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1. The Gospel is Good News
2. A changed life will effect the way you live

A Brief BackGround

- Understanding the Household
- Understanding the code of Households
- Understanding the Family Unit, Culture and New Creation/Church

18 Wives, submit to your husbands, as is fitting in the Lord. 19 Husbands, love your wives, and do not be harsh with them.

The Biblical role of marriage has been disfigured

The Cynic of marriage

- 1/2 of marriages from 70s are in divorce
- Our generation is up over 6/10 almost 7
- 9/10 americans see marriage as there highest goal

End Result

We want a great marriage but at the same time we think it can't happen
Less than 60% of adults marry in the US (we are abandoning marriage)

The marriage idol

- My soul mate
- The man of my dreams

Both loose sight of the gospel

1. The idolizer - When Jesus is our affection and focus we won't make good things (kids, spouse) the ultimate thing
2. The Cynic - Stops at the critique. When Jesus is our affection, we trust God for his design not the current state.

A Cynic with Gospel hope doesn't run from marriage but gets married to model a new narrative

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- Submission means to permit oneself to be subjected to something (To purposely yield your power).
- Role relationship is never about equality but creation i.e. The Father creates, Christ Redeems

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"As is fitting to the lord"

- Is a distinctly Christian Feature (Eph. 5 As to the Lord)
- Jesus is your ultimate Lord
- It shows you respect him as the leader that God has put in your life
- You worship Christ by submitting to your husband

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It is not solely...

- Working all week and providing resources
- Simple attraction

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Paul is describing a sincere, active and unceasing care for her well being.

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

*The man is to lovingly, humbly, graciously, sacrificially lead his family

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1. Gospel Men lead in love
 - Trust Christ to be first in action

2. Gospel Men Love graciously
 - Love not according to performance

3. Gospel Men Love to honor
 - Praise and affirm your wife

4. Gospel Men Love Wisely
 - Love your wife according to knowledge