**A Biblical View of the Family**

***The Effects of the Fall on Marriage***

**Genesis 3 & Ephesians 5**

**The Command First Given to Adam**

Gen 2:15-17

***“Not Your Will be Done”***

Gen. 3:1-14

**The Consequences of Sin on Marriage**

Gen. 3:16

*Explain “desire” and “rule”*

Gen 4:6-7

**The Spirit Filled Correction**

Ephesians 5:22-33,

***Wives Correction***

Eph. 5:22-24

***Husbands Correction***

Eph 5:25-32, Col. 3:19

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**Digging Deeper into Genesis 3 & Ephesians 5**

Let’s remember the basic themes of the first two messages on Marriage.

* Two Image Bearers become One, establishing marriage as the most important human institution.
* God Created Adam and then Eve to be his helper to accomplish God’s will, not Adam’s will.
* God established marriage as a covenant defined *as a solemn commitment expressed with vows before God and illustrated by a sign (e.g., Ring).*

1. Read Genesis 2:15-17 and then Genesis 3:1-19.

Genesis 2 says that “in the day” that Adam eats of the wrong tree, “surely he would die.” Discuss what that “*death*” looks like as the story unfolds in chapter 3.

*The Harmony of Oneness has now been broken due to Adam and Eve’s disobedience. Each person involved in this story receives consequences (serpent, Eve, and then Adam). It is Eve’s consequences that affect the marriage relationship.*

2. Compare translations on Genesis 3:16 (NASB, NIV, ESV, NET, NLT,)

The word translated “desire” only occurs three times in the OT (the other two are Genesis 4:7 and Song of Solomon 7:10). Discuss the difference between the consequence for Eve’s sin being a desire to control her husband (Gen. 4:7) as opposed to being a romantic desire (Song 7:10). Which seems to be more likely? Why?

3. The implications of the husband “ruling” his wife suggests a potential harshness towards his wife in his leadership in the home. Do you think that squares with much of history?

***Read Ephesians 5:15-33*** (Tony believes that the Spirit-filled life brings corrections to the consequences of the Fall on the family.

4. Discuss each of the correctives to the Fall that Paul gives to wives and husbands.

***Wives Submit*** (Eph. 5:22-24)

* Is this still applicable today as written or was this command just for Paul’s day? If you say it is no longer applicable today, then are the commands to husbands and children still applicable today?
* **Ladies**, give a workable definition of what it means ***to submit***.
* Todays culture is quite different than Paul’s; how might it look different today compared to then or other modern cultures you are aware of?

***Husbands Love*** (Eph. 5:25-32 & Col. 3:19)

* A husbands love for his wife is not based on emotion, but on the foundation of his vow “to love, honor, and cherish” her. It is to mirror Christ’s love for His Church. Discuss what that looks like in day to day life.
* **Husbands**, what happens when you perceive that your wife is not submitting, do you still have to love her?

Close this study by reading Ephesians 5:33 and recapping the importance of love and respect