

Colossians 3:18-19 — How Does Jesus Change My Marriage?

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Good morning. It is great to get together as a church family. This morning, we continue our study of the book of Colossians. This week, we are learning how Jesus changes marriage. Next week, we are learning how Jesus changes parenting. The following week, we will see how Jesus changes the way we work. We have a lot of practical stuff on the horizon for December as we prepare for Christmas.

Typically, we look at larger sections of Colossians. Today, we are slowing way down and looking at only two verses. Let's read them before we study them.

Wives, submit to your husbands, as is fitting in the Lord. Husbands, love your wives, and do not be harsh with them. Colossians 3:18–19 (ESV)

Last week, Paul talked about the way Jesus changes our character. The whole theme of Colossians 3 is that as Christians, we are now different people. We have Jesus living inside us. We now live out our new identity in Jesus. We are completely new people in Jesus. Paul wanted us to act like who we are, not who we were before Jesus changed our lives. Earlier in Colossians 3, Paul said we were to put away sexual immorality, anger and lying because that is not who we are. That is who we were. Since we are new people with Jesus living in our hearts, God is cultivating the character of Christ in our lives. We covered that last week. We now have compassionate hearts because of Jesus. We have kindness toward others. We are humble, meek and patient. We bear with other people's idiosyncrasies. We forgive other people like Christ forgave us. We love other

people like Jesus loves us. That is who we are with Jesus in us. Paul said to lean in to who we are in Jesus, not who we were before him.

Just as sin formerly ruled our character, sin also ruled in our marriages. Sin controlled the way a husband and wife lived together in marriage. Just as Jesus changed our character and we lean in to what he is doing, in the same way, Jesus changes our marriages. We are to lean in to who Jesus is changing us to be so in our marriages we reflect the character of Christ.

Let's dive into our study and begin with some preliminary information.

Paul's words on marriage were shocking.

Some of the things Paul said about the way Jesus changes marriage were shocking. Paul said wives are to submit to their husbands. That wasn't shocking. That was common in that day. What was shocking was Paul told husbands to love their wives. In that culture, nobody told men what to do in their marriages. Nobody exercised authority over men in their homes. Men did what they wanted. They were rulers of the home domain.

There is no ancient household code, outside of the Bible, that commands men to love their wives and children. In the ancient world, wives belonged to their husbands like property. When ancient non-biblical writers described duties in a marriage, all the duties were given to the wife. Men had no duties. Paul addressed husbands and wives equally. Both husbands and wives have duties in marriage. What Paul did, by giving husbands duties in marriage, was elevate women and their status in the ancient world.

Remember, what we find offensive about Paul's words — that a wife is to submit to her husband's leadership — is what they considered normal. The part that we find normal — that a husband is to love his wife — is the part they considered offensive. Paul said that in marriage both a husband and a wife have duties. That was shocking. The husband was to love his wife and the wife was to submit to her husband's leadership.

God intended marriage to reflect the Trinity. Marriage is equality with hierarchy.

The way the Bible describes marriage is equality with hierarchy. This pattern comes from God. There is equality and hierarchy in the triune God. For example, God the Father, God the Son and God the Holy Spirit are all called God, but there is a hierarchy between them. The Father planned creation but the Son made creation. The Father planned redemption. Jesus submitted to his father's will and carried out redemption by humbling himself to take on a human body and die on the cross.

Just as there is equality with hierarchy in the Godhead, there is to be equality plus hierarchy in marriage. A wife is equal to her husband in personhood, value and worth, but she is under his headship and is to be submissive to his leadership in their marriage.

Recognizing equality in personhood but submission in leadership is essential for a marriage to succeed. If this doesn't exist in your marriage, it will be difficult. Remember sin doesn't just influence our hearts; it distorts our understanding of marriage and the way it works. These short verses are

instructions on how Jesus redeems and restores marriage to be what God intended it to be.

Wives are to submit and help their husbands.

Wives, submit to your husbands, as is fitting in the Lord. Colossians 3:18 (ESV)

When women hear these words, they immediately freak out and picture authoritarian abusive leadership. That is a misunderstanding. As we learned last week, husbands are to display the character of Christ in all their relationships, especially in their relationship with their wife. A husband is to have a compassionate heart toward his wife. He is to be filled with kindness, humility, meekness, and patience toward his wife. He is to bear with the idiosyncrasies of his wife. He is to forgive his wife like Christ forgave him. He is to love his wife like Christ loves him. That is the kind of husband a wife is called to submit to. A wife is called to submit to a husband who cares about her, loves her and joyfully sacrifices for her.

