

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.**