

# The Believer's Family (pt. 5)

## The Conflict in Marriage

### Ephesians 5:21-33 (NIV)

<sup>21</sup> Submit to one another out of reverence for Christ.

<sup>22</sup> Wives, submit to your husbands as to the Lord.

<sup>23</sup> For the husband is the head of the wife as Christ is the head of the church, his body, of which he is the Savior.

<sup>24</sup> Now as the church submits to Christ, so also wives should submit to their husbands in everything.

<sup>25</sup> Husbands, love your wives, just as Christ loved the church and gave himself up for her

<sup>26</sup> to make her holy, cleansing her by the washing with water through the word,

<sup>27</sup> and to present her to himself as a radiant church, without stain or wrinkle or any other blemish, but holy and blameless.

<sup>28</sup> In this same way, husbands ought to love their wives as their own bodies. He who loves his wife loves himself.

<sup>29</sup> After all, no one ever hated his own body, but he feeds and cares for it, just as Christ does the church--

<sup>30</sup> for we are members of his body.

<sup>31</sup> "For this reason a man will leave his father and mother and be united to his wife, and the two will become one flesh."

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<sup>33</sup> However, each one of you also must love his wife as he loves himself, and the wife must respect her husband.

**The conflict in marriage is based on *hurt* and *hunger*.**

### What we need to know

1. As a result of \_\_\_\_\_, we all suffer from \_\_\_\_\_.
2. Marriage does not bring us into \_\_\_\_\_ with our \_\_\_\_\_,  
it brings us into \_\_\_\_\_ with \_\_\_\_\_.

### What is the problem

3. Hurting people \_\_\_\_\_.

### Genesis 3:7-10 (NIV)

<sup>7</sup> Then the eyes of both of them were opened, and they realized they were naked; so they sewed fig leaves together and made coverings for themselves.

<sup>8</sup> Then the man and his wife heard the sound of the LORD God as he was walking in the garden in the cool of the day, and they hid from the LORD God among the trees of the garden.

<sup>9</sup> But the LORD God called to the man, "Where are you?"

<sup>10</sup> He answered, "I heard you in the garden, and I was afraid because I was naked; so I hid."

4. Hurting people are \_\_\_\_\_.

**Genesis 3:11-12 (NIV)**

<sup>11</sup> And he said, "Who told you that you were naked? Have you eaten from the tree that I commanded you not to eat from?"

<sup>12</sup> The man said, "The woman you put here with me--she gave me some fruit from the tree, and I ate it." <sup>13</sup> Then the LORD God said to the woman, "What is this you have done?" The woman said, "The serpent deceived me, and I ate."

5. Hurting \_\_\_\_\_ hurt \_\_\_\_\_.

**Genesis 3:16 (NIV)** Your desire will be for your husband, and he will rule over you."

**What is the solution**

6. \_\_\_\_\_ as if marriage was about \_\_\_\_\_.

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7. \_\_\_\_\_ your wounds to \_\_\_\_\_.

**1 John 1:9 (NIV)**

<sup>9</sup> If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just and will forgive us our sins and purify us from all unrighteousness.

8. \_\_\_\_\_ your wounds to your \_\_\_\_\_.

9. Confess \_\_\_\_\_ wounds that continue to haunt your \_\_\_\_\_ to Christ with your mate.

10. Make \_\_\_\_\_ the top \_\_\_\_\_ in your marriage.

11. Marriage is not designed to make you \_\_\_\_\_, it is designed to make you \_\_\_\_\_, and \_\_\_\_\_ people are \_\_\_\_\_.