

THANK YOU FOR JOINING US TODAY!

Thank you for joining us today. This is a short note to let you know that we know what you are thinking: It is hot and cramped in this room. We want to acknowledge with you that yes, the front room is full, the kids rooms are full, and it can get warm. We are working on alleviating this right now by building our own building on the land just north of us.

There is a lot that goes into the process of Element having a permanent home, but we hope that today you are first drawn to Jesus before you are overwhelmed by anything else. If it gets too hot, we may hand out popsicles to help you cool off and give you a sugar rush. If you would like a service that has open seats (and is cooler), you are invited to our 8:15 am service. Please understand that all of these "challenges" are because of our love for Jesus, people, and growth that has come quickly. These are good things. We hope you will stay as we work to make more room for you to be part of the good thing Jesus is doing here. If you would like more information about our building process or how you can participate, you can visit: www.elementroots.org.

- The Element Team

UPCOMING EVENTS: CHRISTMAS FOR KIDS

Saturday, December 17th

Donations, service opportunities and family recommendations at the Welcome Center
www.ourelement.org/cfk

WOMEN'S ORNAMENT EXCHANGE

THIS Tuesday, December 6 at 6:30pm

Sign up and get more details at:
women@ourelement.org

CHRISTMAS EVE

Services: 7, 9 & 11pm
Childcare at 7pm only.
No Sunday services on Christmas Day.

REDEMPTION GROUPS

Begins February 3rd

Learn more and fill out an application at
ourelement.org/redemption

HAVE QUESTIONS?

Do you have a *What in the World?* question you'd like us to answer?

Ask us at:

www.ourelement.org/what?



WHAT! — IN THE — WORLD?

PSALM 81:11-12

EPHESIANS 5:20

TITUS 2

1 CORINTHIANS 11

COLOSSIANS 2

1 PETER 3

GENESIS 3:8-9

ROMANS 5:8

GENESIS 2:24

DEUTERONOMY 6:4

EIGHT: THE SUBMISSION HOLD — EPHESIANS 5:22-32 —

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Let's start this week with a couple of questions. Wives, do you believe your husband is the "head" of your home? What does that look like or not look like? Husbands, do you believe you are the "head" of your home? What does it look like or not look like?

When the bible uses the word "submission" it doesn't infer that women are inferior to men or are to be bossed around by men. When men are honest they know they are superior in very little. Being the head of a home, or relationship, speaks of what redemption looks like in a relationship. If a wife is in sin or struggling then her husband should make great haste to rescue and restore, even if he suffers or dies, so she can be forgiven, restored, and loved.

John Piper says submission "...is the disposition to follow a husband's authority and an inclination to yield to his leadership. It is an attitude that says, 'I delight for you to take the initiative in our family. I am glad when you take responsibility for things and lead with love. I don't flourish when you are passive....' But the attitude of Christian submission also says, 'It grieves me when you venture into sinful acts and want to take me with you...I flourish most when I can respond creatively and joyfully to your lead; but I can't follow you into sin, as much as I love to honor your leadership in our marriage, Christ is my King.'"

We read in the New Testament that Jesus is the head of the church. That means that He took responsibility for us and our sin. Christ's headship is rooted in His giving himself up for the church. His sacrifice. His surrender. His willingness to give Himself away for his bride.

The authority the word "head" carries with it is rooted in the sacrifice of Christ and therefore the sacrifice of the husband. The husband is commanded to lay down his life for his wife, and the wife is commanded to submit herself to her husband, but both are commanded to submit to each other because everyone is commanded to submit to everyone else, and all of this is out of reverence for Christ.

INTRODUCTION

The entire point of good loving marriages is to remind us of our good and loving God. We submit to Him, we respect Him, we love Him because He first loved us by coming and redeeming us from our broken way of life. Jesus is the one we look to first.

DISCUSSION

Are there any tasks in our world that you see as "gender related?"
What do you think when you hear the word submission?

EXPLANATION

Should a wife follow a husband when she knows he is making a foolish choice?

What is the best way to point out to your spouse when you believe they are making a poor choice? (husbands to wives or wives to husbands)?

When do you find it hardest to lead?

APPLICATION - Read Ephesians 5:22-30

How could focusing on Jesus first not even make the words "head" and "submission" become an issue?

How is the focus of Ephesians 5 more on Jesus than marriage?

MISSION

How can you practice leading and submitting in all relationships?

How could serving others first be a witness of the Gospel?