



Rooted in Scripture - Pointing to Jesus

CHRISTIAN LIVING

Ephesians 5:22-33

Marriage Shaped by Christ's Sacrificial Love

The Short Answer

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Ephesians 5:21-33 • Genesis 2:18-25 • Mark 10:42-45

Opening Memory Anchor

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1. Start With the Truth

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2. What Scripture Reveals

Jesus is the pattern for love that serves rather than controls.

Read the cited passages in context. Notice what they say about God's character, human need, and the hope offered through Jesus.

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3. Hold the Whole Story Together

The Bible gives neither shallow answers nor hopelessness. It tells the truth about a broken world while directing believers to God's presence, wisdom, mercy, and promised renewal.

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4. Jesus at the Center

Jesus meets people in their need. His death addresses sin; His resurrection establishes a hope stronger than suffering, failure, fear, and death. Christian response begins with belonging to Him.

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5. Avoid Common Distortions

This passage must never be used to excuse coercion, abuse, or the silencing of wise concern.

A faithful reading refuses to use Scripture as a slogan, a weapon, or a shortcut around wise care.

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6. Walk Wisely With Others

God often provides care through the church, trusted friends, pastors, counseling, medical care, and practical support. Asking for help can be a faithful act of humility.

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Want to Go Deeper?

Read the key passages again and trace their context. Ask how the passage first speaks in its own setting before applying it personally.

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8. A Faithful Practice

Read the passage in context; ask how Christlike humility, honor, and sacrificial care can shape one relationship.

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9. Prayer

Father, help me receive Your truth with honesty and hope. Give wisdom for the next faithful step, grace to receive help, and a deeper trust in Jesus. Amen.

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