The Christian life is one of submission.

While women bristle against the idea of submission, we must remember that the entire Christian life is one of submission to authority. Submission is not just for wives. Romans 13:1 tells us that as Christians, we submit to the governing authorities. 1 Corinthians 16:16 tells us that as Christians, we are to submit to our church leaders. Titus 2:9 tells us Christian slaves are to submit to their masters, even if they don't like them. Luke 2:51 tells us even Jesus submitted to the leadership of his parents when he was a child because submission is the proper thing to do. As Christians, the way we live out our faith is we gladly place ourselves in submission to those in authority God placed over

us. That includes men and women. Sin is a desire for rebellion against the authority God establishes over us for our love, protection and care.

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. 1 Corinthians 11:3 (ESV)

Nobody can be saved without embracing submission.

I know some of you are still struggling against the idea of submission.

Remember submission is so core to the Christian faith that nobody can be saved without it. The way people are saved is by submitting to Jesus as their Lord and master. It involves accepting Jesus' authority over us and submitting to Christ's leadership in our lives. It is impossible for someone to say he wants the salvation offered by Christ without submitting to the leadership of Christ.

It is impossible to say, "I want to submit to the leadership of Christ but when Jesus talks to me about submitting to the leadership of my husband, I refuse to listen." The rebellion you have is not first against your husband, it is against Jesus.

Please understand submission is not giving permission for a husband to bully or abuse his wife. We submit to those who have authority over us because those in authority over us should care, love and protect us.

In the second half of this message we will see that a husband has a responsibility for making his wife's submission to his leadership a good and joyful action.

A wife's submission is hard because of sin.

The reason submission is hard is because of sin. Sometimes there is sin on husband's part because he doesn't treat his wife with the respect and love

she deserves. Often there is sin on a wife's part because she has an innate desire to rebel against her husband's leadership. We see this in Genesis. Look what the relationship was like between a husband and wife before sin entered the world in Genesis 2.

Then the Lord God said, "It is not good that the man should be alone; I will make him a helper fit for him." Genesis 2:18 (ESV)

I want you to notice in Genesis, before sin entered the world, Adam was given his wife to be a helpmate. He was not given a wife to be a leader over him but a helpmate for him. A wife as a helpmate to Adam was not a sinful thing. It was a good thing. It was a needed thing. This is before sin entered the world.

Look what happened when sin entered the world in Genesis 3.

To the woman he said, "I will surely multiply your pain in childbearing; in pain you shall bring forth children. Your desire shall be contrary to your husband, but he shall rule over you." Genesis 3:16 (ESV)

I want to focus on where it says, "Your desire shall be contrary to your husband." Some other translations say, "Your desire shall be for your husband." The Hebrew word for *desire* means desire for your husband's position. This is why the ESV says the curse of sin creates a desire in a wife to be *contrary to her husband*. The way sin manifests itself in marriage is a wife — who was created by God to be her husband's helpmate — will have a desire to be rebel against her husband and be the leader over her husband instead of a helpmate. Sin gives a wife the desire to manipulate and rule over her husband in their home. Of course, many men encourage this by their own sinful, selfish behavior, but we will deal with that in a few minutes.

This is why Paul said a wife is to submit to her husband's leadership *as is fitting in the Lord*. When Christ comes into a wife's life, it is fitting for a wife to desire to be the Genesis 2 helpmate that God originally created her to be, not the Genesis 3 woman who seeks to undermine her husband.

Every time I talk about a wife submitting to her husband a bunch of you freak out and I get lots of mail. Hoping to head this off, let me take a few minutes to explain what submission does *not* mean.

What does submission not mean.

