

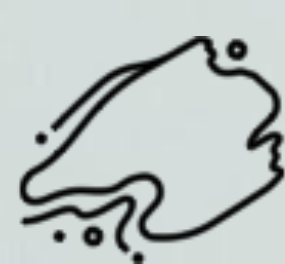
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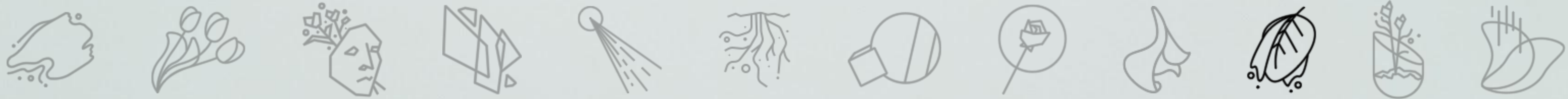
# Marriage in Christ

Ephesians 5:21-33









Week Ten |  
**Marriage in Christ**





5:18

## Command

be filled with the Spirit

5:19-21

## Spirit-filled living

speaking...

singing..

making music...

giving thanks...

submitting to one another...

5:22, 25

## Submission

...wives to your husbands...

and husbands love your wives.

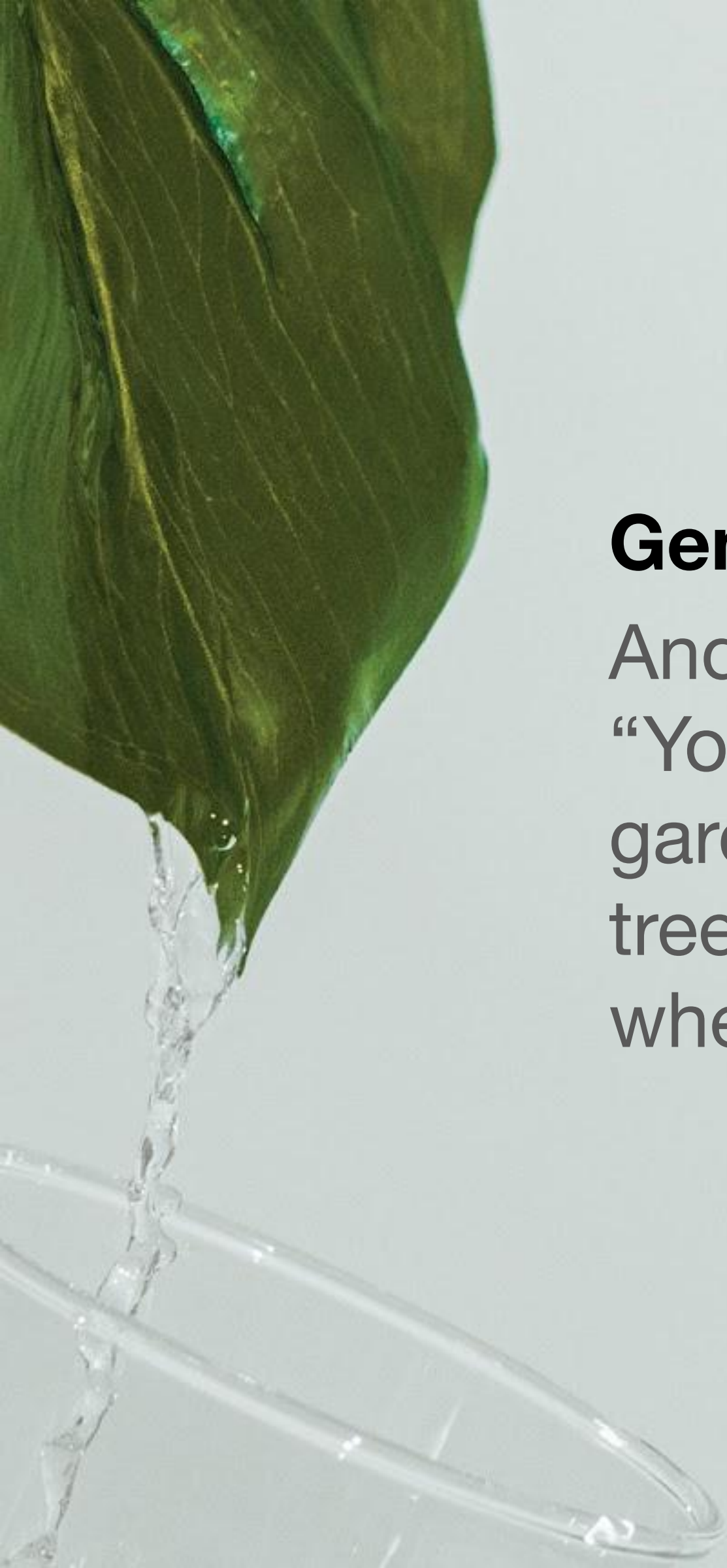


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<sup>22</sup> Wives, submit yourselves to your own husbands as you do to the Lord. <sup>23</sup> For the husband is the head of the wife as Christ is the head of the church, his body, of which he is the Savior. <sup>24</sup> Now as the church submits to Christ, so also wives should submit to their husbands in everything.







### Genesis 2:16-17 <sup>NIV</sup>

And the LORD God commanded the man, “You are free to eat from any tree in the garden; <sup>17</sup> but you must not eat from the tree of the knowledge of good and evil, for when you eat from it **you will certainly die.**”

### Genesis 3:11-12 <sup>NIV</sup>

And he said, “Who told you that you were naked? Have you eaten from the tree that I commanded you not to eat from?” <sup>12</sup> The man said, “**The woman you put here with me**—she gave me some fruit from the tree, and I ate it.”



**Genesis 3:16** <sup>NIV</sup>

To the woman he said,

“I will make your pains in childbearing very severe;  
with painful labor you will give birth to children.

**Your desire will be for** your husband,  
and he will rule over you.”





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**Ephesians 5:25-30** NIV

Husbands, love your wives, just as Christ loved the church and gave himself up for her <sup>26</sup> to make her holy, cleansing her by the washing with water through the word, <sup>27</sup> and to present her to himself as a radiant church, without stain or wrinkle or any other blemish, but holy and blameless. <sup>28</sup> In this same way, husbands ought to love their wives as their own bodies. He who loves his wife loves himself. <sup>29</sup> After all, no one ever hated their own body, but they feed and care for their body, just as Christ does the church—<sup>30</sup> for we are members of his body.



**Ephesians 5:31-33** NIV

“For this reason a man will leave his father and mother and be united to his wife, and the two will become one flesh.” <sup>32</sup> This is a profound mystery—but I am talking about Christ and the church. <sup>33</sup> However, each one of you also must love his wife as he loves himself, and the wife must respect her husband.





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Our marriages **depend** on God's love  
and **display** God's love.





# Formation Prayer

God of love, who holds our hearts,  
You've held nothing back!

***You loved the world so much You gave us Yourself.***

Although our minds can't comprehend the greatness of Your love  
Still, You lavish it upon us.





O God, Your love is omnipotent.  
***Help us receive Your powerful love.***

O God, Your love is warm-hearted.  
***Help us receive Your tender love.***

O God, Your love hems us in.  
***Help us rest in Your encircling love.***





O God, Your love draws us to You.  
***Draw us in, Lord!***

O God, Your love never lets go!  
***Hold us close, Lord!***

O God, Your love sets us free.  
***Free us, Lord!***





God of Love, who died *for* us and dwells *in* us,  
Anchor our roots in Your love.

***In Your love, we shall not want.  
In Your love, our souls can exhale.  
In Your love, we can really rest.***

***Amen.***

