of these practices.

HONOR:

Husband, Head your wife towards holiness.

Husband, Openly display your love.

Husband, Nourish your soul-mate.

Wife, Offer your husband to God.

Wife, Respect your husband's dignity.

Close your Base Camp with prayer for healthy marriages in your group and at our church.