

Sermon Notes (01.25.26)

Ephesians 5:22-33

Paul spends 3 verses explaining the role of the wife - who represents the church.

Paul spends 8 verses on men! Why men hold the key to a successful marriage: God, who is into pictures, gives us a picture of what marriage is to look like. (Christ and the church).

The husband is in the role of Jesus/the wife in the role of the church.

Husbands - Role of Christ in the relationship:

Ephesians 5:25 - Husbands love your wives as Christ loved the church and gave Himself for her!

What does it mean to love your wife?

Greek three words for love:

Eros - love on the physical plain. Feelings, emotions, infatuation.

Phileo - Friendship kind of love, give and takes love that says I enjoy being with you.

Agape - Highest form of love. God's love. Elevates marriage to the highest level. This is the love that God has for the world! (*John 3:16, 1 Corinthians 13*)

Consider how was this love demonstrated by Christ?

1. It's a love that makes your wife your priority. (*Philippians 2*)

2. Jesus was a servant. He washed the disciples' feet. (*John 13:1-17*)

Husbands, we are there to minister to her.

3. To lift burdens, not add to them. (*Matthew 11:28-30*)

Time/attention/affection

4. A love that loves unconditionally. A love that's not based on their performance.

Weekly Memory Verse:

Ephesians 5:25 – Husbands, love your wives, just as Christ also loved the church and gave Himself for her.

Scripture Chapter Challenge: Read *Proverbs 24*