

A group of people are seated at a dining table in a restaurant, engaged in conversation and eating. The scene is dimly lit, with warm ambient lighting. The text is overlaid on the image.

Glorify the Creator

Eph. 5:25

*“The Role of a Husband in
Glorifying the Creator”*

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Review

- Marriage, Scripturally defined, is the union of one man and one woman, for God's glory.

A few weeks ago we began looking at marriage as found from the very beginning in Genesis 2.

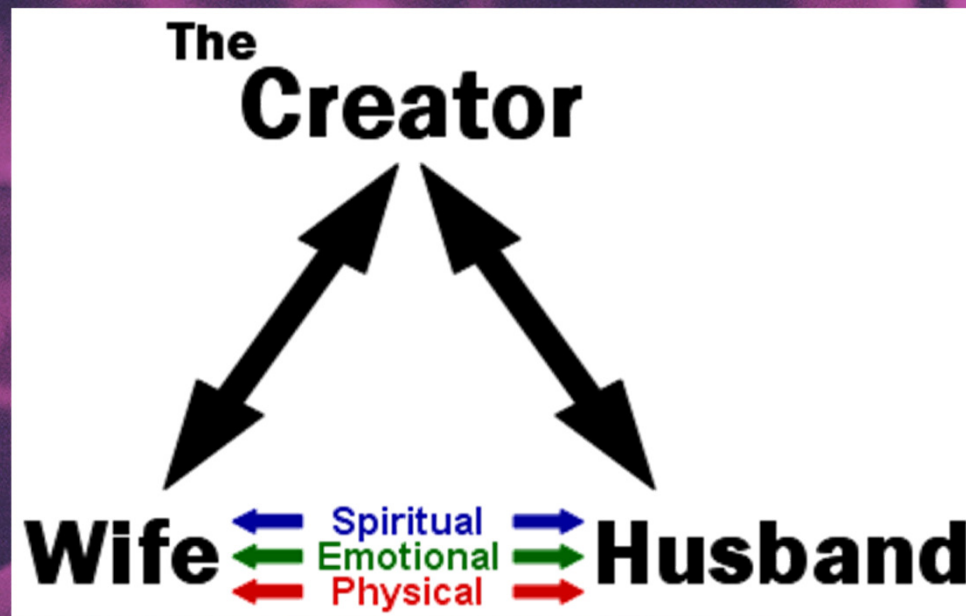
I. THE ROLE OF MARRIAGE IS TO GLORIFY THE CREATOR

- A. Marriage was Designed for Companionship
- B. Marriage was Designed with Complementarity
- C. Marriage was Designed for Conclusiveness

- God's order of relationship = God first; mate second; children third, ministry and career must always follow after.

Rightly understood, therefore, a marriage entered into before God involves three persons:

1. A husband
2. A wife
3. God.



D. Marriage was Designed for Comprehension

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1. Comprehension of Leadership – Eph. 5:22-24

- Submission is a Scriptural standard for all believers.

Eph. 5:21 **Submitting yourselves one to another** in the fear of God.

1 Pet. 5:5 Likewise, ye younger, **submit yourselves** unto the elder. **Yea, all of you be subject one to another**, and be clothed with humility: for God resisteth the proud, and giveth grace to the humble.

- The key to submission, from human to human, is “**as unto the Lord.**”
- Leadership, properly understood according to the Scriptures is balanced by love, and not fear.

2. Comprehension of Love

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3. Comprehension of Loyalty

- Marriage is God's plan to help mankind comprehend His love.
 - a. God has a plan for present development of faith, Eph. 5:26
- The focus for comprehending truth is via the Word of God.
- God's method for our comprehension of His will and His Word is via preaching.
 - b. God has a plan for presentation due in the future.
- A husband and wife help each other's commitment to fidelity.
- A genuine commitment to utilizing your gifts in church will assist in fulfilling the purpose for our creation, consequently, pleasing the Lord at the Judgment Seat of Christ.

