

Embracing the Other

Eph 5:22-23, 25 Wives, submit to your husbands as to the Lord. 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. Husbands, love your wives, just as Christ loved the church and gave himself up for her.

God's original _____

Gen 1:27 So God created man in his own image, in the image of God he created him; male and female he created them.

Both men and women were created with absolute _____; both equally _____ by God and in the image of God; both equally _____.

Marriage requires two distinctly _____ people, who perform different roles, to capture the full image of God.

Adam becomes the _____ source of Eve and is given the _____ of naming her.

Gen 2:18 The LORD God said, "It is not good for the man to be alone. I will make a helper suitable for him."

To "help" someone in an 'ezer way is to make up what they _____ with a _____ of your own.

"Suitable" = "like _____ him"

As a suitable helper, woman brings to man _____ assistance that he needs that is _____ anything he can provide himself.

Sin brings consequence and a _____.

Phil 2:5-11

Although Jesus was _____ to God, he took on the role of _____.

Jesus' acceptance of that role was completely _____ and completely uncoerced. It was a _____.

1 Cor 11:3 Now I want you to realize that the head of every man is Christ, and the head of the woman is man, and the head of Christ is God

Same _____ for the relationship between the Father and the Son is the pattern to be followed by husband and wife.

Eph 5:32 This is a profound mystery--but I am talking about Christ and the church.

It takes an equal degree of _____ for men to submit to their gender role of _____-leader

John 13:12-16 "Do you understand what I have done for you?" he asked them. "You call me 'Teacher' and 'Lord,' and rightly so, for that is what I am. Now that I, your Lord and Teacher, have washed your feet, you also should wash one another's feet. I have set you an example that you should do as I have done for you. I tell you the truth, no servant is greater than his master, nor is a messenger greater than the one who sent him.

Jesus redefined _____ authority as servant-authority.

Any exercise of _____ is done in _____ to the other.

Mark 10:45 For even the Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve and to give his life as a ransom for many.

The _____ submitting to Christ in everything is parallel to a _____ submitting to her husband.

The husband has been _____ to use his power and authority to be a servant-leader, expressing a love that stops at nothing short of death in service to his wife.

In Jesus, all _____ in authority is laid to rest and all _____ of submission is glorified.

We are given the _____ pattern for husbands and wives.

God's plan for married couples involves _____ that otherness to make us unified.

Human nature tends to put-down or _____ what we don't understand.

Jesus embraced the ultimate "other", _____ humanity, and brought us into new _____ with himself.

How do we do this in real life? _____