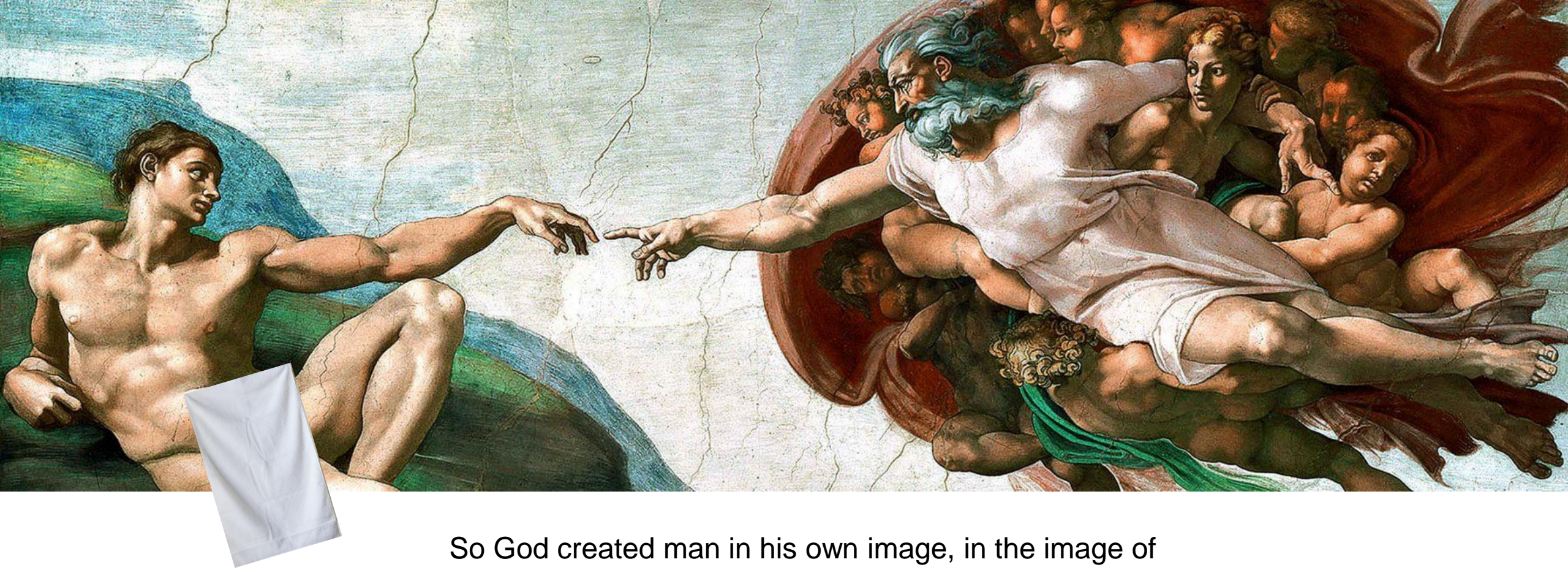


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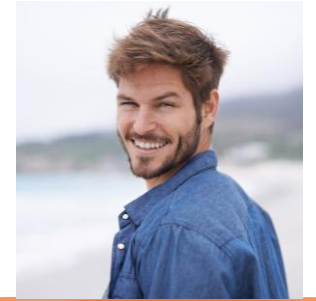


So God created man in his own image, in the image of God he created him; male and female he created them.



# The single life – 1 Cor 7

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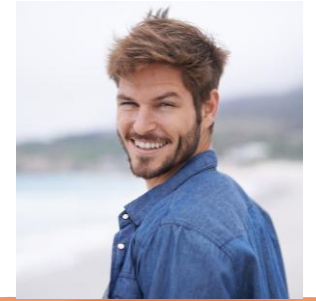


26 Because of the present crisis, I think it is best to remain as you are. 27 If you have a wife, do not seek to end the marriage. If you do not have a wife, do not seek to get married. 28 But if you do get married, it is not a sin. And if a young woman gets married, it is not a sin. However, those who get married at this time will have troubles, and I am trying to spare you those problems.


29 But let me say this, dear brothers and sisters: The time that remains is very short. So from now on, those with wives should not focus only on their marriage. 30 Those who weep or who rejoice or who buy things should not be absorbed by their weeping or their joy or their possessions. 31 Those who use the things of the world should not become attached to them. For this world as we know it will soon pass away.

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32 I want you to be free from the concerns of this life. An unmarried man can spend his time doing the Lord's work and thinking how to please him. 33 But a married man has to think about his earthly responsibilities and how to please his wife. 34 His interests are divided. In the same way, a woman who is no longer married or has never been married can be devoted to the Lord and holy in body and in spirit. But a married woman has to think about her earthly responsibilities and how to please her husband. 35 I am saying this for your benefit, not to place restrictions on you. I want you to do whatever will help you serve the Lord best, with as few distractions as possible.



