



Ephesians 5 (part 2)

- Not just about Husbands and Wives but a lot about leadership in general
- *Our world needs Biblical leaders
- too many followers
- too many people in leadership only for themselves

ver 21

- we are all (men and women) to submit to each other
- doesn't mean I let everyone else tell me what to do
- *all of us should be considering the good of the other above our own good
- *none of your decisions just effect you

Ver 22-24

- the controversial verses
- wives submit to your husbands
- *the wife is only told to submit to her husband as leader of the home, not to all men
- this isn't about letting your husband be the dictator of your life and your the peasant servant girl (Proverbs 31 woman)
- *Find a Godly, Biblical leader to marry and then let him set the direction for your family as he follows Jesus and takes your input as his partner

Ver 25-33

- husbands love your wife like Jesus loved the church
- Jesus gave up his life for the church
- What does that love look like?
- 1) It's sacrificial
- probably not take a bullet but maybe miss a movie to help your grandma
- 2) It seeks to make the other better
- a lot of leaders seek to make their life better
- 3) It cares for the other just like you would care for your own body
- see the needs of others and meet those needs
- *Guys, are you preparing yourself to be selfless in your marriage?

*the challenge to all of us is to be this type of leader in whatever arena we are in in life

*How can you step up and be a leader, not to better your position, but to better love and care for others?

*The best leaders are those who really don't care about a leadership position but step up because they see a need and want to help others be better.

Questions

- 1) What decisions did you make today and what effect did they have on someone else?
- 2) Share a time in your life when someone showed you sacrificial love.
- 3) What is hardest for you, sacrificing, making others better, caring for needs?
- 4) Where can you be leading now? Next school year?