Walking In Love

Pastor Mark Wilks, Ephesians 5:21-33

²¹ **submitting to one another out of reverence for Christ**. ²² Wives, submit to your own husbands, **as to the Lord**. ²³ For the husband is the **head of the wife** even as Christ is the **head of the church**, his body, and is himself its Savior. ²⁴ Now as the church submits to Christ, so also **wives should submit in everything to their husbands**. ²⁵ Husbands, **love Your wives**, as Christ loved the church and gave himself up for her, ²⁶ that he might sanctify her, having cleansed her by the washing of water with the word, ²⁷ so that he might present the church to himself in splendor, without spot or wrinkle or any such thing, that she might be holy and without blemish. ²⁸ **In the same way** husbands should **love their wives** as their own bodies. He who loves his wife loves himself. ²⁹ For no one ever hated his own flesh, but nourishes and cherishes it, just as Christ does the church, ³⁰ because we are members of his body. ³¹ "Therefore a man shall leave his father and mother and hold fast to his wife, and the two shall become one flesh." ³² This mystery is profound, and I am saying that it refers to Christ and the church. ³³ However, let each one of you love his wife as himself, and let the wife see that she respects her husband. Ephesians 5:21-33 ESV

1. Surrender to Jesus as Lord. vs. 21

- Reasons we don't do marriage right:
 - a) We don't remember whose we are God's children.
 - b) We don't remember who we are Christ's body.
- Problems in marriage often stem out of a worship problem.

2. Submit to God's will and plan for your life.

- Wives <u>submit because of **who** God said your husband is</u>.
- Husbands love her whether you feel like it or not.

3. Serve your <u>spouse like</u> as you would <u>serve Jesus</u>.

- When Jesus <u>submitted to the Father</u> that didn't make him <u>less than the Father!</u>
- We are called to love with unconditional love. Eph. 2:4, 3:17&19, 5:2, 25, 28, 33