

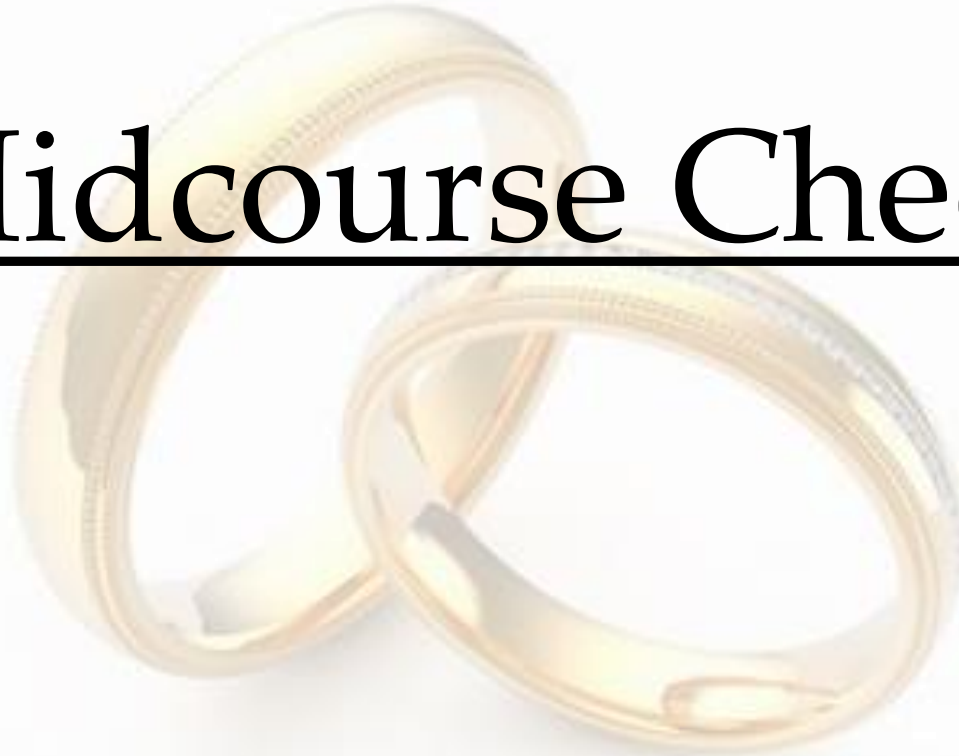
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God's Design for Marriage

God's Call To A Wife – Part 2

Week 6

Midcourse Check



Glory

- Glory (*doxa*) – something you can **look at**, **evaluate**, and draw a **conclusion** about something, because it's a reflection
 - Romans 1:20, 23 God's attributes are reflected in creation; pagans exchanged the glory of God for an image of corruptible man...

1 Corinthians 11:4-6

- About Corinth

- Women were beginning to follow social norms that were **against** family order, modesty and chasteness.
- This was in the form of not wearing a covering on their heads, making them look like brazen **hussies**

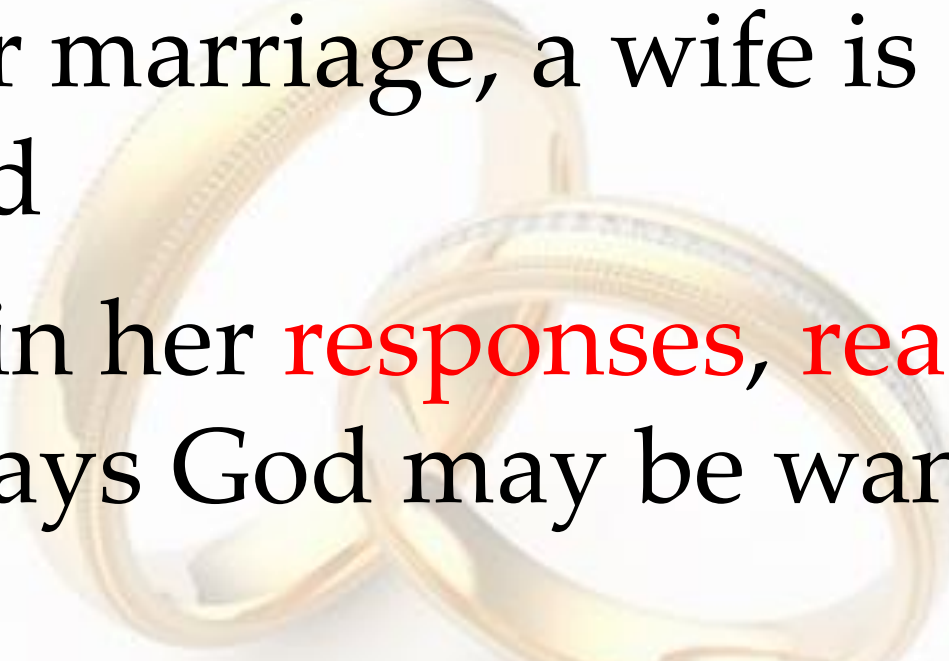
1 Corinthians 11:7

- **Husband** is the image and glory of **God**
 - If you look at the man, what should you be able to draw a conclusion about?
- Wife is the glory of her **husband**
 - If you look at the woman what should you be able to draw a conclusion about?

