

It's *all* about
Jesus.

All things were created through Him and for Him. Col 1:16

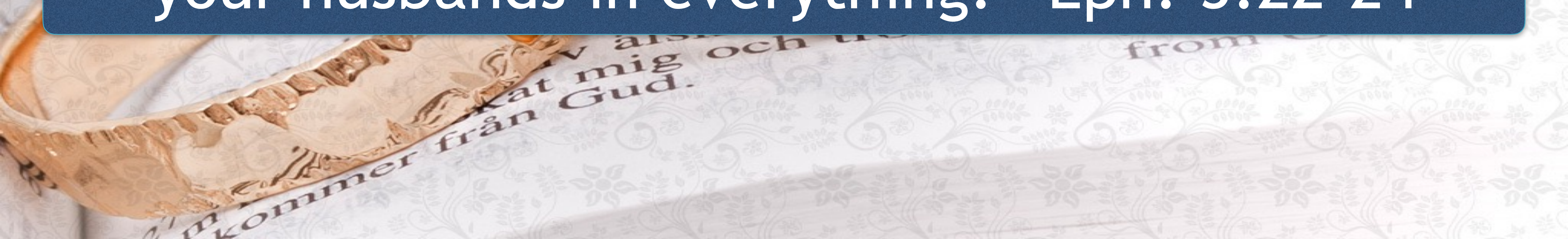
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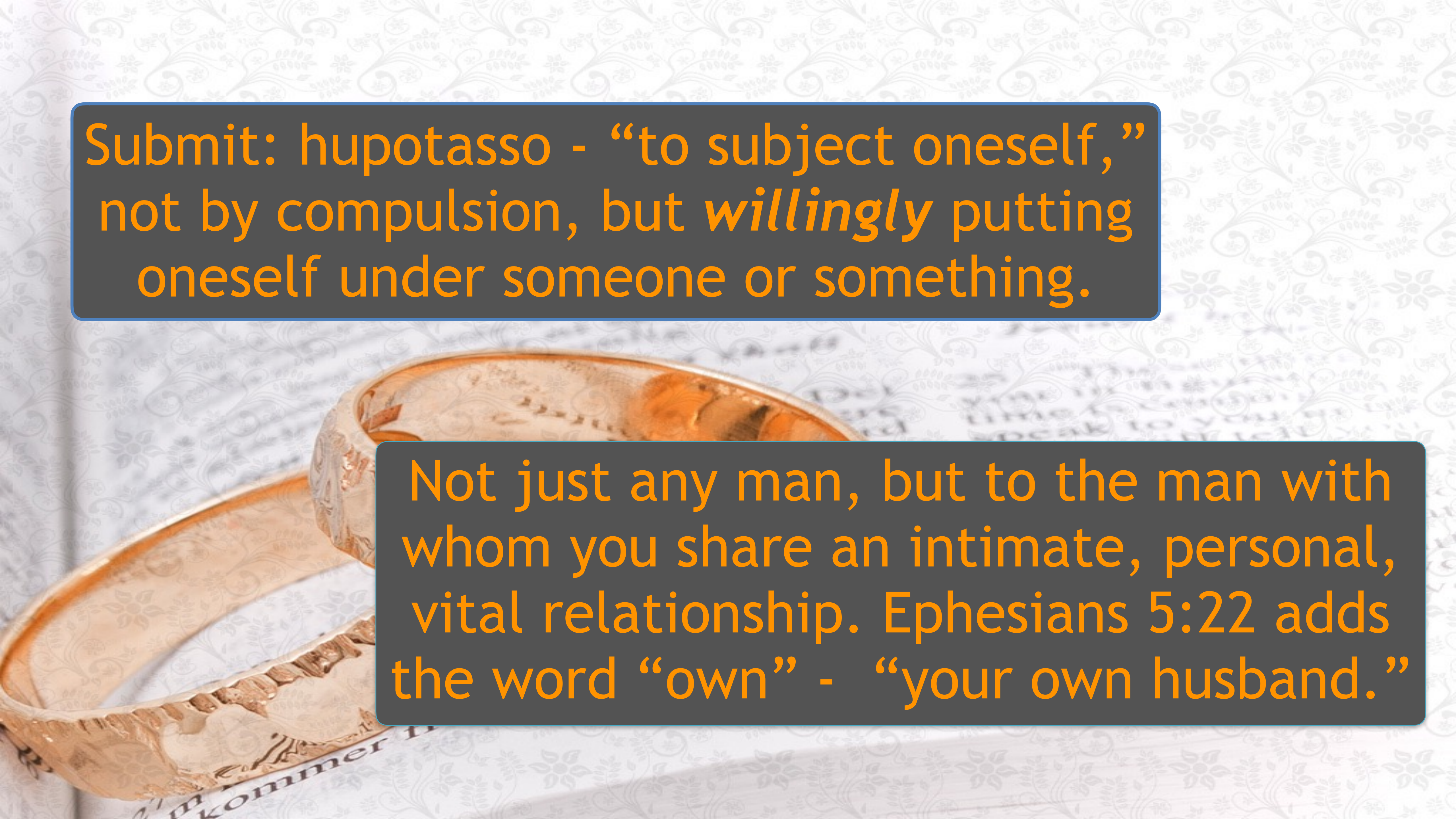
God's Blueprint for Marriage!
Colossians 3:18



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

“For wives, this means submit to your husbands as to the Lord. For a husband is the head of his wife as Christ is the head of the church. He is the Savior of his body, the church. As the church submits to Christ, so you wives should submit to your husbands in everything.” Eph. 5:22-24





Submit: hupotasso - “to subject oneself,”
not by compulsion, but *willingly* putting
oneself under someone or something.

Not just any man, but to the man with
whom you share an intimate, personal,
vital relationship. Ephesians 5:22 adds
the word “own” - “your own husband.”

Submission never implies inferiority - Gal. 3:28

Submission is not absolute. There may be times when a wife must refuse to submit to her husband's desires, when they violate God's word.

The husband's authority must never be exercised in an authoritative, overbearing manner. The wife's submission takes place in the context of a loving relationship.

. . . as is fitting in the Lord.

The wife's submission is her voluntary choice, not a universal law ordaining masculine dominance.

A wife's willing submission proves her absolute trust in Christ Jesus and full allegiance to Him. (Eph. 5:22-24)

“The model of headship is our Lord, the Head of the church, who gave Himself for us. The antithesis to male headship is male domination. By male domination I mean the assertion of the man’s will over the woman’s will, heedless of her spiritual equality, her rights, and her value.” Ray Ortlund, Jr.

To lead like Jesus -

By example

By servanthood