



REFLECT:
(20 minutes minimum)

10. How important is “cutting the apron strings” to a healthy marriage? How effective have you been in your marriage at “leaving your mother and father?”

11. If your spouse is not living up to Paul’s commands, are you free to stop loving or submitting? Why or why not?

12. Wives, in what ways could you show respect this week for your husband? Husbands, how could you show your wife you love her this week? If you’re not married, what do you think is the most important quality you would look for in a future spouse?

13. For me, the hardest thing to accept (or do) that Paul has said about marriage (last week or this week) is this...



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Ephesians # 16

HIS NEED, HER NEED

EPHESIANS 5:25-33



OPEN:
(2 minutes)

1. Where were you living between the ages of 7 and 12, and what were the winters like then?
2. In what situations do you find it difficult to submit to others?
3. Other than the Bible, what was the best book you’ve read recently?





Read Ephesians 5:22-33

4. What things does Paul suggest are necessary to make a good marriage?
5. Paul's injunction that husbands must love their wives as much as they love their own bodies is countercultural. What does this command mean for husbands? If a husband loves his wife to that degree, what effect will it have on his wife?
6. **The model for marriage is Christ himself. As he went to the cross in obedience to the Father and out of love for us, how does this help us to understand a husband's role? A wife's role?**
7. In your own words, how would you explain the main goal of a Christian marriage?
8. **What can you take from this passage that will help you be a better spouse (or potential spouse)?**
9. How did your parents approach marriage: Two master? Two servants? One master, one servant? How has that affected your view of marriage?



Worth Quoting:

“The best thing a woman can do for her husband is to make it easy for him to do the will of God.”

— Elisabeth Elliot Gren