

Learning to Love Like Jesus (Eph. 5:22-33)

Intro: By now we realize that loving like Jesus means much more than the sensual lust that our world encourages, but what does it really mean for a husband to love his wife with a Jesus kind of love?

1. A Love That **SACRIFICES**

v. 25

- like Christ in His **DEATH**...
- like Christ in His **LIFE**...
 - His love targeted the needy, and not the self-sufficient.
 - His love was costly, and He willingly paid the price.

2. A Love That **SANCTIFIES**

vs. 26-27

- to sanctify= to set apart; to make holy

This mandates that the husband be a spiritual leader for his wife, deeply committed to her **HOLINESS**.

- by **PERSONAL EXAMPLE**
- by **ACTIVE LEADERSHIP**

3. A Love That **SATISFIES**

vs. 28-29

- Sacrificially caring for her will tend to **COME BACK TO YOU**.
- Investing in her holiness will richly **BLESS YOU**.

vs. 31-33 Loving husbands and submissive wives...this is what marriage is all about!

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(CONNECT questions for 5/26)

--Read Ephesians 5:25-33

1. In your opinion, what did Jesus do in His life that best demonstrated His sacrificial love for people?

2. In what situations is it likely that husbands will be called upon to love their wives sacrificially?

3. What should a man do if his wife resists or opposes his attempts at spiritual leadership in the home?

What should a woman do if her husband makes no effort to be a spiritual leader?

4. Husbands, how has the godly character and behavior of your own wife blessed you and enriched your life? (specific examples)