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**THE GOSPEL AND MARRIAGE**  
**Ephesians 5:22-33**

**Foundations...**

- The **glory** of God is the ultimate aim of marriage.
  - ▶ Marriage exists for **God** more than it exists for **you**.
- The **grace** of God is the ultimate hope for marriage.
  - ▶ The major problem in every marriage: **sin**.
  - ▶ The major solution for any marriage: **a Savior**.
- The **Gospel** of God is the ultimate picture in marriage.
  - ▶ Wives give a picture of the **church** to the world.
  - ▶ Husbands give a picture of **Christ** to the world.

**Instructions...**

- The roles...
  - ▶ As Christ relates to the church, the husband is the **head** of his wife.
  - ▶ As the church relates to Christ, the wife is the **helper** for her husband.
    - Genesis 2 – God **designs** this picture.
    - Genesis 3 – Sin **distorts** this picture.
- The wife's responsibilities...
  - ▶ Revere Christ through **submission** to your husband.
  - ▶ **Respect** your husband.
- The husband's responsibilities...
  - ▶ Reflect Christ through **sacrifice** for your wife.
  - ▶ **Love** your wife.
    - Love her **unselfishly**.
    - Love her **effectively**.
    - Love her carefully.
      - **Nourish** her.
      - **Cherish** her.
    - Love her **completely**.



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