

## Marriage Class – Faith-filled Marriages 8/24/2022

### Ps. AI

#### Part 2 Husbands love your wives as Christ loved the Church

Last week we learned that even our marriages are not about us - but about Him • training and preparation for our union with Him • Perpetuating the image and character of God here on earth God's vision statement for us...

“giving thanks always for all things to God the Father in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, submitting to one another in the fear of God.

Ephesians 5:20-21 NKJV

• Submitting to one another in the fear of God • Phobos: reverence: deep respect for

Rules of Engagement:

1. **By grace through faith** - revelation in our spirit and heart 2. BHAG: The only measure of relationship behavior towards one another is as unto the Lord.
  - When he/she becomes honoring/submits
3. **DIVORCE is not an option:** no Faith – no God involvement
  - **Only provision is for infidelity-** God will separate also if we take on other gods
4. **Love is a choice**
5. **Covenant is enforceable by God - not you**

“Husbands, love your wives, just as Christ also loved the church and gave Himself for her, that He might sanctify and cleanse her with the washing of water by the word, that He might present her to Himself a glorious church, not having spot or wrinkle or any such thing, but that she should be holy and without blemish. So husbands ought to love their own wives as their own bodies; he who loves his wife loves himself. For no one ever hated his own flesh, but nourishes and cherishes it, just as the Lord does the church. For we are members of His body, of His flesh and of His bones. “For this reason a man shall leave his father and mother and be joined to his wife, and the two shall become one flesh.” This is a great mystery, but I speak concerning Christ and the church. Nevertheless let each one of you in particular so love his own wife as himself, and let the wife see that she respects her husband.”

Ephesians 5:25-33 NKJV

- We will be presenting our wives to the Lord - just as Paul will be presenting the church
- Your wife becomes your first ministry after ministry to God - as unto the Lord
- What state/what condition will your wife be in when you present her to the Lord?
- Nowhere in the Word does it say if your wife starts to honor me then I will treat her right.

Treatment - Behavior towards: heart condition

Malachi 2:13-16 ESV

“And this second thing you do. You cover the Lord’s altar with tears, with weeping and groaning because he no longer regards the offering or accepts it with favor from your hand. But you say, “Why does he not?” Because the Lord was witness between you and the wife of your youth, to whom you have been faithless, though she is your companion and your wife by covenant. Did he not make them one, with a portion of the Spirit in their union? And what was the one God seeking? Godly offspring. So guard yourselves in your spirit, and let none of you be faithless to the wife of your youth. “For the man who does not love his wife but divorces her, says the Lord, the God of Israel, covers his garment with violence, says the Lord of hosts. So guard yourselves in your spirit, and do not be faithless.””

Malachi 2:13-16 ESV

- Faithless: bagad: offensive, unloving, harsh, deceitful
- Do we believe that marriage is important to God?
- He doesn’t accept anything from you if you treat your spouse faithlessly

### **Faithless and Opposite**

Faithless. - Faithful

Offensive - Uplifting

Unloving. - Loving (great caring)

Harsh. - Gentle/tenderness

Deceitful - Honest

### **From God’s Word – husbands to wives**

harmony, honor, affection, sympathetic, kindness, humble, sensitive, enjoyable, listening, communicating, joy, forgiving, sexually intimate and satisfying, from Eph 5: nourishes & cherishes, sanctifies & cleanses, serve, communication, speaks the

Word over her, prays for her, Psalm 91: refuge (safe place), protector, truthful, safe

“Husbands, you in turn must treat your wives with tenderness, viewing them as feminine partners who deserve to be honored, for they are co-heirs with you of the “divine grace of life,” so that nothing will hinder your prayers. Now, this is the goal: to live in harmony with one another and demonstrate affectionate love, sympathy, and kindness toward other believers. Let humility describe who you are as you dearly love one another.”

1 Peter 3:7-8 TPT

“Let every husband be filled with cherishing love for his wife and never be insensitive toward her.”

Colossians 3:19 TPT

“Enjoy life with the wife whom you love, all the days of your vain life that he has given you under the sun, because that is your portion in life and in your toil at which you toil under the sun.”