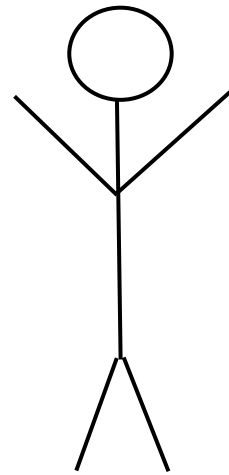
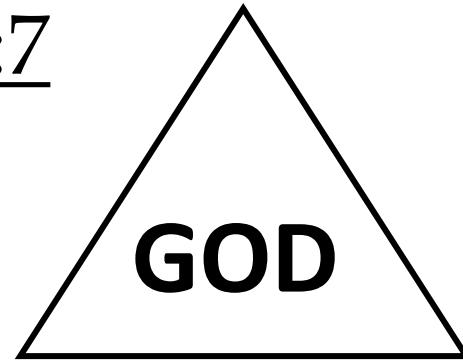
We Cannot Judge Others

- We **CANNOT** look at a wife and decide that she is immature and therefore her husband is immature...
 1. We are looking at one point in their entire lives. We don't know where they've **been** or where they're **going**.
 2. Jesus commanded us not to **Judge!** Mt. 7:1

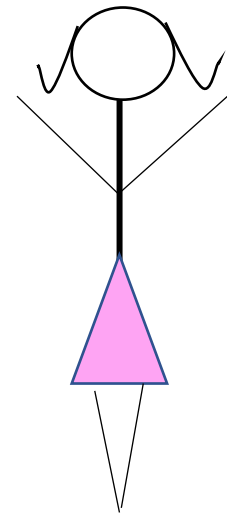
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- Within their marriage, a wife is a **reflector** of her husband
 - He can see in her **responses, reactions** and **feedback** ways God may be wanting him to grow.
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Glory – 1 Corinthians 11:7

