

Video 2

When Satan Photobombs My Marital Selfie

How Satan Photobombs My Marital Selfie

I submit to your married folks, this little passage—if you live it, if you believe it—will fix 99% of your unreconcilable differences.

Ephesians 5:31, 15- (ESV)

*“Therefore a man shall leave his father and mother and hold fast to his wife, and the two shall become one flesh.” ³² This **mystery** is profound, and I am saying that it refers to Christ and the church. ³³ However, let each one of you love his wife as himself, and let the wife see that she respects her husband.*

My relationship with my spouse is a picture of Jesus and the church.

This is GOD’S _____ ...

“What do you mean, ‘God’s Secret?’”

At the end of this teaching on successful, Spirit-filled marriage...

Paul lays this marker down...

Ephesians 5:31-32 ^{ESV}

³¹ *“Therefore a man shall leave his father and mother and hold fast to his wife, and the two shall become one flesh.” ³² This **mystery** is profound, and I am saying that it refers to Christ and the church.*

Ephesians 5:32-33 ^{TEV}

³² *There is a deep secret truth revealed in this scripture, which I understand as applying to Christ and the church. ³³ But it also applies to you: every husband must love his wife as himself, and every wife must respect her husband.*

Why hasn't my marriage turned out the way I'd hoped?

Why are we always _____ ?

Why doesn't she want to get _____ with me?

The answer lies smack dab between verses 15 & 33 of Ephesians chapter 5...

Ephesians 5:31, 15- (ESV)

¹⁵ Look carefully then how you walk, not as unwise but as wise, ¹⁶ making the best use of the time, because the days are evil. ¹⁷ Therefore do not be foolish, but understand what the will of the Lord is. ¹⁸ And do not get drunk with wine, for that is debauchery, but be filled with the Spirit, ¹⁹ addressing one another in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing and making melody to the Lord with your heart, ²⁰ giving thanks always and for everything to God the Father in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, ²¹ submitting to one another out of reverence for Christ.

And it's still a *MYSTERY* to many of you...

*It's still a **SECRET***

You've tried to do marriage the best you could; your way or how you saw your parents do it.

Satan showed up in your Marital Selfie and he has ruined the intended picture.

Ephesians 5:15-33 ^{ESV}

¹⁵ Look carefully then how you walk, not as unwise but as wise...

¹⁷ Therefore do not be foolish, but understand what the will of the Lord is.

*¹⁸ And do not get drunk with wine... **but be filled with the Spirit...***

What's he saying?

I can't make my marriage work!

I can't make my marriage work as God designed – Only HE can → Thru Spirit-Filled-ME

It's no wonder your marriage is on the rocks if you're not **CONTINUALLY** being filled with the Spirit of GOD!

²¹ submitting (ὑποτάσσω: hupatasso) to **one another** out of reverence for Christ.

What is submitting?

- _____ lining up under another
- _____ putting others ahead of yourself

We don't **naturally** do this, this has to be GOD-driven.

²² Wives, **submit** to your own **husbands**, as to the Lord.

²³ For the **husband** is the **head** of the **wife** even as Christ is the **head** of the **church**, his body, and is himself its Savior.

Paul goes all military on us.

He is using a military term here; ὑποτάσσω: *hupatasso* – “to line up under”

This has nothing to do with _____ .

This has nothing to do with _____ or *intellect*.

This has to do with _____ .

This has to do with _____ .

*²⁴ Now as the church submits to Christ, so also wives should submit in **everything** to their husbands.*

Paul uses **52** words to lay out the Role of Wives in a Christian marriage.

He uses **104**, twice as much for the **husband**!

*²⁵ Husbands, **love** your wives, as Christ **loved** the **church** and gave himself up for her, ²⁶ that he might sanctify her, having cleansed her by the washing of water with the word, ²⁷ so that he might present the church to himself in splendor, without spot or wrinkle or any such thing, that she might be holy and without blemish. ²⁸ In the same way **husbands** should **love** their wives as their own bodies. He who loves his wife loves himself. ²⁹ For no one ever hated his own flesh, but nourishes and cherishes it, just as Christ does the church, ³⁰ because we are members of his body.*

³¹ “Therefore a man shall leave his father and mother and hold fast to his wife, and the two shall become one flesh.”

³² *This mystery is profound, and I am saying that it refers to Christ and the church.* ³³ *However, let each one of you love his wife as himself, and let the wife see that she respects her husband.*

**God's marriage demonstration takes FAITH.
Satan's marriage temptation takes FEELINGS.**

²² *Wives, **SUBMIT** to your own husbands, as to the Lord.*

Submit = ὑποτάσσω (**hupotosso**) = “to voluntarily line up under”

This is **VOLUNTARY**, *by faith & obedience.*

You are **VOLUNTARILY** placing yourself under your husband. Under his leadership and protection. Under his provision and direction.

This is the **WIFE** – *in faith* – putting aside _____ and doing it God's Way – *the Marriage Designer's way.*

JESUS—God the Son *did this!*

Same Greek word in other places in the NT about Jesus.

Luke 2:51 ^{ESV}

⁵¹ *And [Jesus as a child] went down with [Joseph and Mary] and came to Nazareth and **was submissive** (ὑποτάσσω: **hupotasso**) to them...*

1 Corinthians 15:28 ^{GW}

²⁸ *But when God puts everything under Christ's authority, the Son will **put himself** (ὑποτάσσω: **hupotasso**) **under God's authority**, since God had put everything under the Son's authority. Then God will be in control of everything.*

The Bible is clear that Jesus is EQUAL with the Father.

