Sermon Notes: Love and Submission

Key Scripture: Ephesians 5:21-33

What is the point of peace in the church if there is no peace in the home?

- *John Stott*

1. God created us from the beginning _____ and _____. (Gen. 1:27)

God has created 2 sexes VERY differently so we can each bear distinct, but equal characteristics of the image of God by fulfilling the duties within the roles He has created us for.

Philippians 2:3-4 -
3 Do nothing out of selfish ambition or vain conceit. Rather, in humility value others above yourselves, 4 not looking to your own interests but each of you to the interests of the others.

2. Paul _____ saying that husbands have been placed by God as an authoritative figure in the marriage relationship. (Col 3:18ff, 1 Peter 3:1)

"Equality of worth is not identity of role."

- *JH Yoder*

2 Questions:

I. Where does the authority come from?

So the idea of god-given biblical authority is not _____ to rule over and dominate, but instead, _____; to God and for the benefit of those you've been placed over.

II. What does this mean for husbands and wives?

Wives: (Eph. 5:22-24)

Two main ideas: _____ and submission.

Husbands: (Eph. 5:25-33)

One command: _____ YOUR WIFE!

The giving of oneself to anybody is a recognition of the worth of the other self. For if I give myself up, it can only be because I value the other person so highly that I want to sacrifice myself for his or her self, in order that he may develop his selfhood, or she hers, more fully. Now to lose oneself that the other may find his or her self--that is the essence of the gospel of Christ. It is also the essence of the marriage relationship, for as the husband loves his wife and the wife submits to her husband, each is seeking to enable the other to become more fully himself or herself, within the harmonious complementarity of the sexes.

- Stott

Application:

1. If you are married, dating, or engaged, have a conversation with your spouse about today's message.
2. If you're not married read verses 31-32 again and marvel at the idea that Jesus left his place with the Father in heaven to be united with His bride, the church.

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