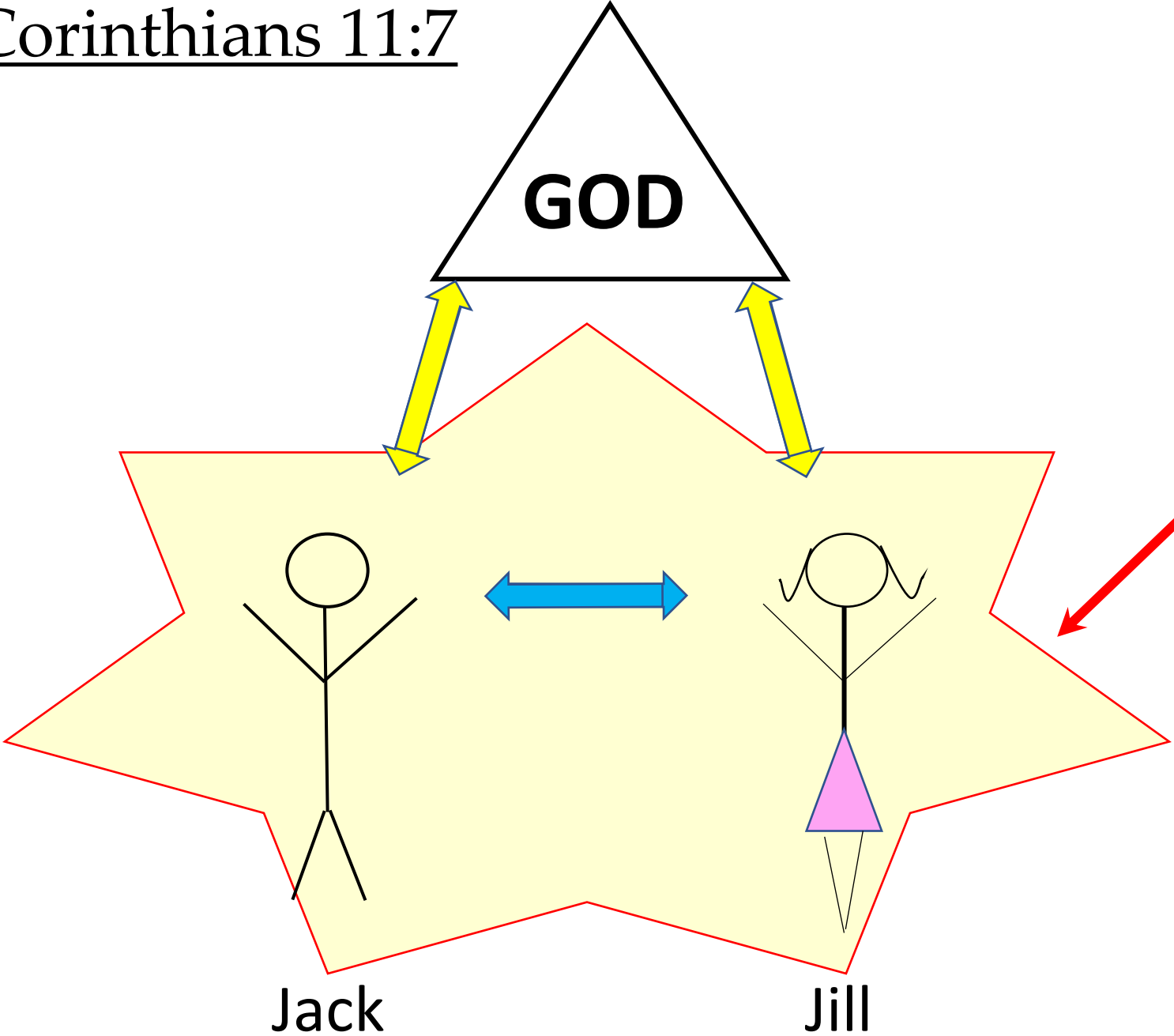


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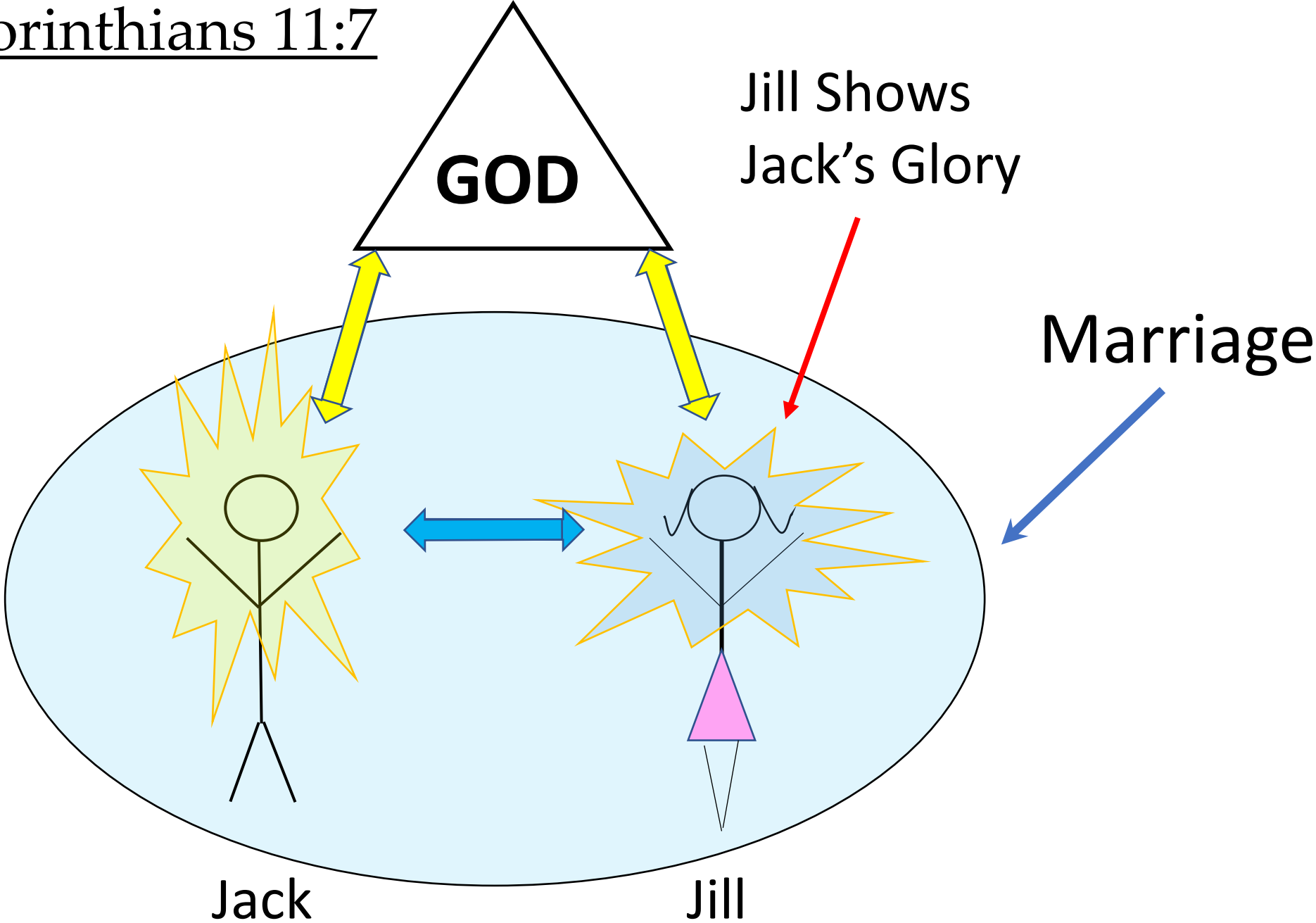
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Glory – 1 Corinthians 11:7