1. **Submission is not for single women.** This command is for married couples. As a single woman, you do not need to submit to the leadership of another man that is not your husband. Many women have a good, God-given innate desire to be helpmate. They find themselves becoming submissive in an inappropriate way to a man that is their boss or their boyfriend. That is not biblical submission. This only applies to your husband, not all men.
2. **Submission does not apply outside the home (and the church).** This does not speak to politics or the workforce. Our governor is a woman. We need to submit to her leadership. Your boss may be a woman. Since she is your boss, you submit to her leadership. This is limited to marriage, which is for home, and to the church, which is God's home.
3. **Submission to a husband is different than obeying a husband.** In the next few verses children will be told to obey their parents. Slaves will be told to obey their masters. Wives are not told to obey their husbands but to submit to their husbands. Why did Paul use a different word? There is a subtle but

important distinction. The idea of obey means giving orders. They are commands be obeyed. They are not matters to be discussed. A parent tells his child to clean her room. Those are orders to be obeyed. Submit means to voluntarily place oneself under another's authority. The idea is that when a husband and wife don't see eye to eye, there is a discussion. There is high value to both the wife's and husband's opinions. If, after discussion, you cannot reach an agreement, that is when a wife voluntarily submits to her husband. Ninety-nine percent of the time, after discussion between a husband and wife they will either see eye to eye or the husband or wife will joyfully give up his or her desires to honor his or her spouse's desires. Most of the time, it is the husband that will joyfully submit. If you are a husband pulling the submit card all the time in your marriage, there is something wrong in your marriage. I can only think of two or three times in my marriage where I pulled this card. One time is when we were engaged, and I needed parts to repair my car. Some of you know Cindy used to work at an auto parts store. She knew the owners well. They loved her and always gave her a generous discount whenever she came in. Unfortunately, the only time she could pick up the parts for my car was on Saturday, when her old boyfriend worked at the store. She assured me she had no affections for him, but as a man, I know what men are like. Her old boyfriend wasn't happy when she broke off the relationship. I didn't want him around my fiancé. I asked her to not take advantage of the discount because I didn't want her seeing him or talking with him. I didn't trust him. My woman is a penny pinching wife. Telling her to not

get a discount is like telling her to eat rotten fish. Everything in her wants to save money. Thankfully she chose to submit, and it set a great precedent for our marriage. That is the kind of stuff where you pull the submit card. It isn't for something trivial.

4. **Submission does not mean a wife is less valuable, intelligent or**

competent. One of the first things that happens in a healthy marriage is a husband realizes there are a lot of things his wife is much better at than he ever realized. He quickly becomes grateful she is around. In fact, he starts to wonder how he survived so long without her. He starts to realize his wife is very smart and gifted. She is different from him and gifted in ways he needs. God was right when he said it is not good for a man to be alone. A husband does need a helpmate. It doesn't take long for a smart husband to realize his wife is highly valuable, intelligent and competent even if he scored higher than she did on the ACT. A smart husband will wake up every morning praising God for the good gift of his wife.

5. **Submission does not mean a wife can't influence her husband.** There is

a difference between influence and manipulation. Manipulation is evil. Influence is wise and respectful. It is appropriate for a wife to insert herself in a loving and respectful way to help her husband make the best decisions. As men, we sometimes get on a project like a bloodhound on a scent trail and we don't stop to think things through. If a wife thinks her husband needs her opinion and he hasn't sought that opinion, she needs to wisely influence him. Ladies, you know the best time to talk to your husband. It is usually after

dinner. You also know the right attitude to use when you talk with him. You need to be gentle and respectful when you share your opinion. Many times, when a wife approaches her husband with love and gentleness, he will thank you for your great idea. There is nothing wrong with seeking to influence your husband in the right way. Peter even told wives to seek to influence their husbands for Jesus by conducting themselves in a respectful and loving way.

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, when they see your respectful and pure conduct. 1 Peter 3:1–2 (ESV)

6. **Submission is voluntarily given, not forcefully taken.** While submission is a command given to wives, it involves a wife voluntarily wanting to place herself in the position of being the helpmate of her husband. It is the willing attitude of her heart, not the forced demeanor of her life. The key to a wife voluntarily submitting herself to the leadership of her husband is the word relationship. A wife will voluntarily place herself under the leadership of someone else she loves and trusts.
7. **Submission is not following a husband into sin.** If a husband asks his wife to do something sinful, she is not obligated to follow his authority. Let's say a husband and wife work together and the husband asks his wife to call a client and tell him the company will ship a product on Monday when she knows full well the product won't ship until Friday. That is lying. You don't submit to your husband's leadership if he is leading you in sin. You tell him you have a higher leader whose name is Jesus.