# Singleness

## 1 Cor 7:26-35

There is always a present crisis  
(pressures of life)

Marriage and family is in some  
ways a distraction from the  
Lord's work

Singleness should always be an  
option. It was never meant to be  
a restriction.

# Matt 19

3 Some Pharisees came and tried to trap him with this question:

“Should a man be allowed to divorce his wife for just any reason?”

4 “Haven’t you read the Scriptures?” Jesus replied. “They record that from the beginning ‘God made them male and female.’” 5 And he said, “This explains why a man leaves his father and mother and is joined to his wife, and the two are united into one.’ 6 Since they are no longer two but one, let no one split apart what God has joined together.”


7 “Then why did Moses say in the law that a man could give his wife a written notice of divorce and send her away?” they asked.

# Matt 19

8 Jesus replied, “Moses permitted divorce only as a concession to your hard hearts, but it was not what God had originally intended. 9 And I tell you this, whoever divorces his wife and marries someone else commits adultery—unless his wife has been unfaithful.”

10 Jesus’ disciples then said to him, “If this is the case, it is better not to marry!”

11 **“Not everyone can accept this statement,” Jesus said. “Only those whom God helps.** 12 Some are born as eunuchs, some have been made eunuchs by others, and some choose not to marry for the sake of the Kingdom of Heaven. Let anyone accept this who can.”



# Singleness

## Matt 19:3-12

The disciples response to “no fault divorce” is telling!

Those who God gifts with singleness will receive it with joy

There is, again, a benefit for the Kingdom





# Single Parents

Ps 146:9 The LORD watches over the sojourners; he upholds the widow and the fatherless, but the way of the wicked he brings to ruin.

Ps 68:6 God places the lonely in families; he sets the prisoners free and gives them joy. But he makes the rebellious live in a sun-scorched land.

Brokenness





# Marriage is for Life!

- Sex outside of marriage is sin, including homosexuality
- Marriage is a wonderful gift of God
- Divorce should not be flippant

# God's moral law does not change

*1 Tim 1:10 The law is for people who are sexually immoral, or who practice homosexuality, or are slave traders, liars, promise breakers, or who do anything else that contradicts the wholesome teaching 11 that comes from the glorious Good News entrusted to me by our blessed God.*





# Dealing with brokenness

- You are not your feelings.
- You are broken human (like all of us) saved by the grace of God and being transformed from a sinner to a child of God!
- When you submit your will to Jesus, he can begin healing your brokenness
- It may take time to heal, don't give up.
- You may need help to heal – that's OK too.







## Parents of a child who is confused

- Love them unreservedly with all the love God can give you.
- Gently reassure them that reality got it right.
- Gently try to understand where these thoughts may be coming from.