To the
World,
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Reflects
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Glory – 1 Corinthians 11:7



Does This Sound Familiar?

- What are the 2 characteristics of a wife as “helper suitable”?
- Perfect and **uniquely** made for her husband
- Placed right **in front** of him.

Glory – 1 Corinthians 11:7

- Wives play a **God**-ordained role helping husbands become more **Christlike**.
- Wives can be like a mirror to reflect a husband's glory
- Wives also have insight and understanding that husbands do not have.
- A good husband chooses to learn from her.



Week 6

For Example...



What Does This Mean For Wives?

- Be as **transparent** as you can, telling him your feelings in a way that honors Christ
- Be courageous in opening up to him, trying not to let **fear of conflict** block what God wants him to know;
- Patiently help him understand as best you can what your **spirit/heart** needs
- Don't excuse **hurts** he inflicts and don't coddle his **ego**.

What Does This Mean For Husbands?

- Don't lose sight of your helper; watch, ask questions, listen, learn, then live with your wife in an **understanding** way (1 Peter 3:7)
- Learn what **specific** things you can do to become more Christlike;
- Learn about your own **heart**, and learn about her heart;
- Stay in the **Word** and pray!

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QUESTIONS?

Submission

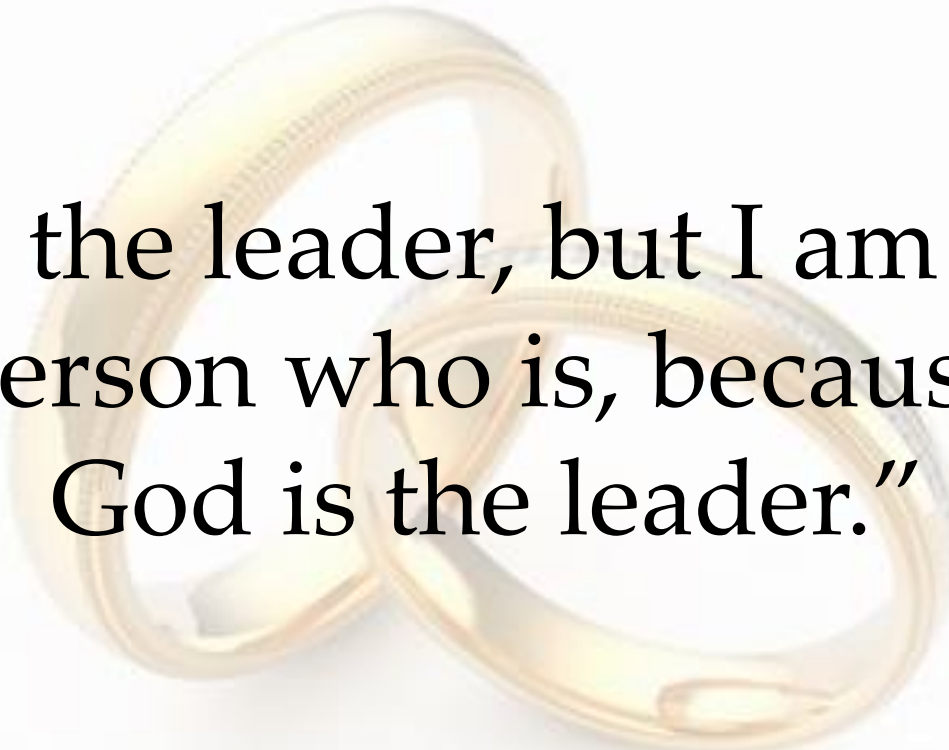


Submission and Leadership-2 Sides of a Coin

- This is not about who has authority; it's about how authority is used, it's about alignment within the flow of authority.
- Submission functions best when leadership is submitted to the Lord.

