



Heaven on Earth

Class #23

Ephesians 5:21-27

Q: What does it take for a family to be “functional” instead of “dysfunctional”?

Q: What does it take for a marriage to work?

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“submitting to one another out of reverence for Christ. ²² Wives, submit to your own husbands, as to the Lord. ²³ For the husband is the head of the wife even as Christ is the head of the church, his body, and is himself its Savior. ²⁴ Now as the church submits to Christ, so also wives should submit in everything to their husbands. ²⁵ Husbands, love your wives, as Christ loved the church and gave himself up for her, ²⁶ that he might sanctify her, having cleansed her by the washing of water with the word, ²⁷ so that he might present the church to himself in splendor, without spot or wrinkle or any such thing, that she might be holy and without blemish. (ESV)

Q: Why do you think Paul begins this discussion with the command to submit to one another out of reverence to the Lord? (vs. 21)

Q: Why must wives submit to their husbands? (vs. 22-23)

Q: Why does Paul have to command husbands love their wives? (vs. 25-30)

What About You?

Q: What is your first reaction to being told you must submit to someone else?

- Is that because you see submission as a part of God’s blueprint?

Q: How does God’s blueprint for the duties of a husband change your expectation of husbands?

Q: How does God’s blueprint for the duties a wife change your expectation of wives?

Q: If you are married, do you submit to your spouse out of reverence for Christ?