



Series: This is Life
Passage Ephesians 5
Title A Man's Role in Marriage Part 3
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Discussion Starter

Why are strong marriages and family so important to our country? What happens to families, to the church, to the country, and to the world when men do not follow God's intended design and instruction related to families?

Purpose of Marriage (Verse 5:25)

- Pastor Dave described four purposes for marriage – what were they (hint: four R's)? Is a desire for happiness a good reason to get married? For husbands, how might there be a conflict with a desire for personal happiness and Ephesians 5:25?
- Pastor Dave argued that many young men believe that the quality of a man's character is defined by athletic and sexual conquest. How might a father influence this view in his interaction with his sons and daughters? What might be the impact of an emotionally or physically absent father on a wife, son, and daughter?

Importance of Godly Leadership (Verses 5:25-26)

- What does it mean for a man to sanctify (set apart) his wife? How is this related to Pastor Dave's example of his honeymoon in Mexico?
- What influences might cause a husband to have difficulty with the instruction to set our wives apart? What message is a man sending his wife when he has difficulty setting her apart?
- How do we know that God considers the role of husband and father to be a man's first ministry? (See also 1 Peter 3:7, 1 Timothy 3:1-5).
- What does it mean to "cleanse her with the washing of water by the word"? Does Jesus do this for us? Provide some examples? How might this command be misinterpreted or implemented incorrectly by a husband?

Naked and Unashamed (Gen 2:25)

- What do you think "naked and unashamed" means? How does this relate to the Gen 2:24 and Romans 8:1?
- How might a husband/father help to create an environment where family members can be vulnerable and comfortable with showing their strengths and weaknesses?
- How does this environment enable open communication and trust?
- How does the lordship of Jesus Christ in your life influence this?