Submission Says

“I am not the leader, but I am willing to follow the person who is, because ultimately, God is the leader.”


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Submission

- Gk: *hupotasso*
- To place oneself **under** another person;
- A military term meaning to align oneself under another to follow orders and commandments.

Hebrews 13:17

“Obey your leaders and submit to them, for they keep watch over your souls as those who will give an **account.**”

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Mt. 8:5-10

- The Centurion had no problem submitting himself to Jesus because he knew Jesus was **submitting** to God's authority. He could identify with that.

Ephesians 5:18-24

- The sentence starts in 5:18 with 2 commands:
 - Do not be drunk with wine,
 - Be filled with the Spirit
- V. 22 Be subject to your husbands, because he is the one assigned by the Lord to lead and care for you.
- Flouting your husband's leadership is flouting the **Lord** who put him there.

1 Cor 14:34-35

- Corinth's problem
- **Disrupting** respectful traditions in worship dishonors God
 - Women should not be acting in contrary to established tradition, and
 - Husbands are to be the spiritual leaders in the home.

Colossians 3:18

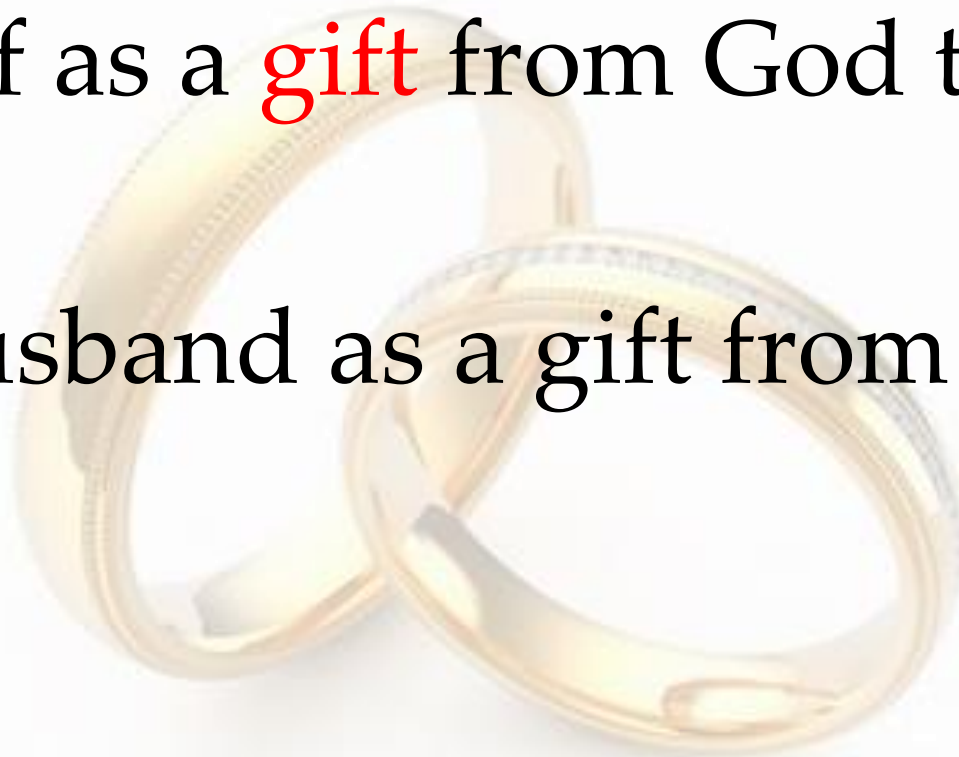
- Wives, be subject to your husbands as it is fitting in the Lord.”
 - Imperative = a **command**
 - “Fitting” = right and proper

What Does Submission Mean for a Wife?

- Agree to see your husband as the leader under Christ's **leadership**
- Agree to be your husband's **follower** under Christ's leadership
- Share your feelings, but be **responsible** for what you do about them.

What Does Submission Mean for a Wife?

- See yourself as a **gift** from God to your husband
- See your husband as a gift from **God** to you



What This Does NOT Mean...

- Letting yourself be a **punching** bag, either emotional or physical;
- Agreeing with your husband's decision when it clearly is **not** in God's Will.
- Holding back your thoughts and emotions just to "**keep the peace**".
- Coddling his **ego**.