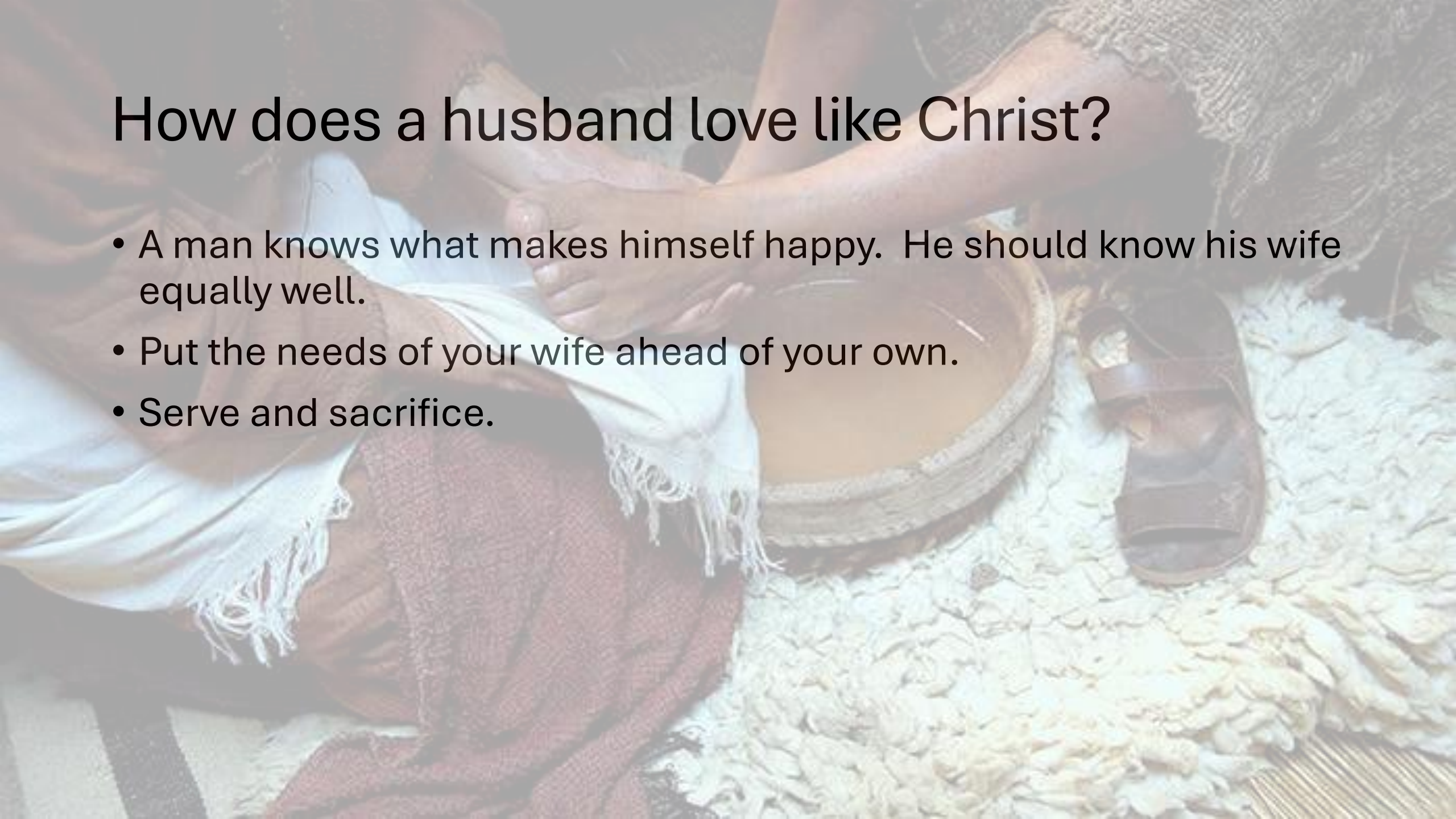


# Help for Marriages

- Instructions to husbands and wives all point to reversing the curse of contention in marriage from Gen 3
- It works as each one submits to Christ's redemptive work
- Draw a circle around yourself and work on everyone inside it
- Work on yourself first, even you only own 10% of the issue
- Address sin biblically

# How does a husband love like Christ?

- A man knows what makes himself happy. He should know his wife equally well.
- Put the needs of your wife ahead of your own.
- Serve and sacrifice.





How does a wife  
submit to and respect  
her husband?

- Recognize submission puts you and your family under God's watchful eye
- Always look for the positive and recognize the good
- Know the boundaries between human weakness and sin that should be confronted

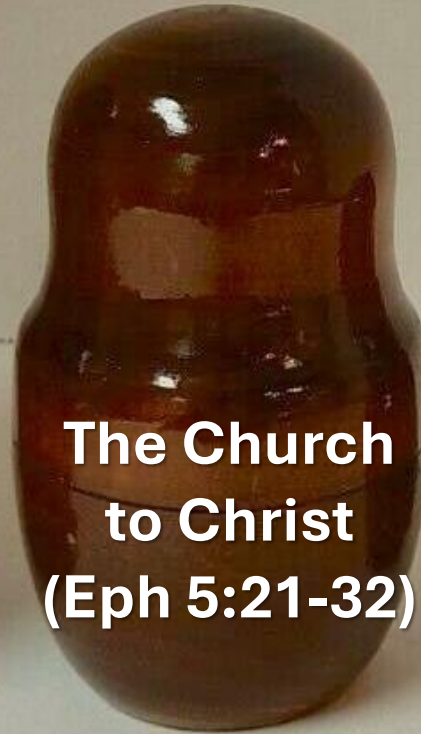


James 4:7 Submit yourselves, then, to God.

Eph 5:21 Submit to one another out of reverence for Christ.



