

Cultivating Connections

MARRIAGE CONFERENCE 2019



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Two Become One: Husbands vs. Wives

Objectives

- What does Scripture call us to as husbands and wives?
- What does reality look like for husbands and wives?
- Couple reflection time and then group share out.

Ephesians 5

21 Submitting yourselves one to another in the fear of God.

22 Wives, submit yourselves unto your own husbands, as unto the Lord...

24 Therefore as the church is subject unto Christ, so let the wives be to their own husbands in every thing.

25 Husbands, love your wives, even as Christ also loved the church, and gave himself for it;...

28 So ought men to love their wives as their own bodies. He that loveth his wife loveth himself...

33 Nevertheless let every one of you in particular so love his wife even as himself; and the wife see that she reverence her husband.

1 Peter 3

1 Likewise, ye wives, [be] in subjection to your own husbands; that, if any obey not the word, they also may without the word be won by the conversation of the wives;...

7 Likewise, ye husbands, dwell with [them] according to knowledge, giving honour unto the wife, as unto the weaker vessel, and as being heirs together of the grace of life; that your prayers be not hindered.

8 Finally, [be ye] all of one mind, having compassion one of another, love as brethren, [be] pitiful, [be] courteous:

9 Not rendering evil for evil, or railing for railing: but contrariwise blessing; knowing that ye are thereunto called, that ye should inherit a blessing.

Individually: Scripture Says

<p>Husbands are to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Love your wives as Christ loved the church. v25 • Love our wives as our own bodies. v28 • Give honor to our wife. v7 • dwell with them in knowledge v7 	<p>Wives are to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Submit to husbands as unto the Lord. v22 • Be [subject] unto husbands. v24 • Reverence her husband. v33 • Win them by our conversation. v1
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Collectively: Scripture Says

Both spouses are to:

Eph. 5:21 Submitting yourselves one to another in the fear of God.

1 Peter 3:8 be of one mind

1 Peter 3:8 have compassion, be courteous

1 Peter 3:9 not rendering evil for evil, but blessing each other

Reality Is

Husbands:

- Often chief/sole providers.
- Balancing act of work & home life.
- Insecurity to prove themselves.
- Pressures to perform in many areas.

Wives:

- Balancing act of SO many roles.
- "Me" time is gone ☹️
- Husbands come ____.
- Expected to give attention and serve constantly.
- Fight the comparison idol frequently.

Others?

Husbands vs. Wives

Husbands

- What is one way your wife respects you?
- Give an example of where you have honored your wife?
- When was the last time that you stopped and intentionally listened to learn your wife's heart? What did you learn?
- What is one area where you would like support?

Wives

- What is one tangible way your husband shows you love?
- When is the last time you have submitted to your spouse?
- When was the last time you took 'no' for an answer?
- What is one area where you would like support?

Reflection & Share

1. What did you learn?
2. Look back at the Scripture and Reality slides. Together as a couple decide which areas are difficult and tension-filled for your marriage. How can you work together in these areas?