

# The Context for a Great Marriage

## Understanding Ephesians 5:22-33 in light of the entire letter of Ephesians

*Introduction:*

*Proverbs 18:22 He who finds a wife finds a good thing, And obtains favor from the Lord*

**Ephesians 1 Is your marriage \_\_\_\_\_ for God's Glory?**

*Ephesians 5:32 This mystery is great; but I am speaking with reference to Christ and the church.*

**Ephesians 2 Is your marriage saturated with the \_\_\_\_\_?**

## Ephesians 3 Is your marriage living by truth or \_\_\_\_\_?

*John 8:36 If therefore the Son shall make you free, you shall be free indeed.*

## Ephesians 4 Is your marriage \_\_\_\_\_ in the local church?

*1 Corinthians 12:21 And the eye cannot say to the hand, "I have no need of you"; or again the head to the feet, "I have no need of you."*

## Ephesians 5 Is your marriage \_\_\_\_\_ ?

**MEMORY VERSE:** Galatians 5:16 *But I say, walk by the Spirit, and you will not carry out the desire of the flesh.*

### **QUESTIONS for date night discussion and relational understanding:**

- 1-Why do so many non Christians struggle in their marriage?
- 2-How many reasons can you think of that explain why church attendees struggle in their marriages?
- 3-Out of chapters 1 through 5 in Ephesians, which one is the strongest and which one is the weakest in your marriage or relationships?
- 4-What kind of blessings can come to a marriage or relationship that is more God and Gospel centered?
- 5-Where do you see traditions causing a struggle in your relationship?
- 6-Some Christians abandon responsibility to their marriage and children and expect the church to take care of it. Others so isolate their marriage and children from the church, the body has no impact on them? How can your marriage and children be BOTH your responsibility and the churches responsibility? How does that work?
- 7-Have your spouse or roommate or friend answer this question for you – What clear indicators do you have that you are filled with the Spirit in your marriage, parenting, relationships and profession?

**PROJECT:** STEP ONE Write out a schedule on a calendar that clearly indicates a life of faithfulness to your spouse, regular time to your children, faithfulness to attend church, serve faithfully in ministry, and seeks to have an impact for the gospel in the world around you. STEP TWO: Add in everything else you have committed to in your current lifestyle. STEP THREE Pray about what temporary things need to be cut out of your life so that you can accomplish those things that are eternal.