

Ephesians 5 | November 19, 2023

## Sermon Notes

**Triggers: You're Not the Boss of Me!**

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### I. Quote

- A. Who said it?
- B. Realities of gender disparity.

### II. Turning to Scripture

- A. For comfort, guidance...but
- B. St. Paul as misunderstood on his perspective on women.
- C. Misunderstanding has consequences.

### III. From alienation to love, important foundations

- A. Genesis 2:18 Woman created as "Ezer"
  - i. Ezer means \_\_\_\_\_
- B. Genesis 3:14-15: Cursed serpent
  - i. Effects of the Fall and disparity.

### IV. Questions about trigger text, Ephesians 5

- A. ***"Wives submit to your own husbands."***
  - i. Does Paul mean every woman to every man?
  - ii. Does Paul mean every wife to every husband?
- B. Paul's view of submission
  - i. "The wives" title of respect
  - ii. Limited to one's own husband.
  - iii. Voluntary choice.
  - iv. Includes obligation on husband's part.

### V. Paul's mandate to husbands

- A. ***"Husbands, love your wives, just as Christ loved the church and gave himself up for her..."***

### VI. Erasing the trigger

- A. Correction of the origin of created status.
- B. Paul is misunderstood as oppressive when in historical and cultural context, he is declaring great love and respect for women.
- C. Wives and husbands are invited to submission to each other as Christ to the Church.
- D. The work of God on the cross broke the curse!

### VII. Conclusion

- A. We love like Christ in gratitude for what Christ has done for us, serving each other with mutuality and joy!