8. **Submission is not being domineering or overbearing.** In our culture, men are known for being domineering and overbearing. Domineering and bullying is not gender specific. Women are capable of being this way. Sometimes it is the volume, the emotion, the screaming. Sometimes it is threatening to divorce your husband, take the kids plus half his resources unless you get your way. (That is not called marriage. That is called hostage negotiation.) A submissive wife has gentle conduct and doesn't act like a beast or bully.

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9. **Submission is treating a husband with respect around the children.** If you are a wife frustrated with your husband, be careful about venting your anger against your husband to your children. If you model disrespect of authority to your children, they will learn to disrespect their father. They will also learn to disrespect other authorities, including you! If you want your children to respect authority, you need to begin by modeling respect toward their father, even when you are angry at him.

Husbands are to love and cherish their wives.

Husbands, love your wives, and do not be harsh with them. Colossians 3:19 (ESV)

As I mentioned before, wives submitting to their husbands was not shocking in the Colossian culture. Requiring a husband to love his wife was shocking. No other household code in the ancient world required a husband to love his wife.

What makes this especially shocking is the word used for love. We have one word for love. The Greek language has numerous words to describe the different types of love. There is *eros* love, from which we get our word erotic love. It is sexual love. Men, I know you are disappointed but this is not the kind of love a husband is required to show to his wife. There is *phileo*, which means friendship. This is also not the kind of love God requires a husband to show toward his wife. The word used here is *agape*. It means love of choice. It is choosing to love someone irrespective of how you feel or how attractive she is.

It means someone may be very unlovely but you choose to love her anyway. Romantic love is a good part of marriage, but it does not work as the foundation of a marriage. Agape is a cold, emotionless choice to love someone in spite of what you may feel. That is the foundation of marriage. Many men divorce their wives when they think their wives are no longer lovely. Paul said husbands are commanded to love their wives no matter what they may feel about their wife and no matter how lovely their wife may look or not look.

Agape love is the kind of love Jesus has for us. Jesus loves us when we are unlovely. Jesus' love is consistent toward us, even in our sinful choices and bad moments. Jesus doesn't have a bad day and sometimes withdraw his love from us. Husbands are to love their wives with the same kind of love Christ has for us.

Husbands, love your wives, as Christ loved the church and gave himself up for her, Ephesians 5:25 (ESV)

A wife doesn't struggle to submit to the leadership of a husband that she knows loves her no matter what she looks like and no matter how she may feel or act.

What does it mean for a husband to love his wife?

- 1. Before a woman is a wife, remember she is a daughter.** I have one daughter. I pray for her future husband every day. I want him to be a loving, life-giving man who helps my daughter become more than she could be on her own. I want him to treat her with the utmost respect and tender love. I want her to have a husband that when he disagrees with her, he will disagree with her lovingly and gently. Fathers, you know how you want a man to treat your daughter. You know that if a man starts yelling at your daughter, slapping your daughter in the face, cussing your daughter out, shoving her around the room or striking her on the floor; you load the hunting rifle. She is your little girl. Your wife is a daddy's little girl. You treat your wife the way you want another man treating your precious daughter. Even more thought-provoking is that even if your wife's earthly father is not around your house to see how you treat her, she is the precious daughter of her heavenly father. Your heavenly father does see how you treat your wife behind closed doors. Some of you feel uneasy right now. It is good if the Lord gives us a little rebuke. Repent and treat our wives better.
- 2. Remember the difference between being the head of a wife and the boss of a wife.** The boss of the wife means you tell her every little thing to do. The head of wife doesn't mean you control her but you gently, love, lead and care

for her. One illustration I ran across said a husband should think of his wife like a garden. As a husband, you are the gardener. The gardener must be gentle with the plants because they break if you are rough. In the same way, you must be gentle with your wife. A gardener needs to weed the garden every day. If he ignores his garden, it won't take long for weeds to overrun the garden. In the same way, a husband needs to tend to his wife every day and weed her emotional world. Caring for a garden is hard work. Loving a wife is hard work. Here is the payoff. If you take care of your garden, it produces an abundant harvest that blesses you. In the same way, when you take care of your wife, she will richly bless you in the end.

