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Sermon Notes  
Ephesians 5:22-33

Having a counter cultural marriage depends on:

1. The position you accept
2. The posture you assume
3. The purpose you pursue

A wife submits:

1. To one man, her husband (says nothing of her value in culture)
2. Because she loves Jesus
3. Without diminishing her worth

Luke 22:42 ESV

42 saying, "Father, if you are willing, remove this cup from me. Nevertheless, not my will, but yours, be done."

A husband leads by:

1. Taking care of his relationship with God first
2. Making it easy for his wife to submit
3. Not forcing his wife to submit

"The woman was made out of Adam's side. She was not made out of his head to rule over him, nor out of his feet to be trampled upon by him, but out of his side to be equal with him, under his arm to be protected, and near his heart to be loved."

Matthew Henry

Posture: Love & Respect - but why?

1. We need to be taught to do what doesn't come naturally
2. We need to be reminded what our spouse needs most
3. These things are powerful

1 Peter 3:1-2 ESV

1 Likewise, wives, be subject to your own husbands, so that even if some do not obey the word, they may be won without a word by the conduct of their wives, 2 when they see your respectful and pure conduct.

Ephesians 5:26-27 NLT

26 to make her holy and clean, washed by the cleansing of God's word. 27 He did this to present her to himself as a glorious church without a spot or wrinkle or any other blemish. Instead, she will be holy and without fault.

Wives treat your husbands with respect, like a "VIP"

1. Respect your husband verbally
2. Respect your husband intellectually
3. Respect your husband physically

Husbands love your wives

1. Treat her as your own body
2. Nourish her by your actions
3. Be considerate

Genesis 2:24 ESV

24 Therefore a man shall leave his father and his mother and hold fast to his wife, and they shall become one flesh.

Colossians 3:19 ESV

19 Husbands, love your wives, and do not be harsh with them.

1 Peter 3:7 NLT

7 In the same way, you husbands must give honor to your wives. Treat your wife with understanding as you live together. She may be weaker than you are, but she is your equal partner in God's gift of new life. Treat her as you should so your prayers will not be hindered.

What's the purpose of marriage?

Genesis 1:27 ESV

27 So God created man in his own image ,in the image of God he created him; male and female he created them.

"God has ultimately designed marriage not to satisfy our needs but to display his glory in the gospel."  
David Platt

What does your marriage say about:

- unconditional love
- forgiveness
- grace