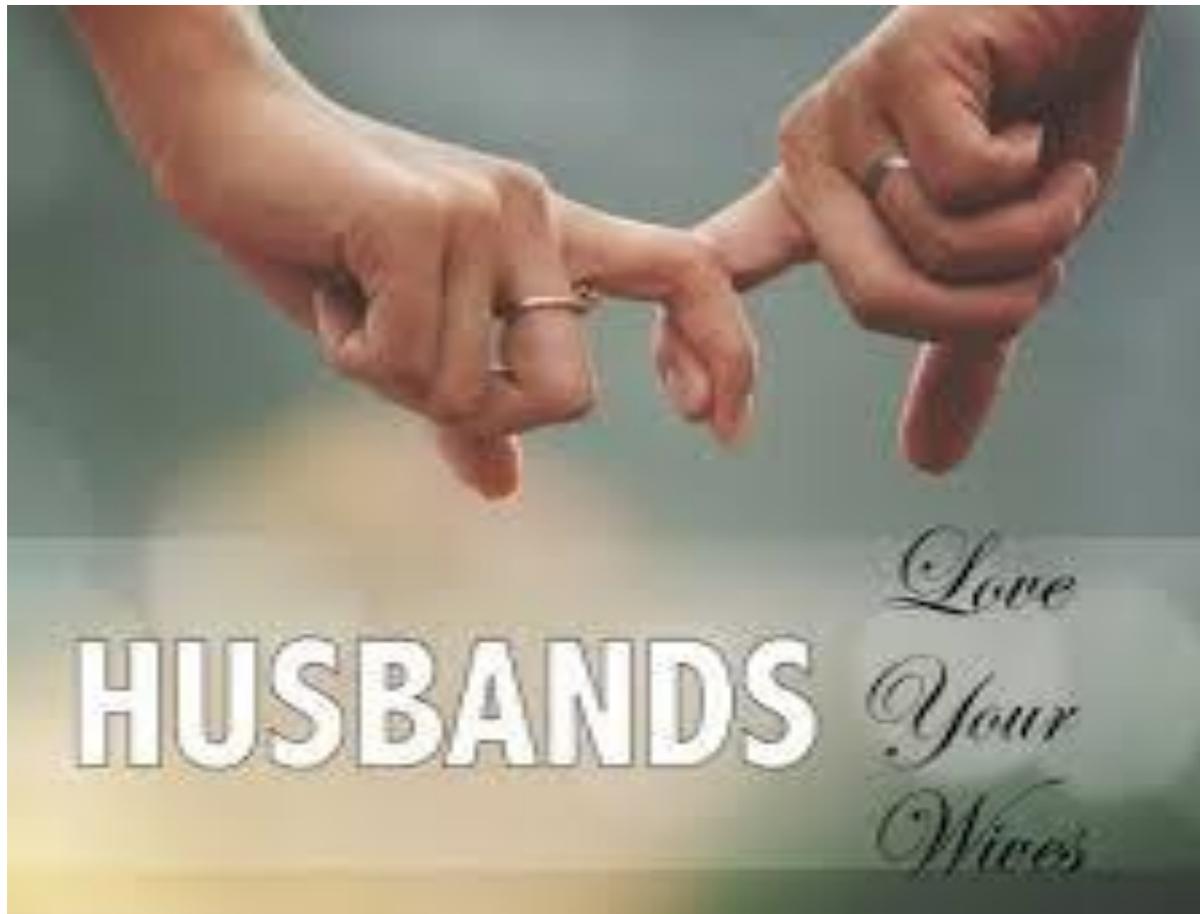


# Ephesians 5:25-33

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the Husband's Role



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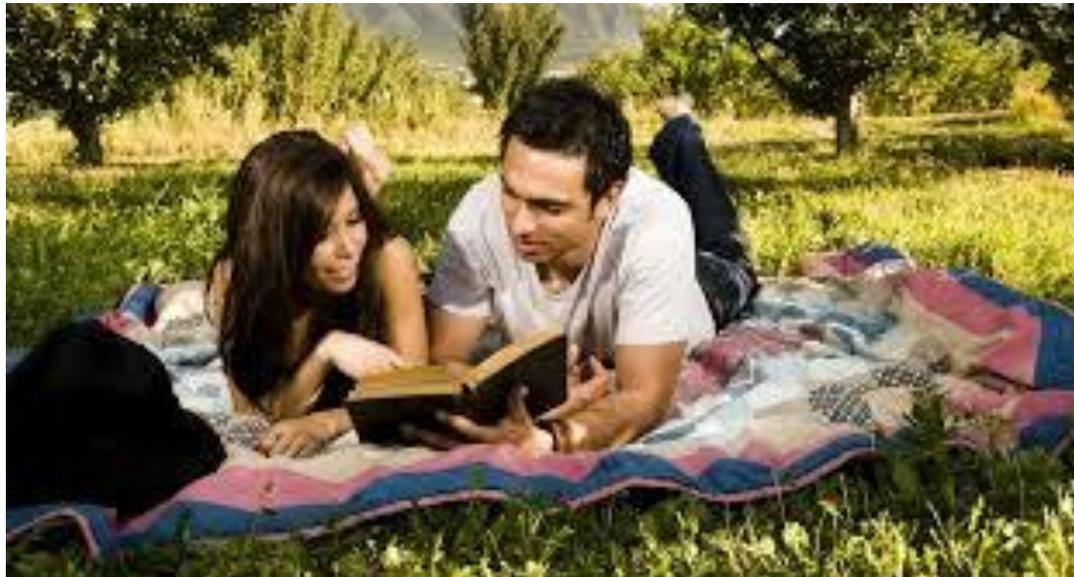
# **I. The Husband is a Servant Lover**



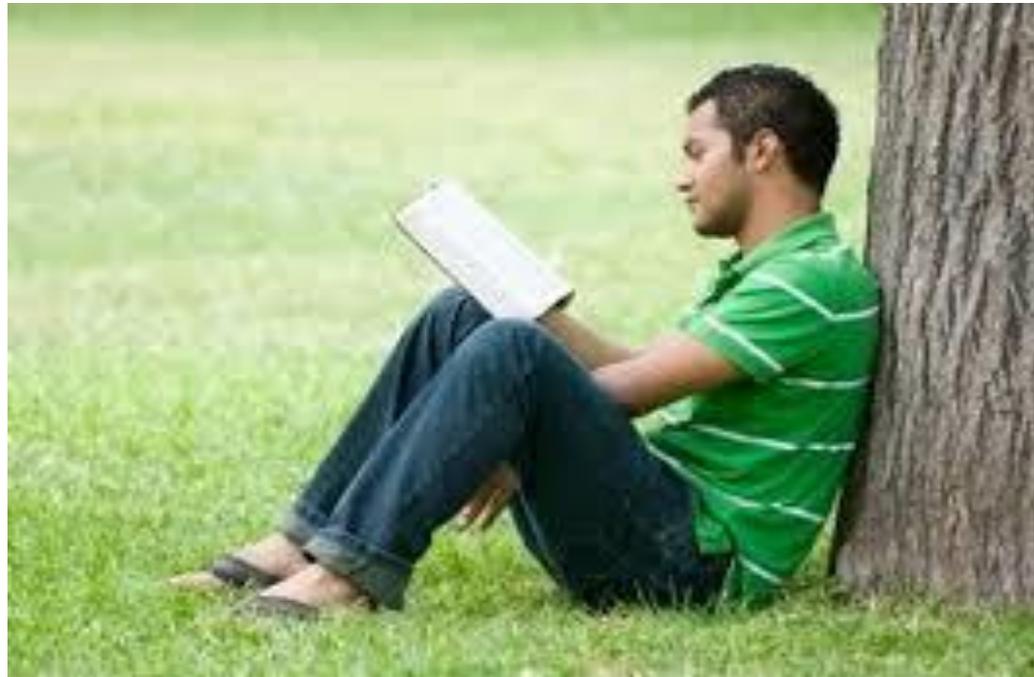
- The husband is told to love his wife
- And I believe that the husband's job is more difficult
- I need to also say that I am giving you commands from God to husbands and wives.
- I don't think that you can follow these commands alone
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- You need God's Spirit living in you



- The kind of love that we are talking about is a *selfless servant love*
- You are giving up your own desires and needs and taking care of your wife. And that is difficult to do all the time
- But as you love your wife, she will find it easy to respect your leadership. If you give her the love that is selfless and caring, she will follow you anywhere



- So how far does this love go? What kind of love is this?
- Men, I want you to look at vs. 25, “just as Christ loved the church and *gave himself up for her*”
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- Jesus died for us so that the church could be formed
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- *A wise Christ-honoring husband would not think about taking advantage of his wife or put his wants before her needs*
- But the attitude is often: Hey, you just submit and everything will be ok so I can do what I want to do!
- No you love your wife, serve her, as Christ did.



