



## A FAITHFUL HUSBAND #5

### Ephesian 5:25-33

Call Study – Jason Park

<sup>25</sup> For husbands, this means love your wives, just as Christ loved the church. He gave up his life for her <sup>26</sup> to make her holy and clean, washed by the cleansing of God’s word. <sup>27</sup> 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. <sup>28</sup> 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. <sup>29</sup> No one hates his own body but feeds and cares for it, just as Christ cares for the church. <sup>30</sup> And we are members of his body. <sup>31</sup> As the Scriptures say, “A man leaves his father and mother and is joined to his wife, and the two are united into one.” <sup>32</sup> This is a great mystery, but it is an illustration of the way Christ and the church are one. <sup>33</sup> 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**

**GIVING SELF**

Versus

**PROTECTING SELF**

<sup>3</sup> Don’t be selfish; don’t try to impress others. Be humble, thinking of others as better than yourselves. <sup>4</sup> Don’t look out only for your own interests, but take an interest in others, too. **Phil. 2:3-4**

### GIVING SELF = NOT CONSIDERING SELF

<sup>14</sup> Temptation comes from our own desires, which entice us and drag us away. <sup>15</sup> These desires give birth to sinful actions. And when sin is allowed to grow, it gives birth to death. **James 1:14-15**



**WHY DO WE PROTECT OURSELVES?**

**Pride**

**Fear**

**Anger**

**WHAT ARE WE AFRAID OF?** \_\_\_\_\_

**WHATS THE OPPOSITE OF FEAR? FAITH**

<sup>39</sup> When Jesus woke up, he rebuked the wind and said to the waves, “Silence! Be still!” Suddenly the wind stopped, and there was a great calm. <sup>40</sup> Then he asked them, “Why are you afraid? Do you still have no faith?” **Mark 4:39-40**

**WEAPON AGAINST CONSIDERING OURSELVES = HUMILITY**

<sup>7</sup> So humble yourselves before God. Resist the devil, and he will flee from you. <sup>10</sup> Humble yourselves before the Lord, and he will lift you up in honor. **James 4:7, 9**

### HOW TO LOVE OUR WIVES UNCONDITIONALLY?

**ENCOURAGE HER** (1 Thes. 5:11)

**STAND WITH HER** (1 Cor. 16:13)

**COMPLIMENT HER** (Prov. 31:28)

**RESPECT HER OPINION** (1 Peter 3:7)

**TALK WITH HER – LISTEN** (James 1:19)

**GIVE YOUR TIME TO HER** (Gen. 2:24)

**SERVE HER** (Eph. 5:28-31)

## MOVING FORWARD

**WHERE ARE WE AT?** What do I do well? \_\_\_\_\_ What can I do better? \_\_\_\_\_

### LOOK PAST **THE PAST**

But I press on to possess that perfection for which Christ Jesus first possessed me. <sup>13</sup> No, dear brothers and sisters, I have not achieved it, but I focus on this one thing: Forgetting the past and looking forward to what lies ahead, **Phil. 3:12-13**

What is something you need to get past? \_\_\_\_\_

**HAVE A PLAN TO **MOVE FORWARD**** - Fail to plan and plan to fail.

<sup>3</sup> Commit your actions to the Lord, and your plans will succeed. **Prov. 16:3**

But don't begin until you count the cost. For who would begin construction of a building without first calculating the cost to see if there is enough money to finish it? **Luke 14:28**

### **WHERE DO YOU WANT TO GO?**

"If you don't know where you are going, when you get there, you will be lost" **Yogi Berra**

Good planning and hard work lead to prosperity, but hasty shortcuts lead to poverty. **Prov. 21:5**

**WHAT ARE YOUR **PRIORITIES?****      **YOURS** \_\_\_\_\_      **HERS** \_\_\_\_\_

**3 OPTIONS**      1. **FIX** EVERYTHING      2. **FAIL** TO TRY      3. **FOCUS** ON ONE THING

**WHAT IS THE (GOAL) ONE THING?** \_\_\_\_\_

**WHAT DO YOU WORRY ABOUT THE MOST?** \_\_\_\_\_

*THOUGH THE POWER to love is always available to us through the Holy Spirit, we still must make a daily, conscious choice to fight the good fight of faith and stay on God's Path. It is a battle of faith that doesn't happen automatically. Every day we will be tempted to go the easy, comfortable route and take back our agenda and Outcome Focused Goals and strategies rather than trust God that he is enough. – Bob and Judy Hughes*

#### **Discussion Questions:**

What's on your mind?

How can we pray for your marriage?