A FAITHFUL HUSBAND #4 Ephesians 5:25-33

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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. 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. **Eph 5:25-33 NLT**

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ENCOURAGE HER
¹¹ So encourage each other and build each other up, just as you are already doing. 1 Thes. 5:11
How can you be encouraging to your wife, <u>TODAY</u> ?
STAND WITH HER
"Be on your guard; stand firm in the faith; be courageous; be strong." 1 Corinthians 16:13
What is an example of you standing with/for your wife?
COMPLIMENT HER
Her children stand and bless her. Her husband praises her. Proverbs 31:28
When did you last compliment your wife?
RESPECT HER OPINION
"Husbands, in the same way, be considerate as you live with your wives and treat them with respect." 1 Peter 3:7
How can we show respect for our wife's opinion?

TALK WITH HER - LISTEN "My dear brothers and sisters, take note of this: Everyone should be quick to listen, slow to speak and slow to become angry." James 1:19
How do you talk (LISTEN) to your wife? Can you be better? YES or YES
GIVE YOUR TIME TO HER "That is why a man leaves his father and mother and is united to his wife, and they become one flesh." Genesis 2:24
How can you be better to give of our time?
SERVE HER 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. 30 And we are members of his body. Eph. 5:28-31 What is a way you can serve your wife?
"Ask God to help you love and accept your wife unconditionally - in the midst of her pain and vulnerability and weakness. Love her if she annoys you, even if she disappoints you, even if she doesn't deserve your love. Love her with the kind of love that Christ shows to you. Lavish her with extravagant love - one that isn't condition." Gary & Barbara Rosberg
DISCUSSION QUESTIONS:
How can we pray for your marriage?