## II. Jesus is our Example of Love



- Christ has done a work for us, note that it is all Christ's doing
- Washing with water and the Word
- Christ dying on the Cross cleansed us from sin and having mentioned the inward work that He does, Paul now mentions the outward symbol, baptism that points to the inward work
- John 15:3 *“you are already clean because of the Word that I have spoken to you”*



# III. Loving your Wife is Loving Yourself



- Vs 28-30. And so, the husband loves his wife and cares for her, not just because of her beauty, but to make her more beautiful as a person.
- Christ loves us now, in spite of our sin and weakness
- So men, just as you feed yourself when you are hungry, clothe yourself, clean yourself, and you take care of your needs
- So you should take care of your wife.



- Oneness in marriage does not mean that you lose your personality.
- It does means that you become like the other person.
- Have you ever seen older couples that have been married for years.
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- Interesting: God is asking us to go against our nature as men and women, men naturally respect, women naturally love
- This whole system breaks down when someone gets selfish
- “I’m not going to submit till I’m loved”
- “I’m not going to love till you submit”
- You are not told here to do this conditionally



- There is only one way to do it for men, you love your wife
- Maybe you have been going against God's order
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- Sit down with your spouse over a cup of coffee/tea/Coke
- Ask each other these questions:  
**How are we doing?**  
**How can I love you?**



Husbands, love your wives, just as Christ also loved the church and gave Himself up for her

做丈夫的要爱妻子，正如基督爱教会，为教会舍己

हे पतियों, अपनी अपनी पत्नी से प्रेम रखो, जैसा मसीह ने भी कलीसिया से प्रेम करके अपने आप को उसके लिये दे दिया।

Enyi waume, wapendeni wake zenu, kama Kristo naye alivyolipenda Kanisa, akajitoa kwa ajili yake

Esposos, amen a sus esposas, así como Cristo amó a la iglesia y se entregó por ella

남편들이 아내 사랑하기를 그리스도께서 교회를 사랑하시고 위하여 자신을 주심 같이 하라

Күйеулер, Мәсіх қауымды қалай сүйсе, сендер де әйелдеріңді солай сүйіңдер: Мәсіх қауым үшін жанын қиды!

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You know that men and women think differently and feel differently

And with this command to the husband, this is going against our nature

Women love and care for people naturally

It is the way that God has made women

Men submit and respect naturally, this is why men do better with a chain of command in the military.

So God in his wisdom is telling men to be like woman with this command

And next week, we will find that God is telling a woman to be like a man

So let's see what God says about how a man should love his wife

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A Husband may be able to love his wife for a time but eventually, he will get selfish and want to meet his own needs

Only with God's help can you follow this command

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This is the kind of love that puts her first, you are thinking about her needs

And that is the kind of love that she is looking for

So how far does this love go? What kind of love is this?

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Now, why did he have to say that!

Paul, the writer uses the example of Jesus' love for the church

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There are very few people that are willing to die for someone else

In war, there are examples of men who have sacrificed themselves for their fellow soldiers. A soldier would fall on a grenade or go on a suicide mission so other soldiers can live. That is love at the deepest level

Men, we will most likely never have to die for our wives

But in love, we may have to give of ourselves

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This is the secret guys, then the woman finds that it's easy to submit

When she knows you have her best interests in mind,

She will want to follow

Love is giving, God gave, Christ gave himself and served people

Now, I know that some of you women are thinking:

O good, he will take care of all my wants and needs!

Just as the husband can take advantage of his position so you can take advantage of your position

### **II. Jesus is our Example of Love**

Vs. 26 Christ had the best in mind for the church

Paul uses the Christ-church example, I think he forgot about the original husband-wife topic

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As we read the word, it has a cleansing effect in our lives,

The Holy Spirit points out sin.

*Vs. 27 Jesus is doing a work in our lives to present us as a beautiful, radiant bride*

This is a picture of the church being the bride of Christ presented perfect in heaven

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Vs. 31 This quotes Gen 2:24, the marriage in paradise, with God as the pastor. The union between husband and wife is so close that little can affect one without affecting the other.

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It does mean that you become like the other person.

Have you ever seen older couples that have been married for years.

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I don't know how many times I have been thinking something and

Lori mentions it, I never said a word.

It's interesting to me that it's the man leaving the family

I think that it's the tougher relationship to break

My Mom and Dad had a difficult time letting go of me

Vs. 32 Profound mystery-literally a mega mystery

The husband and wife relationship is a mega mystery Paul says Christ and the church is more of a mystery

Vs 33 is the conclusion READ

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You are to do your part regardless of whether she does her part

There is beautiful harmony when it's done God's way

But too many follow the Frank Sinatra song: "I did it my way"

Then people wonder why things aren't going right

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