

LOVING HUSBANDS, SMART HUSBANDS- Eph 5:22-33

GETTING OUR FEET WET- What do men want to do but are afraid to do it?

How can Ephesians 5 get us over the hump?

DIVING INTO SCRIPTURE – Eph 5:22-33

The Big Picture of Ephesians 5

- 5:22-24- Wives submit- not silent & sullen, but engaged & delighted- as we submit to Jesus
- 5:25-32- Husbands love.... (6x)
- 5:33- Repeated- husbands love, wives respect (esteem, honor, admire)

The Connection to the Kingdom- Kingdom homes- where Jesus rules the willing

THE COMMAND- Husbands keep loving = value, esteem (5:25)

THREE EXAMPLES – THREE LOOKS (5:25-32)

A. Look up- As Jesus loves us (5:25-27)

1. What did He do? - gave himself up (5:25)
2. Why did He do it? – to present her to himself- holy, radiant (5:26-27)
3. How did He do it? - washing with water through the word (5:26)

B. Look down- As we love our own bodies (5:28-29)

1. What's the Command-? love your wife as your own body (5:28)
2. What's behind the Command? (5:28-29)
 - Truth/Promise- He who loves his wife loves himself. (Loving husband = Smart husband)
 - Reality Check- this isn't hard- no one hates his own body, but nourishes & cherishes it (5:29)

C. Look back- at our "first love"

1. Creation- "For this reason a man will leave...." (5:31)
2. Incarnation- "Mystery- I'm talking about Christ" (5:32)
3. Implied- Infatuation- remember your "first love" (Rev 2:4-5)

THE CONCLUSION- husbands love, wives respect (5:33)

❖ **WHAT'S GOD SAYING TO YOU?** – write it down, pray it back, DO IT, and share it with others!

Heavenly Father, make our home a kingdom home, an Ephesians 5 home, an engaged home. As wives, help us submit, respect and engage with our husbands. As husbands help us love our wives like Jesus loves us, like we love our own bodies, and like we did when we first fell in love. Help us to take up Your easy, kingdom yoke in our home. Give us delight, mutual satisfaction and joy. For Your glory & our good. I especially feel You saying to me...