



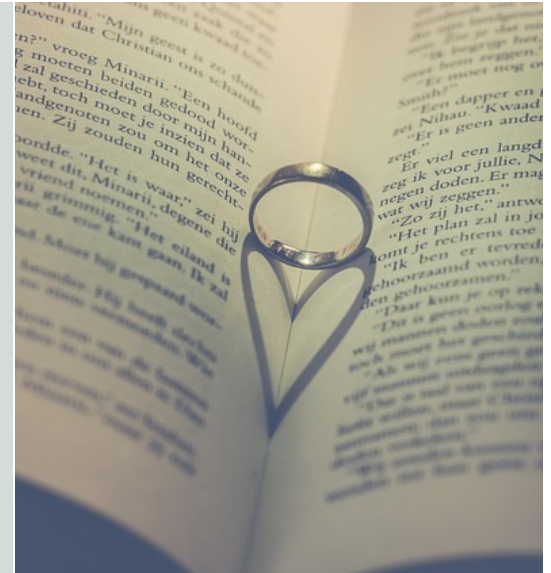
CHRIST AND THE CHURCH

Ephesians 5:32

WIVES

AN UNPOPULAR COMMAND

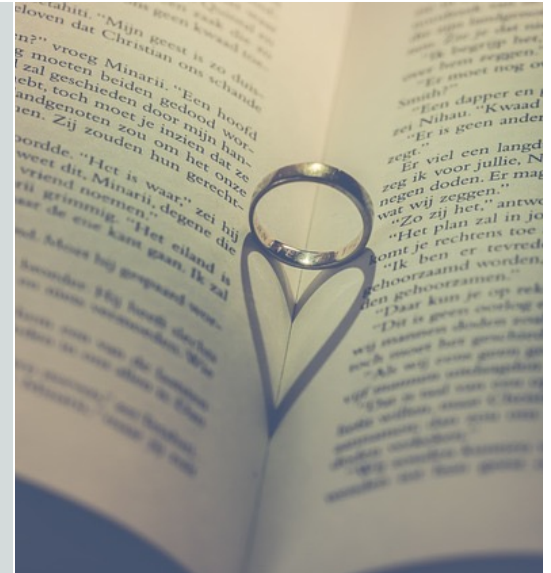
- This is a role of submission.
(Eph. 5:22-24)
- To husband, and, ultimately, to God!
(6:5; Tit. 2:3-5)
- Even when it seems difficult.
(1 Pet. 3:1-2)



HUSBANDS

AN UNTHINKABLE COMMAND

- This love prioritizes a focus on heaven.
(Eph. 5:25-27)
- This takes *active* care.
(vv. 28-30)
- This takes sacrifice.
(vv. 1-2; Rom. 5:5-8)



LEARNING FROM THE COMMAND

Eph. 5:31 *FOR THIS REASON A MAN SHALL LEAVE HIS FATHER AND MOTHER AND SHALL BE JOINED TO HIS WIFE, AND THE TWO SHALL BECOME ONE FLESH.* ³² *This mystery is great; but I am speaking with reference to Christ and the church.* ³³ *Nevertheless, each individual among you also is to love his own wife even as himself, and the wife must see to it that she respects her husband.*



1

Our example teaches something about Christ & the Church

2

Changing these roles is destructive

3

The most important relationship is one with God



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