3. **A husband will get from his wife the love he gives to his wife.** Men, your wife is a mirror. She will reflect back to you what you give to her. If you are cold, uncaring and distant, expect her to become cold, uncaring and distant toward you. A wife will model back to you what you model to her. If you wish she took more of an interest in health and fitness, you need to take more of an interest in health and fitness and ask her to join you. If you wish she took more of an interest in cooking, you take more of an interest in spending time with her in the kitchen. Many men complain their wives don't love them or have an interest in them. When I talk with them, I discover these men are not loving their wives or having an interest in their wives. They are just getting back from their wives the kind of love they are giving to their wives. A wife reflects back to her husband the love or the lack of love, she receives from her husband. Paul wisely put it this way:

In the same way husbands should love their wives as their own bodies. He who loves his wife loves himself. Ephesians 5:28 (ESV)

4. **Loving your wife means making her life better with you than apart from you.** In every relationship there are times when we feel we are more of a giver than a receiver. That is natural. Husbands, our goal is that our wives should feel their lives are much better with us than they could have ever been apart from us.

Husbands, love your wives, as Christ loved the church and gave himself up for her, that he might sanctify her, having cleansed her by the washing of water with the word, 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. Ephesians 5:25–27 (ESV)

Who feels his life is much better with Jesus than it could have ever been without him? All of us say our lives are so much better because of Jesus. He saved us from our sin and made us into much better people. In the same way, a Christian wife should feel that having her husband makes her much better than she could be on her own. She has a husband like Jesus that sacrifices for her. Like Jesus, her husband is committed to sacrificing for her. She is a more beautiful person with him than apart from him. Just as a wife wakes up every morning saying thank you Jesus for transforming her life, as a husband, our goal is that our wives wake up every morning and say the same thing about us because we make their lives so much better.

5. **When a wife hears that a husband must love her, she hears “be my best friend.”** The secret of a lasting marriage is having a marriage built on a great friendship. The June 1986 issue of Psychology Today did a survey of what makes marriages last. The No. 1 factor in lasting marriages is that spouses

were best friends. The best marriages happen between best friends. This is what we learn in the Song of Solomon.

His mouth is most sweet, and he is altogether desirable. This is my beloved and this is my friend, O daughters of Jerusalem. Song of Solomon 5:16 (ESV)

What does it mean for a husband to be harsh with his wife?

Husbands are also told to not be harsh with their wives. Why would Paul say this? The word harsh means to make bitter. It is also used to describe someone that feels sick to her stomach.

Earlier we saw in Genesis that the curse of sin gives a wife the desire to rebel against her husband's authority over her in marriage. There is a similar but opposite influence sin has on a husband in marriage.

To the woman he said, "I will surely multiply your pain in childbearing; in pain you shall bring forth children. Your desire shall be contrary to your husband, but he shall rule over you." Genesis 3:16 (ESV)

The word for rule means harsh authoritarian rule. Sin influences men in marriage by giving them a heart that desires to harshly rule over their wives. It is the kind of rule that a hammer has over a nail. When a nail doesn't move into place, a hammer beats it into place.

Paul said Genesis tells us how sin works in a marriage. It leads a husband to be harsh toward his wife. That is who you were before Christ. That is not who you are now in Christ. Christ in us makes us loving toward our wives. Lean in to your new identity in Jesus. Love your wife. Don't be harsh with her.

How can a husband be harsh toward his wife?

1. **Making more emotional withdraws than deposits.** Think of your wife like a bank. Criticisms are withdraws. Affirmations are deposits. It takes five or more

affirmations to cancel the debt of one criticism. You have to be careful to not run a negative balance. Men, you don't want to run a negative balance in your wife's emotional bank for any length of time. If you run too much negative balance for too long, wives tend to shut down the bank. They close out their emotional account with you and move on. It is called divorce. That is not biblically right. I am telling you what typically happens. Women get to a point in a relationship where their emotional banks are too far in the red so they shut down and walk away. Most men never see it coming. Make lots of emotional deposits. Don't be harsh with your wife.

