

Message Series:

Membership Has Its Privileges: Walking with Christ A Study of Ephesians 4-6

Message for Sunday, May 23:

The New Normal with Relationships Ephesians 5:22-24

²²Wives, be subject to your own husbands, as to the Lord. ²³For the husband is the head of the wife, as Christ also is the head of the church, He Himself being the Savior of the body. ²⁴But as the church is subject to Christ, so also the wives ought to be to their husbands in everything. Ephesians 5:22-24(NASB95)

Today's Main Thought: Roles and responsibilities for wives who are passionately pursuing Jesus Christ.

A Wife's Role & Responsibility in the New Normal

- Have a **peculiar** personal relationship with your husband (v. 22; 1 Corinthians 14:34; Colossians 3:18; Titus 2:5).
- Take a **backseat** to your husband's leadership (Genesis 3:16; vv. 23-24; 1 Corinthians 11:3).

Living in the New Normal

- **In the new normal, relationships have moved from conflict, tension, and chaos and focus on authenticity, reconciliation, harmony and order.**
- **Be into your husband.**
 - Understand and support your husband in ways that show your support for Christ (v. 22).

- In difficult times, rely on biblical truth rather than feelings and emotions. Appreciate and support your husband even when he is not leading well (2 Timothy 3:16-17; 1 Peter 3:1).

- **Stay in your lane.**

- **Let your husband lead.**
- **Wives are to be subject to their husbands in everything.**

Situations which can cause wives to wrestle & struggle with the new normal in relationships:

- I did everything right and ended up with nothing.
- My husband is not doing or giving me anything that interests me or anything to which I can be subjected (1 Peter 3:1-6).
- I am still holding onto old behavior; therefore, I do everything I can to sabotage my husband's leadership (Ephesians 4:25-32).

Next Week: Ephesians 5:25-33
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