



*Welcome to
Heart-to-Heart*

**The “S” Word:
Understanding What God
Meant When He Said “Submit”**

A Matter of Lordship

How did Jesus answer the disciples when they asked him what the greatest commandment was?

What ever happened to old-fashion love?

We have thrown it away or traded it in by:

1. Giving up on oneness in marriage
2. Replacing it with autonomy/
self-interest
3. Discarding commitment
4. Making instant gratification the criterion
for determining life's choices

What Biblical Submission IS NOT

1. Agreeing with everything your husband says.
2. Having to leave your brain or your will at the wedding altar.
3. Avoiding every effort to change a husband.

What Biblical Submission IS NOT

4. Putting the will of your husband before the will of Christ.
5. Getting personal, spiritual strength primarily through your husband.
6. Acting out of fear.

What Biblical Submission IS

... yielding to another's desires
without resistance.

Greek hupakouo

- Typically used for obedience in the New Testament - “under the hearing of commands”
- The subordinate is offered no alternative but to obey
- *Ephesians 6:1, I Thessalonians 1:7-9*

Greek hypotasso

- Submission in the New Testament – “under placement or position, status or rank”
- The subordinate consciously and freely gives their own will to the will of the authority
- *Ephesians 5:22, I Peter 2:13-15, Hebrews 13:17*

Obedience vs. Submission

- Obedience is an external act of compliance, typically to “rules”
- Obedience involves consequences
- Submission is a respectful attitude before, during and after ALL actions
- Submission involves freedom of choice

“... marriage is not mainly about staying in love. It’s about covenant keeping. And the main reason it is about covenant keeping is that God designed the relationship between a husband and his wife to represent the relationship between Christ and the church. This is the deepest meaning of marriage.”

– John Piper

What if marriage was for purpose of...

- **Becoming more like Jesus?**

Romans 8:26-29; Philippians 2:3-9

- **Learning to love others unconditionally as God loves us?**

Romans 5:8; I Corinthians 13:4-8/I John 4:8; Galatians 5:14

- **Sharing in the suffering and the glory of Jesus?**

Romans 8:15-17; I Corinthians 4:6-18

“It was thus that Sarah obeyed Abraham [following his guidance and acknowledging his headship over her by] calling him lord (master, leader, authority). And you are now her true daughters if you do right and let nothing terrify you [not giving way to hysterical fears or letting anxieties unnerve you].”

I Peter 3:6 (Amplified)

Meekness

= strength under control

Ephesians 5:21-23

[Amplified Bible]

21 Be subject to one another out of reverence for Christ (the Messiah, the Anointed One).

22 Wives, be subject (be submissive and adapt yourselves) to your own husbands as [a service] to the Lord.

23 For the husband is head of the wife as Christ is the Head of the church, Himself the Savior of [His] body.

I Peter 3:2

[Amplified Bible]

“ ... you are to feel for him all that reverence includes: to respect, defer to, revere him--to honor, esteem, appreciate, prize, and, in the human sense, to adore him, that is, to admire, praise, be devoted to, deeply love, and *enjoy* your husband.”

