

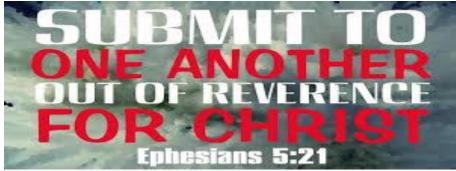
Sermon Notes: Be Faithful in Your God-Given Roles Key Scripture: Ephesians 6:5-9

The major human problem in (relationships) is that each side concentrates on securing its own rights, and on inducing the other side to its duty. Paul, however, reverses the emphasis. He urges each side to concentrate on its (own) responsibilities, not on its rights. Certainly if in...disputes the concern were for each side to fulfill its own duty and secure the other side's rights....relations would immediately be sweetened.

John Stott

### Psalm 139:1-8

- 1 You have searched me, Lord, and you know me.
- 2 You know when I sit and when I rise; you perceive my thoughts from afar.
- 3 You discern my going out and my lying down; you are familiar with all my ways.
- 4 Before a word is on my tongue you, Lord, know it completely.
- 5 You hem me in behind and before, and you lay your hand upon me.
- 6 Such knowledge is too wonderful for me, too lofty for me to attain.
- 7 Where can I go from your Spirit? Where can I flee from your presence?
- 8 If I go up to the heavens, you are there; if I make my bed in the depths, you are there.



Sermon Notes: Be Faithful in Your God-Given Roles Key Scripture: Ephesians 6:5-9

The major human problem in (relationships) is that each side concentrates on securing its own rights, and on inducing the other side to its duty. Paul, however, reverses the emphasis. He urges each side to concentrate on its (own) responsibilities, not on its rights. Certainly if in...disputes the concern were for each side to fulfill its own duty and secure the other side's rights....relations would immediately be sweetened.

John Stott

### Psalm 139:1-8

- 1 You have searched me, Lord, and you know me.
- 2 You know when I sit and when I rise; you perceive my thoughts from afar.
- 3 You discern my going out and my lying down; you are familiar with all my ways.
- 4 Before a word is on my tongue you, Lord, know it completely.
- 5 You hem me in behind and before, and you lay your hand upon me.
- 6 Such knowledge is too wonderful for me, too lofty for me to attain.
- 7 Where can I go from your Spirit? Where can I flee from your presence?
- 8 If I go up to the heavens, you are there; if I make my bed in the depths, you are there.

### Matthew 7:12

"Do to others whatever you would like them to do to you. This is the essence of all that is taught in the law and the prophets.

### John 14:26

But the Helper, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in My name, He will teach you all things, and bring to your remembrance all that I said to you.

# **Application:**

1. The first is this: If you are being unfaithful in a role the Lord has placed you in and the Holy Spirit is convicting you, confess and repent. As a husband, wife, father, mother, son, daughter, employer, or employee. God has sent the Holy Spirit as a Helper to convict and to give us the strength to help us do the hard things. He doesn't convict us and push us out the door, He walks with us to see it through.

Remember there's no such thing as a secret life.

2. If that's not you, Read Ephesians 5:21-6:9 to allow the Holy Spirit to reveal how you're doing. Not only in your earthly roles, but in your roles as the Bride of Christ, Children of God, and Slaves of Jesus.

Notes:	

### Matthew 7:12

"Do to others whatever you would like them to do to you. This is the essence of all that is taught in the law and the prophets.

### John 14:26

But the Helper, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in My name, He will teach you all things, and bring to your remembrance all that I said to you.

# **Application:**

2. The first is this: If you are being unfaithful in a role the Lord has placed you in and the Holy Spirit is convicting you, confess and repent. As a husband, wife, father, mother, son, daughter, employer, or employee. God has sent the Holy Spirit as a Helper to convict and to give us the strength to help us do the hard things. He doesn't convict us and push us out the door, He walks with us to see it through.

Remember there's no such thing as a secret life.

3. If that's not you, Read Ephesians 5:21-6:9 to allow the Holy Spirit to reveal how you're doing. Not only in your earthly roles, but in your roles as the Bride of Christ, Children of God, and Slaves of Jesus.

Notes:			