

# WRITE IT DOWN!

---

## **The Gospel & Your Marriage**

*The Gospel for Real Life*

Ephesians 5:18-33

Sunday, October 19, 2008

# LISTEN UP!

---

## **The Gospel & Your Marriage**

*The Gospel for Real Life*

Ephesians 5:18-33

Sunday, October 19, 2008

### **God's PURPOSES for Marriage between a Man and a Woman**

- 1.
- 2.
- 3.
- 4.
- 5.

### **God's PLAN for Marriage between a Man and a Woman**

1. A Husband's Calling (Eph. 5:25-33):

- 
- A.
  - B.
  - C.

2. A Wife's Calling (Eph. 5:22-24, 33):

- 
- A.
  - B.

# THINK IT OVER!

---

## ***The Gospel & Your Marriage***

*The Gospel for Real Life*

Ephesians 5:18-33

Sunday, October 19, 2008

1. Read Ephesians 5:18-33. Why is verse 21 so critical for understanding the verses that follow?
2. Review the 5 purposes of marriage and describe how each of them requires an opposite sex marital partner and cannot be accomplished by same sex marital partner?
3. So what does the Gospel have to do with your marriage according to this text? Who is the wife compared to in the drama of the Gospel? Who is the husband compared to in the drama of the Gospel? Put the concept of "Gospel reenactment" in your own words.
4. How was Jesus the Son submissive to the will of the Father? According to Philippians 2:9, was this a sign of dishonor and inferiority? How can this help wives as they seek to fulfill their roles of loving submission?
5. How did Jesus "give Himself up" for His bride, the church? How is this also a form of submission?
6. So whose role is harder? The wife who is called to follow her husband? Or the husband who is called to die for his wife?

# WORK IT OUT!

---

## ***The Gospel & Your Marriage***

*The Gospel for Real Life*

Ephesians 5:18-33

Sunday, October 19, 2008

1. What was new and most challenging for you in this week's text/message?
2. In our day, when marriage is being redefined, why is the defense of traditional or biblical marriage worth our effort on every front? What sorts of things are at stake in the redefinition of marriage?
3. Describe how this vital marriage text in Ephesians 5 has been misunderstood and abused. Why are women apt to "bristle" at it?
4. Which came first. . . the Gospel or human marriage? Why does it matter?
5. Explain this statement in light of Ephesians 5: *Your marriage does not exist to make you feel good, but to make God look good.*