E. Comprehension of Learning

- Learning about leadership, love, loyalty, and the Lordship of Christ.
- Learning truth about us.
- Learning about commitment.
 - Commitment to mate. **“So ought men to love their wives as their own bodies...”**
 - Commitment to Christ.
 - Commitment to church. **“...even as Christ also loved the church, and gave himself for it;”**



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II. THE ROLE OF THE HUSBAND IN GLORIFYING THE CREATOR

A. CHOOSE A MATE

1. Pray for a godly woman

Jas. 4:2 **Ye lust, and have not:** ye kill, and desire to have, and cannot obtain: ye fight and war, **yet ye have not, because ye ask not.**

3 Ye ask, and receive not, **because ye ask amiss,** that ye may consume *it* upon your lusts.

Mt. 7:8 **For every one that asketh receiveth**; and he that seeketh findeth; and to him that knocketh it shall be opened.

Mt. 21:22 And all things, whatsoever ye shall **ask in prayer, believing, ye shall receive.**

1 Jn. 3:22 And **whatsoever we ask, we receive of him, because** we keep his commandments, and do those things that are pleasing in his sight.

2. Pursue the goal of a wife

Prov. 18:22 **Whoso findeth a wife findeth a good thing**, and obtaineth favour of the LORD.

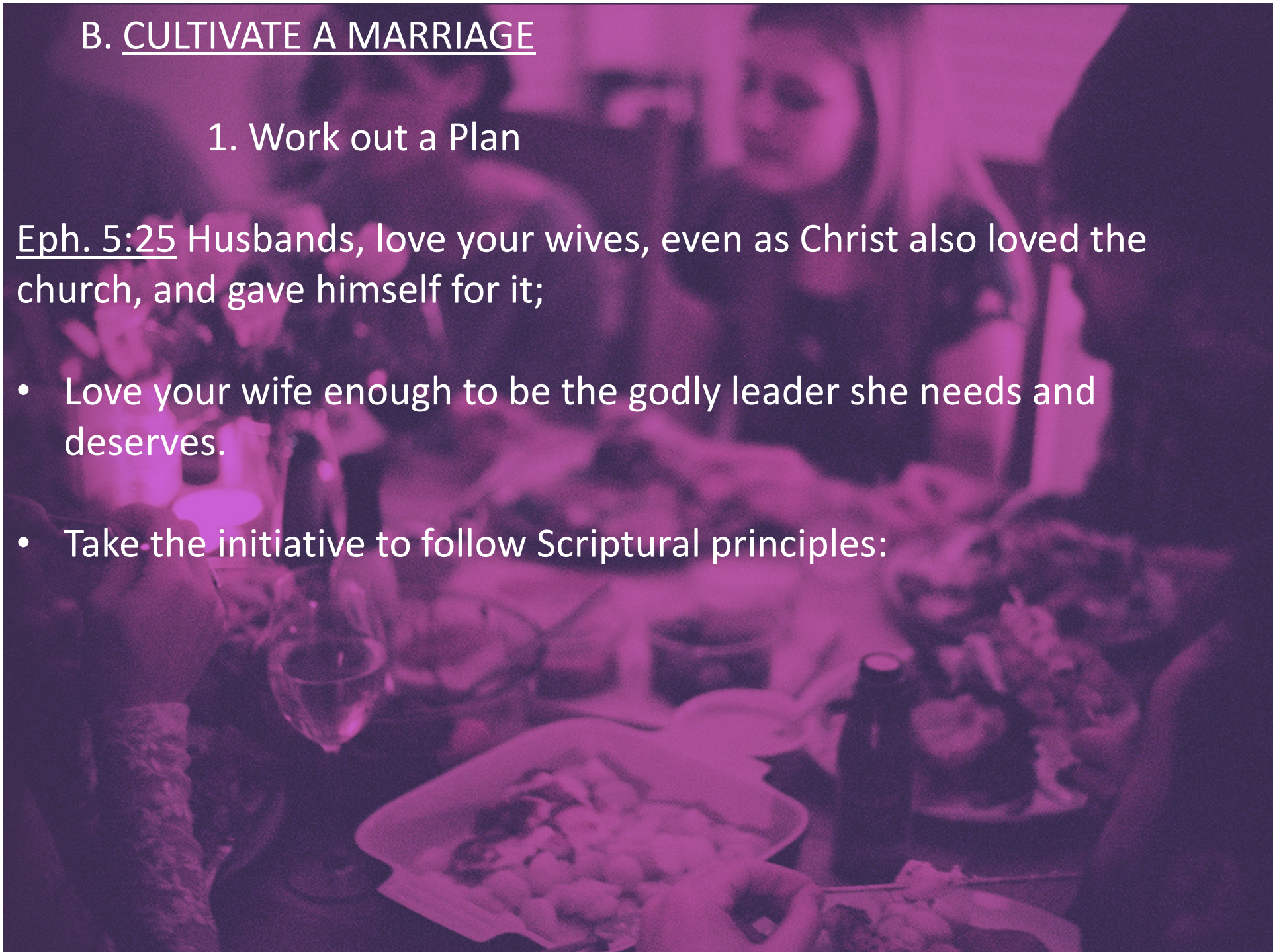
2 Cor. 6:14 **Be ye not unequally yoked together with unbelievers**: for what fellowship hath righteousness with unrighteousness? and what communion hath light with darkness?