2. **Stop yelling, cursing or physically shoving your wife.** Getting loud or getting physical makes some serious withdraws from a wife's emotional bank. Men, when you raise your voice, you typically shut things down. You may not think you are yelling but if your wife thinks you are yelling or your kids are shaking like a leaf, you are yelling. Men, you are bigger and scarier than you realize. Let me give you some wisdom I try to put into practice. Go down in volume when you want to go up in force. Don't go up in volume to go up in force. When you have a serious point to make, talk slowly, deliberately and calmly. You will make much better traction in making your point and your relationship with your wife will be maintained.
3. **Never publicly humiliate your wife, especially on social media.** If your wife does something foolish, even though all your friends at work are talking about the dumb things their wives did, you don't talk about the dumb things your wife did. You always protect her reputation. You are the guardian of her

galaxy. Never put her in a bad light, unless she says you can share the story.

One of the things that is getting more common is to humiliate a spouse on social media. Don't put unflattering pictures of your spouse online. If your wife doesn't approve of the picture, don't post the picture.

4. **Remember the difference between a sin and a mistake.** A few years ago — I do have permission to tell this story — in the busyness of life, I came home to an upset wife. She sat me down to tell me she really messed up. My heart was in my throat. What great sin had she done? I braced myself for the worst. It turns out she forgot to send in our quarterly taxes. She felt terrible. She was busy and just forgot. That was an opportunity to get upset, but it was not a sin. It was a mistake. Men, every marriage crisis is an opportunity to either take a big step forward or backward in your relationship. How you handle those times will either strengthen your marriage or ruin your marriage. Thankfully, I think I handled that one well. There are plenty I haven't handled well.
5. **Your wife needs a husband, not a roommate.** In our busy world, it is easy for a husband to become detached from his wife. He works all day. He comes home, eats dinner then he picks up his laptop and goes back to work. Sometimes he heads out to the garage to work on a project. Finally, he comes to bed at night and hasn't spent much time with his wife. The next day it happens all over again. That is being a roommate to your wife. It is not being a husband to your wife. A wife needs time and attention. If being a roommate is the way you treat your wife, you are being harsh toward her.

6. **Don't be boring.** Some of us are overworked and stressed. We come home and to calm down we stare at a blank wall just to settle our nerves. That is me. Not only do some of us men want to stay home but we never want to go on a date. We never spend money on our wives. We are part of the boring men club. Like many of you, I can be a cheapskate. It is important to be creative and date your wife. Take her to the YMCA and work out together. Join a YMCA class together. Go for a Starbucks date together. After you both drink enough caffeine, you will find something to talk about. It works every time.

Enjoy life with the wife whom you love, all the days of your vain life that he has given you under the sun, because that is your portion in life and in your toil at which you toil under the sun. Ecclesiastes 9:9 (ESV)

7. **When a man is harsh with his wife, it affects his relationship with God.**

One of the fastest ways to frustrate your relationship with God is to be harsh with your wife.

Likewise, husbands, live with your wives in an understanding way, showing honor to the woman as the weaker vessel, since they are heirs with you of the grace of life, so that your prayers may not be hindered. 1 Peter 3:7 (ESV)

Conclusion

Sin didn't just infect our hearts, sin infected our marriages. Sin is what gives a wife a desire to not be a helpmate to her husband but to manipulate him. Sin is what gives a husband the desire to not love his wife but to be harsh with her.

We are filled with gratitude to Jesus. He didn't just make us new people on the inside but he transforms our marriages by restoring husbands and wives to the delight and joy in their God-given marital roles. Men, lean in to the husband

Christ has recreated you to be. Be a husband that is not harsh with your wife but joyfully loves and sacrifices for your wife, like Jesus did for you. Women, submit to the husband that loves you and be the helpmate he desperately needs. That is the woman Christ recreated you to be.

We are going to close with communion. Communion is a time when we reflect on our relationships with God and that it is only possible through Jesus. If you are married, when the communion is passed, take the time to reflect on your marriage. Are you being the kind of husband Jesus remade you to be or are you living like you did before Jesus and being harsh with your wife? Ladies, during communion time ask Christ if you are being the kind of wife Christ has re-created you to be, the helpmate your husband desperately needs?

We practice open communion, which means if you have trusted in Jesus as your savior, you are welcome to join us. We do want to remind you that if you are a believer living in intentional rebellion against God, 1 Corinthians 11:29, urges you not to take the Lord's Supper without repentance.

If you are single, use this time of communion to reflect on the kind of man or woman you are growing into. Will you be the kind of husband or wife in Christ that your future spouse desperately needs?



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