



JOURNEY: Submit

Our Relationship with Others



²¹ And further, submit to one another out of reverence for Christ.

Ephesians 5:21

Our Relationship with Others

- Submitting doesn't mean we don't have a brain
- Submitting doesn't mean we should be willing to be abused
- Submitting doesn't mean we always agree totally
- Submitting is not saying that I am less than the person I am submitting to.

Our Relationship with Others

A misty landscape with a large tree on a rocky outcrop. The scene is hazy and atmospheric, with a large tree in the foreground on the left, its branches reaching out. The background shows a valley or a body of water, all shrouded in a soft, greyish mist. The overall tone is serene and contemplative.

⁴² “Father, if you are willing, please take this cup of suffering away from me. Yet I want your will to be done, not mine.”

Luke 22:42

The Wife and Submission

²² For wives, this means submit to your husbands as to the Lord. ²³ For a husband is the head of his wife as Christ is the head of the church. He is the Savior of his body, the church. ²⁴ As the church submits to Christ, so you wives should submit to your husbands in everything.

Ephesians 5:22-24

The Wife and Submission



²⁸ There is no longer Jew or Gentile, slave or free, male and female.
For you are all one in Christ Jesus.

Galatians 3:28

The Husband and Submission

²⁵ For husbands, this means love your wives, just as Christ loved the church. He gave up his life for her ²⁶ to make her holy and clean, washed by the cleansing of God's word. ²⁷ He did this to present her to himself as a glorious church without a spot or wrinkle or any other blemish. Instead, she will be holy and without fault. ²⁸ In the same way, husbands ought to love their wives as they love their own bodies. For a man who loves his wife actually shows love for himself. ²⁹ No one hates his own body but feeds and cares for it, just as Christ cares for the church.

Ephesians 5:25-29

The Husband and Submission

- Husbands should not be selfish in the way they lead their families.
- Husbands should seek to first and foremost care for the needs of their wife and family.
 - ¹ Dear brothers and sisters, not many of you should become teachers in the church, for we who teach will be judged more strictly.

James 3:1

- Husband should be kind in the way they lead.
- Husbands should have the fruits of the Spirit present in the ways that they lead.

The Imagery of Marriage and the Church since the Beginning

³⁰ And we are members of his body. ³¹ As the Scriptures say, “A man leaves his father and mother and is joined to his wife, and the two are united into one.” ³² This is a great mystery, but it is an illustration of the way Christ and the church are one. ³³ So again I say, each man must love his wife as he loves himself, and the wife must respect her husband.

Ephesians 5:30-33

The Imagery of Marriage and the Church since the Beginning

- We need to treat each other with love the way that God desires us to.
- We are on a team.
- What if the wife is a stronger leader than the husband?