Ecclesiastes 9:9 ESV

“He who finds a wife finds a good thing and obtains favor from the Lord.”

Proverbs 18:22 ESV

“But instead be kind and affectionate toward one another. Has God graciously forgiven you? Then graciously forgive one another in the depths of Christ’s love.”

Ephesians 4:32 TPT

“Perhaps. But because of the danger of immorality, each husband should have sexual intimacy with his wife and each wife should have sexual intimacy with her husband. A husband has the responsibility of meeting the sexual needs of his wife, and likewise a wife to her husband. Neither the husband nor the wife have exclusive rights to their own bodies, but those rights are to be surrendered to the other.”

1 Corinthians 7:2-4 TPT

““Come now, and let us reason together,” Says the Lord, “Though your sins are like scarlet, They shall be as white as snow; Though they are red like crimson, They shall be as wool.”

Isaiah 1:18 NKJV

- Lets talk this out - Communication

“He who dwells in the secret place of the Most High Shall abide under the shadow of the Almighty. I will say of the Lord, “He is my refuge and my fortress; My God, in Him I will trust.” Surely He shall deliver you from the snare of the fowler And from the perilous pestilence. He shall cover you with His feathers, And under His wings you shall take refuge; His truth shall be your shield and buckler. You shall not be afraid of the terror by night, Nor of the arrow that flies by day, Nor of the pestilence that walks in darkness, Nor of the destruction that lays waste at noonday. (Stop)A thousand may fall at your side, And ten thousand at your right hand; But it shall not come near you. Only with your eyes shall you look, And see the reward of the wicked. Because you have made the Lord, who is my refuge, Even the Most High, your dwelling place, No evil shall befall you, Nor shall any plague come near your dwelling; For He shall give His angels charge over you, To keep you in all your ways. In their hands they shall bear you up, Lest you dash your foot against a stone. You shall tread upon the lion and the cobra, The young lion and the serpent you shall trample underfoot. “Because he has set his love upon Me, therefore I will deliver him; I will set him on high, because he has known My name. He shall call upon Me, and I will answer him; I will be with him in trouble; I will deliver him and honor him. With long life I will satisfy him, And show him My salvation.””

Psalms 91:1-16 NKJV

### **Discussion points:**

- Wives/husbands without sharing (or single about Jesus) Choose 3 of these that you would rank with your husband and
- tell him why.
- Choose one that is safe to share with the class
- We are called to be all of these things - not a buffet to choose from

### **Acts of love: Outward Expression - Love your wives as Christ loved the church:**

1. He left His throne - off your high place
2. Jesus said He came to serve not be served: He got under and washed our feet
3. Jesus shared His Father's Word - speak God's Word
4. Died for His bride = dying is easy. We die to ourselves daily
5. Jesus prayed for oneness (week 4) John 17:21
6. From a position of love, Jesus corrected, protected and directed and perfected
7. Covenant: riches, health, blessing

"I will greatly rejoice in the Lord, My soul shall be joyful in my God; For He has clothed me with the garments of salvation, He has covered me with the robe of righteousness, As a bridegroom decks himself with ornaments, And as a bride adorns herself with her jewels."

Isaiah 61:10 NKJV

### **PSALM 23**

"Yahweh is my best friend and my shepherd. I always have more than enough. He offers a resting place for me in his luxurious love. His tracks take me to an oasis of peace near the quiet brook of bliss. That's where he restores and revives my life. He opens before me the right path and leads me along in his footsteps of righteousness so that I can bring honor to his name. Even when your path takes me through the valley of deepest darkness, fear will never conquer me, for you already have! Your authority is my strength and my peace. The comfort of your love takes away my fear. I'll never be lonely, for you are near. You become my delicious feast even when my enemies dare to fight. You anoint me with the fragrance of your Holy Spirit; you give me all I can drink of you until my cup overflows. So why would I fear the future? Only goodness and tender love pursue me all the days of my life. Then afterward, when my life is through, I'll return to your glorious presence to be forever with you!"

Psalms 23:1-6 TPT

- Speak this to your husband

"And above all these put on love, which binds everything together in perfect harmony."

Colossians 3:14 ESV

