

## The Dynamics of Biblical Headship

1. Headship is a \_\_\_\_\_ not a \_\_\_\_\_
2. The boundary of headship is the \_\_\_\_\_ ( v 21 – “reverence for Christ”; v 26 – “with the Word”)
3. Headship is the authority to \_\_\_\_\_ (v 25)
4. Headship is the opportunity to \_\_\_\_\_ (v 26)
  - Jesus led by \_\_\_\_\_
  - Jesus led \_\_\_\_\_
  - Jesus led by spending \_\_\_\_\_
  - Jesus led by \_\_\_\_\_ authority
5. Headship means \_\_\_\_\_ one’s wife (v 27)
6. Headship means loving and caring for one’s wife as much as \_\_\_\_\_ love and care for \_\_\_\_\_ (vv 28-30)
7. Headship means loving and caring for one’s wife as much as \_\_\_\_\_ loves and cares for \_\_\_\_\_ (vv 31-33)

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## MUTUALLY SATISFYING MARRIAGE – PART I

EPHESIANS 5: 22-33

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It has been said - “*Marriage is a window in time through which the world grasps a glimpse of eternity.*”

Think about this. After Adam and Eve sin and are expelled from the Garden the only thing they brought out of the Garden was marriage. Ponder that for a moment. When Adam sinned, he and Eve lost everything except each other. That tells us God was not finished bringing glory to Himself using our marriages to do that. Until we grasp this, we will never have a proper foundation for thinking with a Christian worldview about marriage.

Your marriage is not primarily about you, your husband or wife, your children or your family.

**Your marriage is about God!** The way God set up marriage is to be a witness to the honor and glory of God. This is why in order to experience The Worthy Life, which is the only life true to a God Centered Gospel, our marriages must be lived by God’s design.

**Idea:** Biblically constituted marriage between a woman and a man calls for an *ordered equality*. The shared goal of marriage is “oneness” (i.e. intimacy) which grows deeper when there is servant leadership and mutual submission.

### Biblical Principles: re. Marriage

1. God \_\_\_\_\_ marriage to display His \_\_\_\_\_ in the world
2. The shared \_\_\_\_\_ of marriage is “oneness”
3. This oneness grows in the fertile soil of an ordered \_\_\_\_\_

### The Misconceptions of Biblical Headship

1. Headship is not grounded in any supposed superiority of the husband or \_\_\_\_\_ of the wife (cf. 1 Cor. 11:1-3)
2. Husbands are never commanded to \_\_\_\_\_ their wives, but to \_\_\_\_\_ them (vv 25, 28, 33)
3. Headship is never portrayed in Scripture as a means for \_\_\_\_\_ or \_\_\_\_\_
4. Headship does not mean that the husband must make every \_\_\_\_\_