

# Behind Family Lines 05: "Honor" Ephesians 5:21ff

March 5, 2023

**Main Idea:** God calls husbands and wives to mutual honor in marriage.

## Series

This is the 5<sup>th</sup> in a series on relationships, marriage, and family. Specifically, what's going wrong? Why do marriages end in divorce? You have heard that 50% of marriages end in divorce. A **more accurate number is 30%**; or 1 in 3. What does the Bible say regarding the most intimate relationship in the world – Marriage.

- 1. Ladies – "My responsibility is to submit to my husband" v.22.** Remember, submission does not equal obedience. Paul is talking about "mutual honor." In Paul's culture **he did not need to tell women** to let their husbands be the boss because the **men were already the boss.**
  - ❑ **Q: What does "submit" mean?** You submit to various things every day – speed limit, price per gallon of gas, etc. You submit because you respect. The real issue in the home is not obedience, it's honor and respect.
  - ❑ **How can I honor my husband?** Don't 'parent' him. Applaud him in public. Do not belittle his accomplishments.
- 2. Men – "My responsibility is to love my wife" v.25.** The husband is given two models, each **introduced by the word "as" (vv. 25,28).**
  - First "...as Christ Loved the Church" (vv. 25-27).** The word Paul uses here is "agape"; it is the same word used to translate John 3:16, it is the God kind of Love. Now what is the God kind of love like?
  - Second "...as You Love Your Own Body" (vv. 28-29).** This involves needs-meeting. You meet the needs of your body ("feed and care"); meet the needs of your wife.
    - ❑ **Q1: How can I honor my wife?** You don't have to understand her need; you have to honor it.
    - ❑ **Q2: What does my wife need? Security** – Stability, honesty, transparency, financial responsibility – these offer security to most women. **Special Attention/ Quality Time** – Ask your wife to help you understand what she considers romantic; how she defines "quality time." **Meaningful Communication** – Your interest in the relationship and meaningful conversation about your relationship nourishes her on a deep level.

## Family Night Big Idea

Honor should be a given in your home. Every member of your family should respect one another. This begins with husbands and wives. Parents are called by God to honor one another.

## Discussion Starter – Read Ephesians 5:21-33

- **Elementary School** – Ask, "What does God want moms to do for dads?" Ask, "How are dads supposed to love moms?" Ask, "What is something nice that daddy does for mommy?"
- **Middle/ High School** – Ask, "How would you define 'honor'?" Ask, "Why is it difficult for us to honor each other?" Ask, "How does mom honor dad and how does dad honor mom?"

## Prayer

"Father, we want our home to be a place of honor and respect. Help us love one another the right way. Amen."

### Velocity (Middle and High School Students)

**Velocity:** Meet at the church this Wednesday, March 8

**Gravity:** No Gravity this Sunday

### Today's Songs

*Graves into Gardens*.....Elevation Worship

*King of Kings*.....Hillsong

*Battle Belongs*.....Phil Wickham

### SubSplash

We are going to use new software in the near future. You can go to the AS or Google Play and type in GCC Statesboro, look for our logo and install the new app. You then have access to everything including messages and giving, events and Right Now Media there on your phone.

### Open House

Our new building and renovation are complete. Please take the time to look around. We are so grateful for everyone's generosity to have this! Financial update coming soon.

### College Group

Bible Study on Wednesdays in the Lobby. See Tyler.

### Ladies Group

Bible Study begins March 15<sup>th</sup> from 6:30-8:00pm here at the church. Contact Kim Fowler for more information @ 912-618-8177.

### GCC 101 Membership Class

March 26 after the 11:00 service. Sign up in the Lobby.