



# FUSION

CHURCH OF MADISON

Sermon Guide for Tribes  
February 5, 2023

Message Title: Walk Different  
Scripture: 5:22-33

<sup>22</sup> Wives, submit to your own husbands, as to the Lord. <sup>23</sup> For the husband is head of the wife, as also Christ is head of the church; and He is the Savior of the body. <sup>24</sup> Therefore, just as the church is subject to Christ, so *let* the wives *be* to their own husbands in everything.

<sup>25</sup> Husbands, love your wives, just as Christ also loved the church and gave Himself for her, <sup>26</sup> that He might <sup>Ⓜ</sup>sanctify and cleanse her with the washing of water by the word, <sup>27</sup> that He might present her to Himself a glorious church, not having spot or wrinkle or any such thing, but that she should be holy and without blemish. <sup>28</sup> So husbands ought to love their own wives as their own bodies; he who loves his wife loves himself. <sup>29</sup> For no one ever hated his own flesh, but nourishes and cherishes it, just as the Lord *does* the church. <sup>30</sup> For we are members of His body, <sup>Ⓜ</sup>of His flesh and of His bones. <sup>31</sup> "For this reason a man shall leave his father and mother and be joined to his wife, and the two shall become one flesh." <sup>32</sup> This is a great mystery, but I speak concerning Christ and the church. <sup>33</sup> Nevertheless let each one of you in particular so love his own wife as himself, and let the wife *see* that she respects *her* husband.

#### Points of Consideration:

The Position of the Wife: Submission (v. 22, 24, 33)

#### Discussion Questions:

1. What does the Bible teach about the role of a wife in a marriage according to Ephesians 5:22-33? Why is this necessary to a healthy marriage, and how does it reflect the manner in which God designed man and woman? In what manner should men pursue submission, and how is THAT crucial to a healthy marriage?
2. How does this teaching of a wife's submission fit within the larger context of mutual submission and love outlined in Ephesians 5:21?
3. What are some of the challenges and criticisms of interpreting and applying the doctrine of a submissive wife in modern society, and how can Christians respond to these concerns in a way that is both faithful to the biblical text and upholds the dignity and equality of all people?

## Begin your time of discussion today by praying earnestly over the Sunday morning service!

### You Turn Ministries

- Soccer league outreach
- Pray for nine pastor training schools, and over 200 students
- Pray for the over 80 orphans that You Turn currently supports

### Church Plants!

- Hispanic Church Plant
- Be in prayer for Pastor Roberto and his family and for God to open doors amongst the Hispanic community in Morgan County.
- Pray for consistency from new families visiting the Bible study.
- Walton County Church Plant
  - Pastor Matt is collaborating with local pastors who have a heart for church planting to place a church in the Walton County area. Please pray that God would raise up a planter and a core group of church members and that God would open doors in the near future!
- Specifically, pray for a planter who will lead this church; this is a huge obstacle for the initial stages of the plant.
- Church leaders involved in this plant are assembling a core group of members interested in facilitating small groups and building its early congregation.

### Life Community Church, Weymouth, MA

- Visit the link below for a ministry partner update from Noah Madden and Life Community!

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=uCZ-Vdr2AUI>

- A permanent church building to own.
- “Dots on the Map” for future plants
- Continued relationship with Seach Elementary School in Weymouth, MA - Next steps for families who connected with LCC at the Fall Fun Fest
- Office Space for staff

Prayer requests from the LCC newsletter:

1. Would you pray for those we are interacting with at our local school? Pray for those we are showing and sharing the gospel with — pray for them to see and hear the good news of Jesus.
2. Would you pray that those who came to our Fall Fest would visit for one of our worship gatherings this Christmas season? Pray that God would stir their hearts to accept their invitation to come and explore what LCC is all about.
3. Would you pray that God would provide an office space for us to rent that will allow us to engage our community and take steps forward as a team?
4. Would you pray for our members — that God would give us endurance and steadfastness as we serve faithfully without many breaks. Pray that God stirs more people to take ownership of our ministry.
5. Would you pray that God would give us His vision for 2023 as a family and a church? Pray that He would give us wisdom and discernment as we seek to steward our energy, attention, relationships, and finances.

## FCA

- Vision for 2023

1. Send 200 athletes and coaches to camp
2. Facilitate 70 huddles that meet weekly, biweekly, or monthly
3. Hire additional full and part-time staff

## Timothy Initiative

- The East African team has been praying fervently for their field leaders and their families; many of them are experiencing significant health issues and are in need of prayer for both healing and financial provision.

- Pray specifically for Pastor Simon Eloiloj, a key leader in the Turkana mission work. Pastor Simon's wife and daughters have been battling health problems for over 3 months now. His wife, Oriba Kemunto, is currently in need of a third eye surgery, but the family lacks funds and is praying for God to provide a way for them.

- For both the staff and field leaders, prayer has been requested for grace and motivation to continue in service.

- Pray for these pastors as they minister in often desolate, impoverished places with limited resources and cultural opposition.

**- The cost of planting a church through TTI is \$400; consider how your tribe may impact believers across the globe by planting a church through TTI!**

## **Nursing Home Ministry**

**- Daniel and Karrah Howell have recently spearheaded an effort to bless our local nursing home community. Specifically, we as a church are collecting items for which residents regularly ask. Below is a list that designates which items each tribe is collecting, and we would greatly appreciate your help!**

**Young Adult Tribe-little Knick-nacks, Yarn**

**Young Married Tribe-Adult coloring books, Cotton balls**

**Married & Singles Tribe-Nail polish remover, Men's aftershave.**

**Married(no childcare) Tribe-Devotional Books**

**Empty Nesters Tribe-Body Spray/Perfume**

**6th-12th grade Boys Tribe-Can soda/store brand(orange, grape, ginger ale) 6th-**

**12th grade Girls Tribe-Little Debbie snacks/crackers/cookies**

**Married w/kids(McBay)- Bodywash, Emery boards**

**Married w/kids(Wadley/Joslin)-Deodorant, Bangle bracelets**

**Encore Senior Adults-gloves, stocking caps**

**Married Tribe(Broach)- Turbins, Bandanas, scarves**

**Please see Daniel or Karrah if you have any questions!**