

Gospel-Powered Marriages: Loving God, Loving Each Other
Ephesians 5:22–6:4

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Main Point: Ephesians 5:22–6:4 reveals that gospel-powered parenting flows out of a Christ-centered marriage, so that the home reflects the gospel in both love and leadership.

I. A Gospel-Shaped Marriage is the Foundation of the Home (5:22–33)

A. Marriage Displays the Gospel (v. 32)

B. The Husband's Call: Sacrificial Love and Leadership (v. 25)

C. The Wife's Call: Respectful Support (v. 22, 33)

II. Why This Matters for Parenting

III. Gospel-Powered Parenting Flows from Christ-Centered Marriage (6:1–4)

Practical Application

1. Prioritize Your Marriage Spiritually
 - Pray together
 - Read Scripture together
 - Pursue Christ together
2. Prioritize Your Marriage Relationally
 - Protect time together
 - Cultivate your friendship with each other
 - Communicate your love for one another
3. Model the Gospel Daily
 - Let your children regularly see repentance, forgiveness, humility, and grace.
4. Be Unified as Parents
 - Discuss parental discipline ahead of time
 - Present unity in front of children
 - Resolve marriage conflict privately

Recommended resources:

Seven-part sermon series: God's Design for Marriage on our church website

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The Meaning of Marriage by Tim Keller

Sacred Marriage by Gary Thomas