

Background: Eph 5:22-27 → God Guided Relationships.

One of the passages in scripture taught with a less than a biblical focus by not looking at the whole context.

The **KEY** to this whole section is found in **v21**.

Submission workings in **4 particular relationships**: husbands/wives; parents/kids; masters/servants; Jesus/God.

I. Working together V22

A. Submit to your husband.

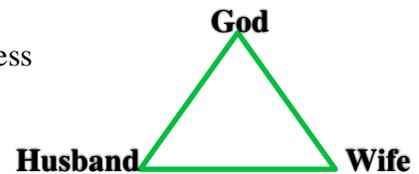
1. Range of Responses:
 - a. Man Oriented:
 - 1) Husband says jump and the wife is expected to respond, “How high?”
 - 2) Husband has the say on all matters.
 - b. Woman Oriented:
 - 1) No way am I going to listen to him. I do what I want when I want to all the time. He’s an idiot!
 - 2) I’ve been married 4x and I never submitted to any of my husbands.
2. Literal **GK**: “*The wives to their own husbands as to the Lord.*”
 - a. **V21** “submitting to each other”. **FOUNDATIONAL** to this section of scripture.
 - b. Both the husband and wife submit to each other. Here the Lord speaks to wives first, then husbands, Later in May and June we will examine biblical submission for kids and employees.
3. **Your GK**: “*one’s own private, peculiar, unique possession.*”
 - a. He is yours! He is not his own! I Cor 7:5. He belongs to you!
 - b. Spouse is special. Pecos value. Latin term
 - b. Marriage is highly and extremely valued by the Lord!
4. **Submit: GK**: Military term Hupo Tasso (**Col 3:18**)
 - a. “Tasso” to draw up in order of battle, to form, array, marshal (both troops and ships).
 - b. “hupo” means under.
 - 1) Basically this is a “**pooling resources under**” someone to win a battle.
 - 2) Can a battle be won if every soldier carries out their own plan?
 - 3) All resources are pooled together under one person.
 - c. Wife is “pooling” all her resources under the husband to accomplish a goal.
 - 1) Marriage has goals and lots of planning. Relationships are a lot of work!!
 - 2) What are all those resources? Salary from a job?
 - 3) How can two walk together unless they are agreed?
 - 4) Let’s elaborate a bit more on this “pooling” in a verse 25.
 - d. **GK: Grammar** Present Imperative! V25
4. How is this submission/HupoTasso to occur?.
 - a. **As to the Lord**
 - 1) **GK**: Expositors: *That is, to Christ; not to the husband as lord and master.* Hupo Tassoing Jesus! Reminds me of that CUP OF COLD water given to someone in need! Jesus Reward for that!
 - 2) Employers Eph 6 will speak to submitting to employers because we are doing it for the Lord!
 - b. How does a man or woman submit to the Lord?
 - 1) Ok Jesus, this is what I want so this is what we are going to do. Listen carefully.
 - 2) RESOURCES are POOLed together under Jesus to allow him to minister through people.
 - a) . —————→

Time
Energy
Mind
Money
 - 3) There is a Purpose that’s VERY beneficial to wives. More on this in a couple of verses!
 - c. Paul gives a larger reason why the submission in v23.

