

## The Believer's Family (pt. 8) The Connection 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 (cleave) to his wife, and the two will become one flesh."**

<sup>32</sup> This is a profound mystery--but I am talking about Christ and the church.

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

### Cleave/be united = one flesh

1. \_\_\_\_\_ means: glued, bound, fastened together,
2. \_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_ means: two people bound, glued, fastened together.
3. Bound/glued/fastened \_\_\_\_\_.
  - a. Base your marriage on \_\_\_\_\_.

4. Bound/glued/fastened \_\_\_\_\_.

b. Discuss \_\_\_\_\_.

5. Bound/glued/fastened \_\_\_\_\_.

c. \_\_\_\_\_ to your mate what they need; it is the only way you will get what you need.

6. Bound/glued/fastened \_\_\_\_\_.

d. Be \_\_\_\_\_; love is giving yourself away.

7. Bound/glued/fastened \_\_\_\_\_.

e. \_\_\_\_\_; you carry more power than you think.

8. Bound/glued/fastened \_\_\_\_\_.

f. Be on a \_\_\_\_\_; you have been joined together for it.

9. Bound/glued/fastened \_\_\_\_\_.

g. \_\_\_\_\_ your one flesh relationship.

10. Your one flesh relationship must be \_\_\_\_\_ . If it is not, you will \_\_\_\_\_ yourself and your mate \_\_\_\_\_.