**Christ to the Father**  
(Php 2:6-12)



**The Church  
to Christ**  
(Eph 5:21-32)

Church to Elders  
(Heb 13:17)



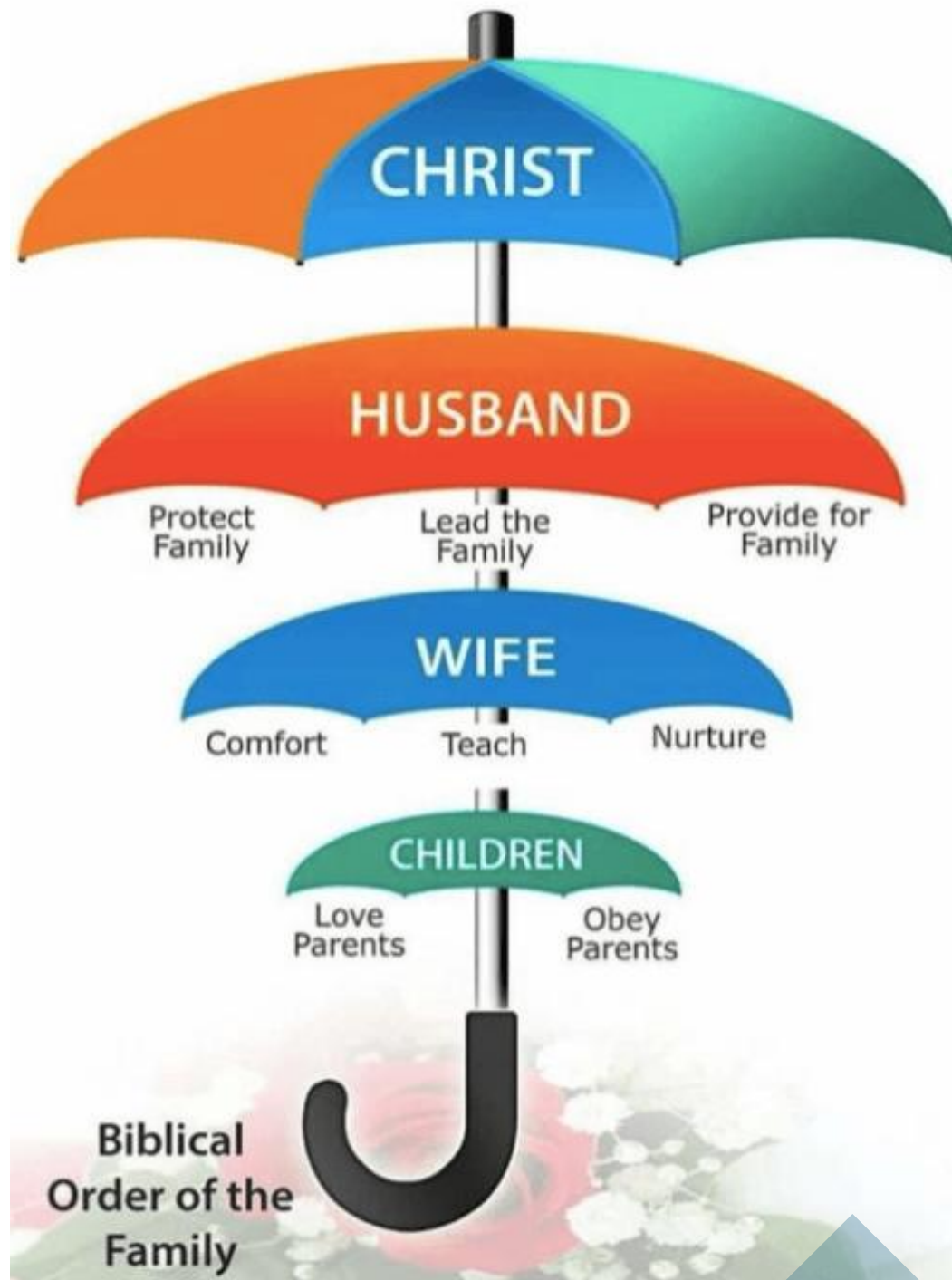
Kids to parents  
(Eph 5)



Wife to husband  
(Gen 1-3, Eph 5)







**Biblical  
Order of the  
Family**

# Confronting your spouse

*Gal 6:1 Dear brothers and sisters, if another believer is overcome by some sin, you who are godly should gently and humbly help that person back onto the right path. And be careful not to fall into the same temptation yourself.*



## Sometimes you should bring in others

*Matt 18:15 “If another believer sins against you, go privately and point out the offense. If the other person listens and confesses it, you have won that person back. 16 But if you are unsuccessful, take one or two others with you and go back again, so that everything you say may be confirmed by two or three witnesses. 17 If the person still refuses to listen, take your case to the church. Then if he or she won’t accept the church’s decision, treat that person as a pagan or a corrupt tax collector.*

# Let the work of redemption restore your life

- Men and women are created to be joint-heirs, co-rulers over creation, co-laborers in the kingdom.
- Biblical masculinity is the power to do good. Men need to be strong and loving.
- Biblical femininity is the power to nurture life. It functions in harmony with biblical male leadership.
- As we yield to the Word of God in our lives we reverse the curse.