B. Headship V23/24: They WHY of verse 22.

1. **For GK: *Because*.** Because Why?
 - a. Because Husband is head **AS** Christ is head. “**AS**” **GK:** *an adverb of comparison*
 - 1) What’s difference between without the word “as”?
 - 2) Eph 4:15 Christ is our head! How is Christ our Head? What does that look like?
 - b. **Hidden Gem V23:** Earthly marriage models relationship we the bride have w/ Christ our husband!
 - 1) An Earthly analogy of a Heavenly reality!
 - c. **God** is the **head** of Jesus, **Jesus** the **head** of the church, **Husband** the **head** of the wife. **I Cor 11:13**
 - 1) Rem Jesus said I can do nothing outside my father’s will? “Drink of this cup, Thy will be done”
 - 2) Jesus **John 5:18-19** “I can only do what I see my Father doing”
 - 3) GLORY ORDER **I Peter 4:11** Ultimate goal is to glorify the father!
 - a) The Son glorifies the Father! **John 14:12-13; 17:1-4**
 - b) The Spirit glorifies the Son. **John 16:13-15**
 - c) We bring and give glory to Jesus as we live our lives.
 - d) Wife brings glory to husband, thus Christ, thus God!
 - e) How much future glory will our mindset about marriage bring to Christ and thus God??
2. **Husband is head GK: *IS* PIN** Present as in right now. Indicative asserts a fact.
 - a. He is the Head right now. Not worried about yesterday or the future.
 - b. In heaven, there is no marriage between humans so only God is our head! **Mt 22:30**
 - c. **Christ** is head Same **GK PIN** Fact and he is NOW head of church.
3. What is **Headship**?
 - a. **Mark 10:45** “Jesus did not come to be served, but to serve and give his life as a ransom for us all!
 - 1) Jesus is our head, correct? YES! Yet he serves us!
 - 2) Jesus washing the disciples feet? Rem Peter’s response? No way Jose!
 - 3) Sacrifice - Service
 - b. In **scripture**, **headship** is **NOT** **mastery** but **servant hood**.
4. **Headship** in the **God Head**.
 - a. The Father, Son, and Holy Spirit are equal, correct? TRINITY! All present at creation of the World.
 - a) **Genesis 1:1** God created... God is “plural”.
 - b) Gen **1:2** Spirit of God hovering over waters. God -- Plural.
 - c) Gen **1:3** God said light... God Plural —————→ Why God plural in all these verses?
 - d) **Where’s Jesus?** John 1:1, 3 God spoke. Jesus is “The Word of God!” ‘PLURAL GOD’
 - b. Jesus is Immanuel? God with us! ‘PLURAL’
 - c. **I Cor 11:13** I want you to understand that Christ is the head of every man, and the man is the head of a woman, and God is the head of Christ
 - 1) **Christ is subject to God.** He is in submission to God even though He is God!
 - a) **Eph 1:22** God put everything under His feet (Heb 2:8) appointing Jesus to be head.
 - b) I Cor 15:24-28 **READ!** everything under Jesus’ feet then Jesus will subject himself to God.
 - c) How did Jesus view being in subjection or submission?
 - > **Phil 2:6 Nature/Form GK:**
 - refers to that outward expression which a person gives of his inmost nature
 - not physical but “Divine Essence”
 - > Equality with God not something to be **grasped/retained**. What was Jesus letting go of?
 - Transfiguration was seeing Jesus’ true God glory. Divine Splendor and Radiance!
 - When people realized they encountered a heavenly being, what was their reaction? Fear of death!! Rem Moses on the mountain? Glowing Face. Veil covered!

- 2) **Church** is subject to/ in **submission** to **Christ**.
 - a) Just as Christ is in subjection to God the Father, we are in subjection to Jesus!
 - b) What does that look like?
 - > Submitting (Hypotasso-ing) to put everything under Jesus’ feet. Eph 4:12
 - > This means our personal lives and as much of the World as we can! Personal lives, work, hobbies, friends, our whole life!
- 3) **Wife** is in **submission** to **Husband** (**verse 24**)
 - a) **Subject/submission GK**: Present Indicative Middle voice. Snowball throwing analogy!
 - b) Col 3:17 And whatever you do, whether in word or deed, do it all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him.
 - c) Col 3:23-24 Whatever you do, work at it with all your heart, as working for the Lord, not for human masters, ²⁴ since you know that you will receive an inheritance from the Lord as a reward. It is the Lord Christ you are serving.
 - d) As **church submits** to **Christ**, **wives** should **submit** to their husbands in **everything**.
 - > Hupo Tasso - Pooling all resources together under HIM to **advance** the **kingdom**!
 - > Pool resources to **advance** the **marriage** goal.
 - e) **Gal 3:28** oneness of male and female along with equalness
 - > Jesus is equal to God
 - > Yet He is in submission!



