

Sermon: Making Marriage Love Work

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Marriage is sometimes called _____ and _____ by theologians.

- You *LEAVE* your Father and Mother (your first family).

- You *CLEAVE* – cleave means **sticking to something** _____.

God setup _____ (not living together, not sleeping together, and not mere friendship) to mimic and demonstrate the _____ has for his people.

Ephesians 5 is about LOVE. And, verse 1 says: Love is a mix of _____ and _____. We see this in Jesus' love towards us.

All Christians are called to _____. This is love!

Defining submit:

- putting _____ first
- loving what someone else loves
- caring for each other's goals
- go with _____ and desires

All Christians submit, and, yes, wives are _____ their husbands, too.

All Christians should love one another, and husbands should definitely _____ as the highest example of Christian love.

Defining love:

- see above: _____ & holiness (Jesus!)
- Laying down _____
- Not using authority for yourself
- Becoming a servant
- Living for the _____ benefit

Jesus Christ left no stone unturned to benefit _____! Likewise, a husband should leave no stone unturned for the benefit of his wife, including the possibility of _____.

True love: Jesus Christ submitted himself to the Father, and faced death _____.
SACRIFICE and HOLINESS _____ together.