²² *Wives, submit to your **OWN** husbands, as to the Lord.*

One reason Christianity was hated when it arrived, was that it actually liberated women!

Paul, then, inspired by the Holy Spirit has the audacity to write...

Galatians 3:28 ^{MSG}

*In Christ's family there can be no division into Jew and non-Jew, slave and free, male and female. **Among us you are all equal.** That is, we are all in a common relationship with Jesus Christ.*

Scripture never contradicts itself

We are EQUAL

But look at this...

Is He *equal* with the **FATHER**?

THEY'RE EQUAL in Relationship & Worth

But they're Different in ROLES

Philippians 2:5-8 ^{HCSB}

⁵ ***Make your own attitude that of Christ Jesus,*** ⁶ *who, existing in the form of God, did not consider equality with God as something to be used for His own advantage.* ⁷ *Instead He emptied Himself by assuming the form of a slave, taking on the likeness of men. And when He had come as a man in His external form,* ⁸ *He humbled Himself by becoming obedient to the point of death— even to death on a cross.*

*This has nothing to do with **my**_____ ...*

*It has everything to do with **his roles***

WHY do wives have to ‘submit’?

God lays it out...

²³ *For the husband is the **HEAD** of the wife even as Christ is the **HEAD** of the church, his body, and is himself its Savior.*

In the Navy, we called this the Chain of Command

1 Corinthians 11:3 ^{ESV}

*But I want you to understand that the **head** of every man is Christ, the **head** of a wife is her husband, and the head of Christ is God.*

A headless body is what? **DEAD**

A body with 2 heads is a what? **FREAK**

Differing _____ **... (Husband & Wife)**

Ultimate _____ **... (Husband)**

Problem in many homes — Men want Headship without Responsibility!

Think about your Football Team...

Who's the Play caller on the field?

Is he more important than the receiver?

Is he more important than the offensive lineman?

No, but he's the play caller!

(when the team loses—he usually gets most of the blame)

Genesis 3:1-6 ^{NIV}

¹ Now the serpent was more crafty than any of the wild animals the LORD God had made. He said to the **WOMAN**, "Did God really say, 'You must not eat from any tree in the garden'?"... ⁵God knows that when you eat of it your eyes will be opened, and you will be like God, knowing good and evil."

⁶ When the **WOMAN** saw that the fruit of the tree was good for food and pleasing to the eye, and also desirable for gaining wisdom, she took some and ate it. She also gave some to her **HUSBAND**, who was **WITH** her, and he ate it.

God had *already* designed the Roles

1 Timothy 2:11-13 ^{NIV}

A woman should learn in quietness and full **SUBMISSION**. ¹² I do not permit a woman to teach or to have authority over a man; she must be silent. ¹³ **For Adam was formed first, then Eve.**

Now—quick—look back at Genesis...

Adam and Eve (and humanity) **FALL into SIN...** and the **Man** is judged and the **Serpent**, and the **Woman**...

Genesis 3:16-17 ^{NLT2}

17 And to the man he said, “Since you listened to your wife [obeyed her] ... the ground is cursed because of you. All your life you will struggle to scratch a living from it.

16 Then he said to the woman, “I will sharpen the pain of your pregnancy, and in pain you will give birth. And you will desire to control your husband, but he will rule over you.”

Now, there is tension in your home because there are not clear lines of leadership.

The marriage **ROLES** didn't come from the fall. They came out of the Creator's Design.

The _____ over the roles came from the *FALL*

The POWER of a Submissive Wife

Ladies, wives – do it *YOUR* way... and you only have *YOUR POWER*...

You do it GOD'S WAY –

You get God's Power!

Jesus submitted

- *To His Parents*
- *To His God the Father*
- *To the Cross*

SO... When I practice biblical submission—Guess who I'm like?

Guess who DIDN'T SUBMIT and got thrown out of Heaven?

I know this is a hard truth for some of you... *But I have to be true to His Word...*

Here's the Message...

**Our Christian marriage
is to be a *selfie* of Christ and the Church!**

When people look at it, when we show our selfie off...

Our relationship is supposed to look like the awesome relationship of Jesus and the Church!

God will use that picture, that selfie, to make other people who see it want to get a cool selfie like that... in their life...

Satan wants to Photobomb that Marital Selfie!

How can you say there's **POWER** in being a Submissive Wife?

1 Peter 3:1-6 ^{NIV}

Wives, in the same way be submissive to your husbands so that, if any of them do not believe the word, they may be won over without words by the behavior of their wives, when they see the purity and reverence of your lives...

For this is the way the holy women of the past who put their hope in God used to make themselves beautiful. They were submissive to their own husbands, like Sarah, who obeyed Abraham and called him her master. You are her daughters if you do what is right and do not give way to fear.

This isn't a **PROMISE**, but it is a _____ .

The amazing power of a submissive wife!

Grab that POWER, lady...

USE that POWER in your marriage and home

Let your kids SEE that POWER

Please your God and start FIXING YOUR MARRIAGE

Some weary and tired lady says, "Are you saying it is all up to ME?"

Guess what? He's supposed to submit to you too! (And his is HARDER!)

Make sure you men watch the next video!

Let's Quit letting Satan Photobomb our Marital Selfies.

Let's start making the Picture Match what we say we believe!