

The Mystery of Marriage Our Best Year Yet Pt. 2

Group Questions:

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 2. Read Ephesians 5. Explain the mystery Paul is describing.
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 4. Take a moment and brag about your spouse. How have you seen God at work in their life?
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DO for your spouse what Jesus has **DONE** for you.

Ephesians 5:1-2 *Follow God's example, therefore, as dearly loved children and walk in the way of love, just as Christ loved us and gave himself up for us as a fragrant offering and sacrifice to God.*

Marriage is not a dead institution but a glorious catalyst of **TRANSFORMATION**.

Ephesians 5:21-33 *Submit to one another out of reverence for Christ. 22 Wives, submit yourselves to your own husbands as you do to the Lord. 23 For the husband is the head of the wife as Christ is the head of the church, his body, of which he is the Savior. 24 Now as the church submits to Christ, so also wives should submit to their husbands in everything. 25 Husbands, love your wives, just as Christ loved the church and gave himself up for her 26 to make her holy, cleansing her by the washing with water through the word, 27 and to present her to himself as a radiant church, without stain or wrinkle or any other blemish, but holy and blameless. 28 In this same way, husbands ought to love their wives as their own bodies. He who loves his wife loves himself. 29 After all, no one ever hated their own body, but they feed and care for their body, just as Christ does the church—30 for we are members of his body. 31 "For this reason a man will leave his father and mother and be united to his wife, and the two will become one flesh." 32 This is a **profound mystery**—but I am talking about **Christ and the church**. 33 However, each one of you also must love his wife as he loves himself, and the wife must respect her husband.*

Submission isn't about **DESERVING**--it's about **REVERING**.

Husbands, submit to her **NEED**.

Wives, submit to his **LEAD**.

Marriage is a way for two spiritual friends to **HELP** each other on their journey towards becoming who God designed them to be.

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Mysterion: *once hidden, not obvious but now unveiled.*

Since humans will always be made alive by surrendered love, marriage will never **DIE**.

A Marriage Prayer: *“They wronged me, but I wronged you Jesus, yet you loved me and didn’t give up on me. I’m so loved by you, help me offer the same thing to them.”*

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