

# YOU ARE CHOSEN

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You are chosen to be His **Church**.

Passage: Ephesians 5:21-33

Big Problem: Marriage and a fight for **independence** work against each other.

## Points of Impact:

### • Key Words

- “**Submit**” to one another out of reverence to Christ.” (Verse 21)
- “**Submit (MELD)** to your husbands as unto the LORD.” (Verse 22)
- “**Love** your wives as Christ loved the Church.” (Verse 25)
  - “...Head of his wife as Christ is head of the church. He is the savior of His body, the church.” (Verse 23)
  - “In the same way, husbands ought to love their wives as they love their own bodies...feeds and cares for it...” (Verse 28-29)
  - “...leaves his father and mother and is joined to his wife...the two are united as one.” (Verse 31)
- “**Respect**” (Verse 33)

### • The Yielding **Process**

- A choice is before us.
- Both have listened to the other.
- Two opinions have surfaced.
- A decision has to be made.

### • What's going on in your **heart**?

- MARRIAGES are like gardens...tend to them daily and they are vibrant and healthy and a JOY...neglect it for a time and all kinds of madness starts showing up!

### • New **Hope**

**Challenge:** (To sit with our husbands and wives...)

(Husband/Wife) What have I done that makes you feel loved?

(Husband/Wife) What have I done that stirs up your respect for me?

(Husband/Wife) What more can I do to convey my love for you?

(Wife/Husband) What have I done that makes you feel my respect?

(Wife/Husband) What have I done that stirs up your love for you?

## Resources:

- We have a life-giving ministry to marriage. Please see the Hot Sheet or visit the Information Kiosk for more info.
- If you would like further encouragement or help, we are providing a free resource book for you today at the Information Kiosk.

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