B. CULTIVATE A MARRIAGE

1. Work out a Plan

Eph. 5:25 Husbands, love your wives, even as Christ also loved the church, and gave himself for it;

- Love your wife enough to be the godly leader she needs and deserves.
- Take the initiative to follow Scriptural principles:



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- Read your Bible.
 - Pray
 - Witness
 - Attend church faithfully
 - Tithe
 - Serve
 - Live for Christ – DAILY!

2. Work the Plan

Phil. 3:14 **I press toward the mark** for the prize of the high calling of God in Christ Jesus.

Col. 3:19 Husbands, love *your* wives, and be not bitter against them.

C. CORRECT ANY MISTAKES

1. Anticipate the Challenges

Heb. 12:1 Wherefore seeing we also are compassed about with so great a cloud of witnesses, let us lay aside every weight, and the sin which doth so easily beset *us*, and **let us run with patience the race that is set before us,**

2 Looking unto Jesus the author and finisher of *our* faith; who for the joy that was set before him endured the cross, despising the shame, and is set down at the right hand of the throne of God.

- Marriage is a marathon – develop the mentality to be in it for the long-run = for life.

Gal. 6:9 And **let us not be weary in well doing:** for in due season we shall reap, **if we faint not.**

2. Address the Conflict

Jas. 5:16 **Confess your faults one to another, and pray one for another,** that ye may be healed. The effectual fervent prayer of a righteous man availeth much.

Prov. 28:13 He that covereth his sins shall not prosper: **but whoso confesseth and forsaketh them shall have mercy.**

The Four Horsemen

*Criticism

*Defensiveness

*Contempt

*Stonewalling

What Makes Love Last? by John Gottman

- In order to correct the mistakes, husbands must learn to communicate.

D. COMMUNICATE THE MESSAGE

1. Seek Clarity and Compassion

Eph. 4:29 Let no corrupt communication proceed out of your mouth, but that which is good to the use of edifying, **that it may minister grace unto the hearers.**

30 And **grieve not the holy Spirit of God**, whereby ye are sealed unto the day of redemption.

31 Let all bitterness, and wrath, and anger, and clamour, and evil speaking, be put away from you, with all malice:

32 And **be ye kind one to another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, even as God for Christ's sake hath forgiven you.**

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=1r8rmNFycSg> -- Hearitol



• Resolving conflicts begin with a “bid”

Text

How do I look?

Let's put the kids to bed.

How was your day?

Want to cuddle?

I had a terrible lunch meeting today.

Subtext

Can I have your attention?

Can I have your help?

I had a rough day. Please listen to me.

Can I have your affection?

Will you help me de-stress?

2. Send Comments of Care



*“If you replace L in life with
W, you get wife. That is
because
life isnt worth living without
a lovely wife like you.
I love you, darling.”*



http://www.momjunction.com/articles/romantic-love-messages-for-wife_00435384/#gref



