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Colossians 3:18–4:1

[18] Wives, submit to your husbands, as is fitting in the Lord. [19] Husbands, love your wives, and do not be harsh with them. [20] Children, obey your parents in everything, for this pleases the Lord. [21] Fathers, do not provoke your children, lest they become discouraged. [22] Bondservants, obey in everything those who are your earthly masters, not by way of eye-service, as people-pleasers, but with sincerity of heart, fearing the Lord.

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Colossians 3:18–4:1

[23] Whatever you do, work heartily, as for the Lord and not for men, [24] knowing that from the Lord you will receive the inheritance as your reward. You are serving the Lord Christ. [25] For the wrongdoer will be paid back for the wrong he has done, and there is no partiality. [1] Masters, treat your bondservants justly and fairly, knowing that you also have a Master in heaven.

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God's Design

God's Character

- Unchangeableness – God's design has not and will not change
- Omnipresence – God is always present
- Love – God's gives freely and demonstrated through Christ
- Holiness – God is pure, sinless, and without fault
- Peace – God's presence known through conflicts

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God's Design

God's Character

The One Marriage

- One God
- One man, one woman
 - Completely equal in value (Genesis 1:26-27; 9:6)
 - Equally created in God's image
 - Equally fallen
 - Equally redeemable
 - Equally to be resurrected and glorified

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God's Design

God's Character

The One Marriage

God's Order

- Distinct roles (1 Corinthians 11:3)
- Given by God

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Our Participation

The Husband (Ephesians 5:25-28)

- Head of wife
- Reflected by Christ is head of the church
- Love your wife as Christ loved the church
 - Demonstrated by Christ submission to God's will
 - Death on the cross
- Love, purification, and presentation
 - Christ death and resurrection is the only means of salvation
- Love your wife as your own body

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Our Participation

The Husband (Ephesians 5:25-28)

The Wife (Ephesians 5:22-24)

- Submit
 - Against culture of “obey”
 - Demonstrated by the church submission to Christ
- Possible because of Godly love demonstrated
- Remember God’s equal view of all humanity

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Our Participation

The Husband (Ephesians 5:25-28)

The Wife (Ephesians 5:22-24)

The Children (Ephesians 6:1-4)

- Obey your parents
- Pleasing to God
- Commanded with promise (Exodus 20:12)

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Our Participation

The Husband (Ephesians 5:25-28)

The Wife (Ephesians 5:22-24)

The Children (Ephesians 6:1-4)

Respect In The Family (Ephesians 5:33, 6:4)

- Husband respect your wife
- Husband do not be harsh to your wife
- Fathers do not provoke, lead to, evil
- Father raise in discipline and instruction of the Lord

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His Glory

God Values Marriage

- Reflective of God's design for Christ and the church
 - It is fitting to the Lord
 - Pleasing to the Lord
- Biblical Marriage
 - Bring worth to God's creation
 - Only possible under the leadership of God

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His Glory

God Values Marriage

Continued Demonstration To Others

- Work relationships
 - Employee –
 - Remember you are serving God not as a people pleaser
 - With a sincerity of heart
 - The Lord is the ultimate giver of reward
 - Bosses –
 - Justly and fairly, you answer to God

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As Christ Loved The Church

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