

family BREAKS

Ephesians 5:21-33-“Who Wears The Pants Around Here”?

Mutual Submission..

There is a mutual submission that Christians owe to one another, condescending to bear one another's burdens: not advancing themselves above others, nor domineering over one another and giving laws to one another.

Authority-Christ is Head of Church, man is head of marriage.

Unity-Harmony in the church begins with harmony in the home.

Spirit Filled Living-to be filled with the Spirit is most difficult and to be most evidenced in the bond of marriage! (Eph. 5:18 is the context!)

Marriage is about telling the truth of Jesus and His gospel in our lives and to the world.



QUESTION: Why do we find submission to be a distasteful or even offensive idea?

ANSWER: Sin, birthed in the Garden of Eden

I. WHAT: Submission reveals the gospel.

Submission is actually a revelation and expression of the gospel of Jesus. His condescending to become a man, his life, death on the cross for our sin, resurrection, filling of the Holy Spirit, and promise to return, are revealed in the submission of the wife to her husband and the love of the husband for his wife.

Everything bad in a man and woman comes from our hearts of sin.

Everything good in a wife or a husband comes from Jesus.

Everything that makes a marriage work flows from Grace and Love.

Therefore, grace and love are where submission flows from, not obligation, duty, or authority structure.

1 Peter 3:1-7-

“Likewise, wives, be subject to your own husbands, so that even if some do not obey the word, they may be won without a word by the conduct of their wives, 2 when they see your respectful and pure conduct. 3 Do not let your adorning be external—the braiding of hair and the putting on of gold jewelry, or the clothing you wear— 4 but let your adorning be the hidden person of the heart with the imperishable beauty of a gentle and quiet spirit, which in God’s sight is very precious. 5 For this is how the holy women who hoped in God used to adorn themselves, by submitting to their own husbands, 6 as Sarah obeyed Abraham, calling him lord. And you are her children, if you do good and do not fear anything that is frightening.”



2. WHY: Submission is a privilege of the gospel.

Submission has little to do with the order of authority, but rather the operation of authority, thus, it is actually a privilege!

Matthew 19:10 The disciples said to him (Jesus), "If such is the case of a man with his wife, it is better not to marry."

1 Corinthians 11:3-12-

“In a marriage relationship, there is authority from Christ to husband, and from husband to wife. The authority of Christ is the authority of God. Any man who speaks with God or about God in a way that shows a lack of respect for the authority of Christ, dishonors Christ. In the same way, a wife who speaks with God in a way that shows a lack of respect for the authority of her husband, dishonors her husband. Worse, she dishonors herself—an ugly sight, like a woman with her head shaved. This is basically the origin of these customs we have of women wearing head coverings in worship, while men take their hats off. By these symbolic acts, men and women, who far too often butt heads with each other, submit their "heads" to the Head: God.”



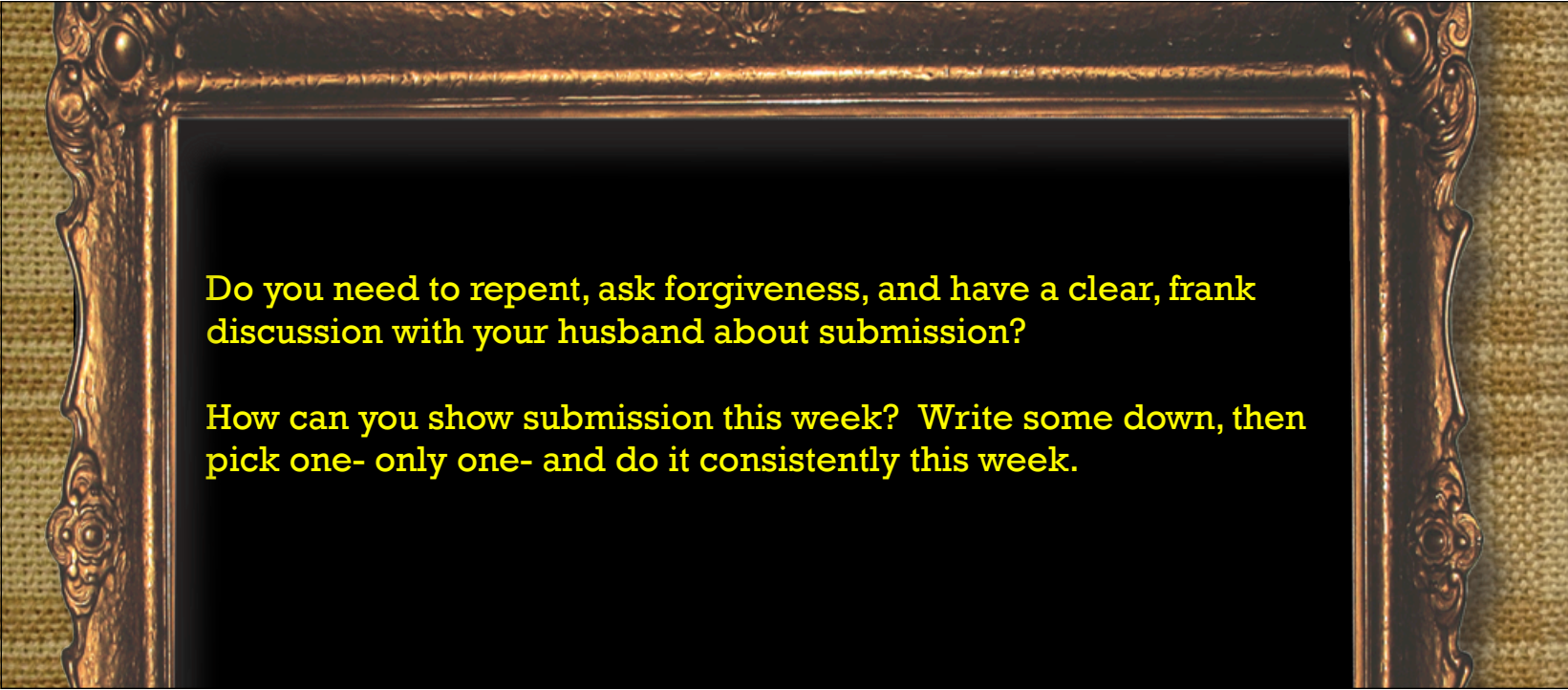
3. HOW: Submission is enabled by submission to Christ through the power of the Gospel.

Submit to Christ, you will DESIRE and be EMPOWERED to submit to your husband.

Submission to Christ is when you see who you are not and see how loving, good, right, supreme and awesome He is. From this you joyfully and willingly give honor, love, and respect to HIM in every area of your life.

Submission is the ultimate recognition of God being the supreme good in every aspect of life.

When you realize Jesus gave everything for you, submission not only makes sense but is necessary!



Do you need to repent, ask forgiveness, and have a clear, frank discussion with your husband about submission?

How can you show submission this week? Write some down, then pick one- only one- and do it consistently this week.