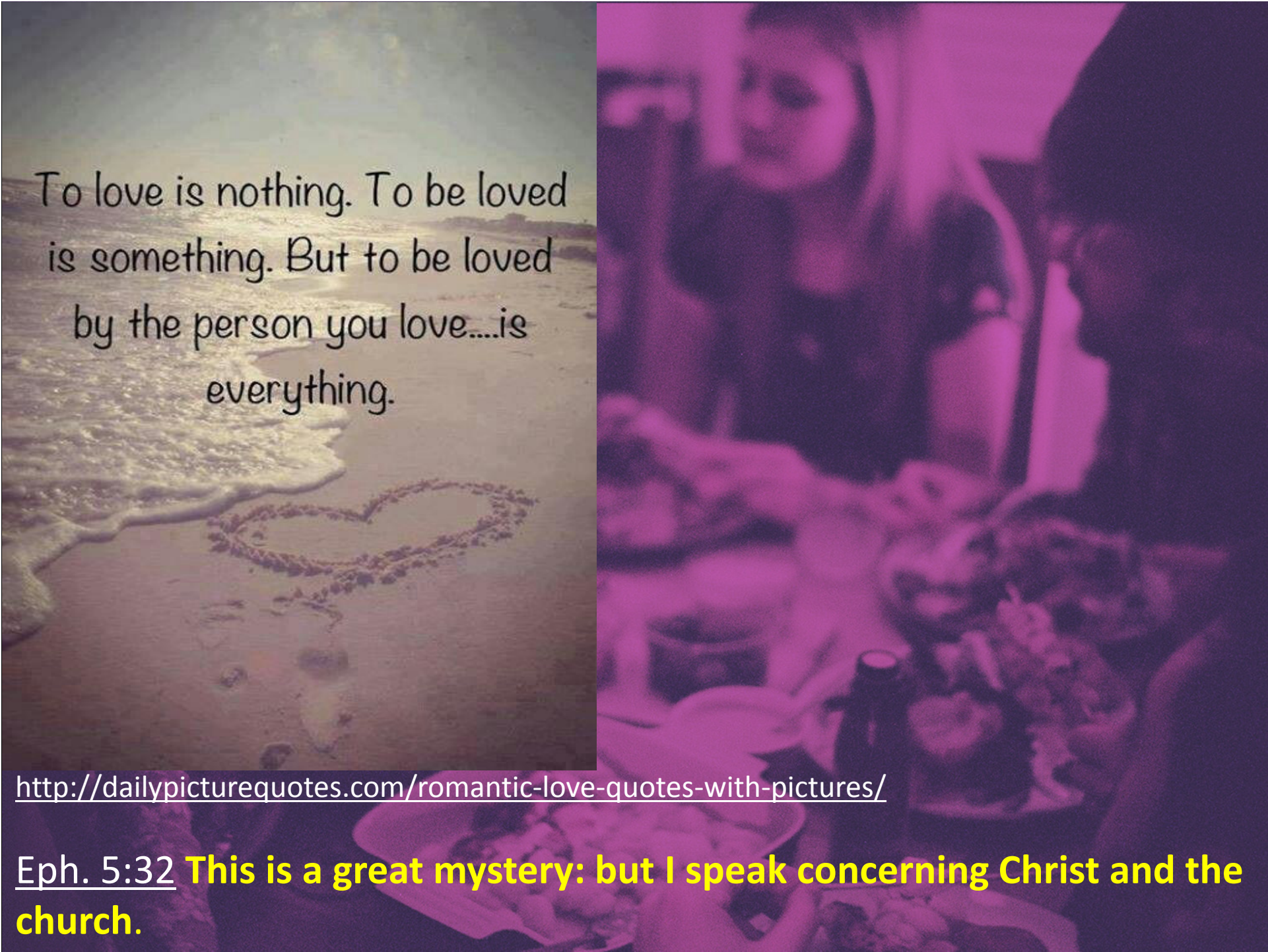
"I don't need the whole
world to love me.
I just need that one
person. And, I am proud
to say that special person
is YOU,
my lovely wife!"



A romantic dinner scene with a couple holding hands over a candle. The image is overlaid with a semi-transparent purple filter. The text is centered and reads: I WANT TO GROW OLD WITH YOU AND BE ABLE TO SAY THAT I HAVE LIVED AN AMAZING LIFE WITH YOU.

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To love is nothing. To be loved
is something. But to be loved
by the person you love....is
everything.

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Conclusion

Jas. 3:13 **Who is a wise man and endued with knowledge among you?**

let him shew out of a good conversation his works with meekness of wisdom.

