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**/What it means to be holy 神聖
in the modern world**

PRIORITY FOR THE YEAR

ACC Sermon Series
Jan – Apr 2024
Sex, marriage & singleness

Sermon 2 of 10



MARRIAGE 2

Ephesians
5:21–33



EPHESIANS 5:21–24

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**The Bible
calls all
Christians
to humility,
servanthood,
and
submission.**



Cultural context

**Christian husband
to provide dignity,
protection &
respect to his wife**





SUBMISSION AND HEADSHIP 順服 領頭

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Femi Osunnuyi/ Eph. 5:22-24 submission is NOT:

GENDER INFERIORITY

Females not
inferior to males

GENERICALLY APPLICABLE

Doesn't mean women
everywhere are to submit
to men

GENDER SERVITUDE

Wife not servant;
husband not boss

ABSOLUTELY APPLICABLE

Wife must not submit
to sinful request



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/Submission IS:

- ▶ Wife allows husband to lead
- ▶ Accepts he has authority
- ▶ Lets him love her
- ▶ Trusts him
- ▶ Realises he is for her and aims to meet her needs

What do to when your
husband is not acting
in a way which helps
you to submit



ROSE MARIE
MILLER



PRINCIPLE NOT DETAIL

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Femi Osunnuyi/ BUT WHY SUBMISSION & HEADSHIP?



PRACTICAL

Someone has to lead



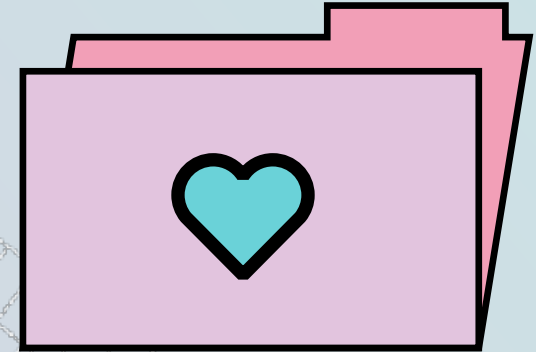
TRANSCENDENT

Depicts the gospel



COMPLEMENTARY

Union of other



TO WIVES WHO STRUGGLE WITH SUBMISSION

/Four things to remember which make submitting easier



- ▶ **Christ submits**
- ▶ **Your submission is to a husband who is commanded to be devoted to you**
- ▶ **You have the Spirit to help you**
- ▶ **Seems outrageous? Is what society offers any better?**

TRY IT!

The husband's role in marriage:

A LOVING head...

Husbands, love your
wives, just as Christ
loved the church and
gave himself up for her.
Eph. 5:25



The husband's role in marriage:

**LOVE YOUR
WIFE AS
YOURSELF**

“In this same way, husbands ought to love their wives as their own bodies. He who loves his wife loves himself.”

“However, each one of you also must love his wife as he loves himself.”

Eph. 5:28 & 33

WHAT DOES THE HUSBAND BEING HEAD OF THE WIFE MEAN IN PRACTICE?



- ▶ Different things...
all self-sacrificial
- ▶ Shouldering the
greatest burdens
- ▶ Studying her needs
- ▶ Attending to her
spiritual welfare

The pain of life on earth