David Jeremiah:

Picture an equilateral triangle with three sides of equal length. At the very top is Christ; at one of the base angles is “husband” and at the other is “wife.” A remarkable thing happens when the husband and wife begin moving toward Christ at the top of the triangle: **The distance between them gets shorter and shorter**. As soon as **both spouses reach Christ at the top** of the triangle the **distance between them has disappeared**

C. Leadership V25

1. Husbands agape your wife, as Christ loves the church.
 - a. **Love** in **GK** is a **command** *Present Imperative*, not an option. Husbands LOVE your wife.
 - b. Wife is not commanded to love her husband. Next time we learn what wife is commanded to do.
 - c. Husband’s Agape is an “ongoing” “never-ending” love for wife!
 - d. **As: GK**: comparison
2. How did Christ love us the Church?
 - a. When we were powerless and held in chains by sin, he came to rescue us.
 - b. He left the glories of Heaven and set aside his Godly radiant Glory to be here for us!
 - 1) Bird analogy. Keeps flying into window!
 - 2) Human scares rather than helps bird. Imagine changing into a bird to save that bird? Christ Did!
 - c. Sacrificed Himself for his bride, us!
 - 1) Jesus was MORE concerned about our welfare than His own well-being!
 - 2) Man is to **sacrifice** for his bride! **Mark 10:45**.
3. **Interaction between verses 22 and 25.**
 - a. If a man is agape loving his wife sacrificing himself to do what is best for her,
 - 1) How wise 4 a woman to not hupotasso pooling all her resources to enable hubby love her more?
 - 2) What woman would not respect a husband WHO IS agape loving her?
 - 3) Will a husband Agaping his wife make decisions/actions that will hurt her?
 - b. **DEVIL** and **WORLD** at **WORK**.
 - 1) Nothing the devil fears more than a marriage that is functioning in a godly manner.
 - 2) If people see the blessed joy of that type of relationship, that would not be good for the devil.
 - 3) He goes out of his way to attack marriage.

D. Purpose of Agape Loving? V26-27

1. **Holy GK:** “set apart” unto the Lord for sacred use. Wife is a sacred special gift!
 - a. There is a ‘protection’ implied here.
 - 1) The husband is to make sure she is set apart to the Lord!
 - 2) Husband must set up a home environment for that to happen!
 - b. Cleansing with water of the Word!
 - 1) The Word is important in marriage or any relationship whether friend or date! The husband is responsible to ensure his wife is in the Word.
 - 2) The Word **revives** and **refreshes** us **spiritually** and thus **physically**.
 - 3) **Col 1:17** Jesus is before all things and in him ALL things hold together
 - c. .
2. **Present** her radiant/**Glor**y/Splendor without blemish no spot/wrinkle.
 - a. Clothing with a spot on it. We fear public will see!
 - b. He is to make sure she will not be embarrassed, harmed, or receive negatives.
 - c. Prayer is in the mix here. Lifting up his wife to prepare her for her day.
3. **Holy** and **blameless GK:** “morally without fault” ie: blameless faultless.
 - a. How a husband treats his wife can drive her in the wrong direction.
 - b. ?
4. **Word Word Word... Spiritual Leaders.**
 - a. Men have a huge responsibility before the Lord in using the WORD!
 - b. We men are COMMANDED to love our future wives as Christ now loves us!
 - c. What if the wife does not hypotasso submit or respect her husband? Must man still agape love wife?
 - d. Does Jesus Agape us when we don’t submit or respect him?
 - e. Remember Agape in v25 is a COMMAND, not a suggestion.

Application to us:

1. Important to be with the right person.

- a. II Cor 6:14 unequally yoked!
- b. Dating evangelism is dangerous to you! One actually puts them under an expectation to stick with that person until they are saved! I Cor 7:12-14 If unsaved chooses to live with you... don’t divorce.
- c. Look for a man who demonstrates Eph 5:25.
- d. Church Life: We stay if pastor feeds us well spiritually. If we choose to stay in a church where the pastor does not feed the flock, what happens to our lives and walk in Christ?

2. David Jeremiah: The entire Christian life, marriage included, is centered on following Christ. As important as marriage is, it is simply one dimension of the Christian experience. Whether single or married, Christian’s have one ultimate priority—the same priority Paul described for his own life: counting all things as loss except for **pursuing a deeper knowledge of Christ** (Philippians 3:7-14). So in marriage, **being the best spouse** is not the priority. Being “**the best**” **follower of Jesus** is.

3. Singlehood

How well are we using our time now to serve the Lord as singles?

Paul shared what a unique privilege and blessing being single to be devoted to serving the Lord. I Cor 7: How much glory are we bringing to Jesus and thus ultimately our Heavenly Father?