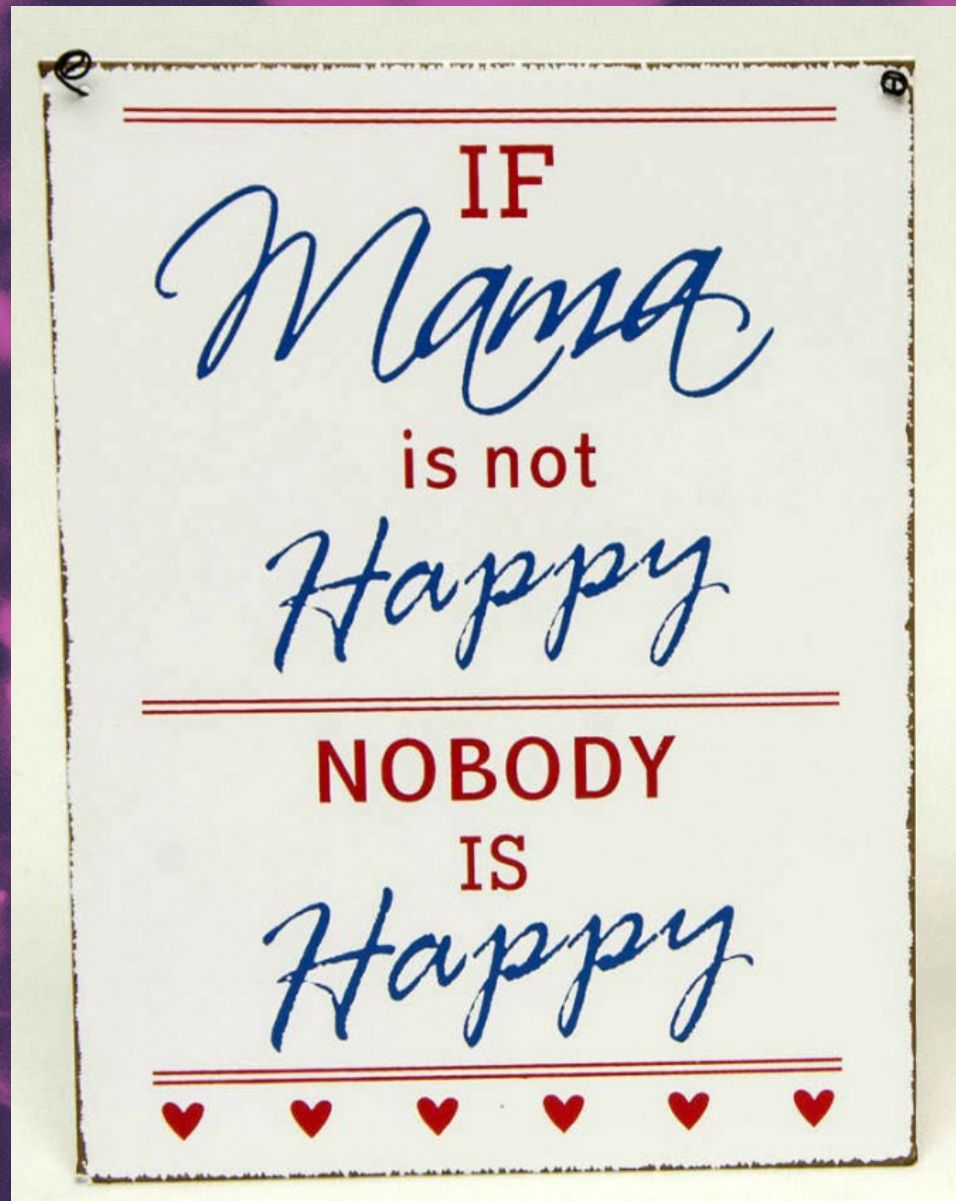
14 But if ye have bitter envying and strife in your hearts, glory not, and lie not against the truth.

15 This wisdom descendeth not from above, but *is* earthly, sensual, devilish.

16 For where envying and strife *is*, there *is* confusion and every evil work.

17 But the wisdom that is from above is first pure, then peaceable, gentle, *and* easy to be intreated, full of mercy and good fruits, without partiality, and without hypocrisy.

18 And **the fruit of righteousness is sown in peace of them that make peace.**



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Motherhood

When the queen is
happy there is peace
in the kingdom.

-Author Unknown

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