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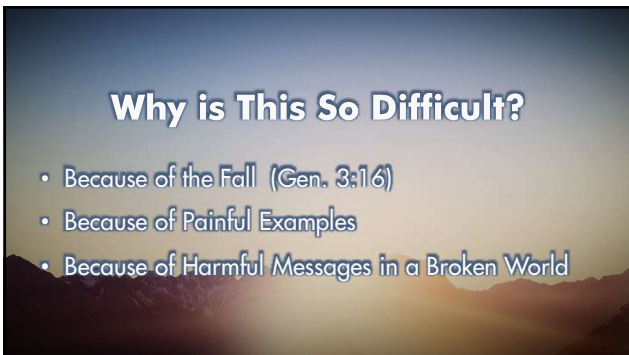
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### Christians Should Not Be Surprised . . .

- That following Jesus involves submission
- That Christians Do Not Fit Patterns of the World
- That God's People Should be "Others-Ward"

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### Submission for All Christians

- Gov't & Secular Authorities *(Rom. 13:1 & 1 Peter 2:13)*
- Pastoral Authority in the Church *(Heb. 13:17)*
- In the Family *(1 Peter 3:1)*
- To God *(James 4:7)*

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22 Wives, submit to your own husbands, as to the Lord. 23 For the husband is the head of the wife even as Christ is the head of the church, his body, and is himself its Savior. 24 Now as the church submits to Christ, so also wives should submit in everything to their husbands.

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<sup>25</sup> Husbands, love your wives, as Christ loved the church and gave himself up for her, <sup>26</sup> that he might sanctify her, having cleansed her by the washing of water with the word,

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<sup>27</sup> so that he might present the church to himself in splendor, without spot or wrinkle or any such thing, that she might be holy and without blemish.

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<sup>28</sup> In the same way husbands should love their wives as their own bodies. He who loves his wife loves himself. <sup>29</sup> For no one ever hated his own flesh, but nourishes and cherishes it, just as Christ does the church, <sup>30</sup> because we are members of his body.

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<sup>31</sup> “Therefore a man shall leave his father and mother and hold fast to his wife, and the two shall become one flesh.”

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<sup>32</sup> This mystery is profound, and I am saying that it refers to Christ and the church. <sup>33</sup> However, let each one of you love his wife as himself, and let the wife see that she respects her husband.

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**To Obey God, We Need to Understand God.**

**Three Questions to Answer.**

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## What Does Submission Mean?

<sup>22</sup> Wives, submit to your own husbands, as to the Lord.

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## The Word Submission

ὑποτάσσω = hypotasso

To Arrange Under (Authority or Rank)  
To Order Beneath

\* Military in Origin To Fall into Proper Order

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## Submission is Not Unconditional Obedience

**Acts 4** <sup>19</sup> . . . "Whether it is right in the sight of God to listen to you rather than to God, you must judge, <sup>20</sup> for we cannot but speak of what we have seen and heard."

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**Submission is Not**  
 Subjugation of Women to Men

<sup>22</sup> Wives, submit to your own husbands, as to the Lord.




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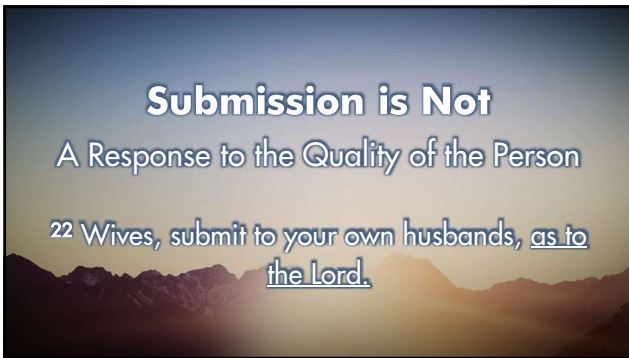
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**Submission is Not**  
 A Response to the Quality of the Person

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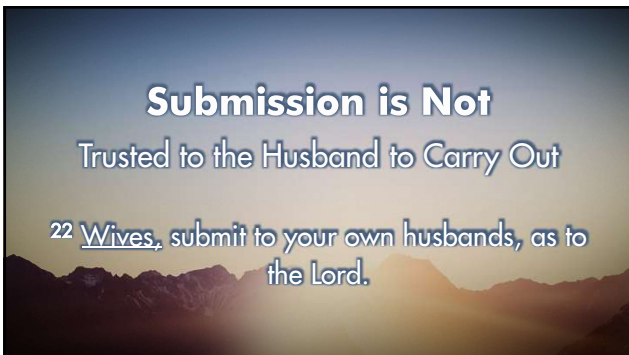
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**Submission is Not**  
 Trusted to the Husband to Carry Out

<sup>22</sup> Wives, submit to your own husbands, as to the Lord.




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## Where Does Submission Come From?

<sup>23</sup> For the husband is the head of the wife even as Christ is the head of the church, his body, and is himself its Savior.

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## Submission Comes from God

### 1. In Created Differences

Physical & Relational

*Differentiation ≠ Discrimination*

*To be Equal ≠ Identical*

### 2. In God's Redemptive Plan

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## What Does Submission Look Like?

<sup>23b</sup> even as Christ is the head of the church, his body, and is himself its Savior.

<sup>24</sup> Now as the church submits to Christ, so also wives should submit in everything to their husbands.

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**How Does the Church Submit to Christ?**

1. As a Body to Its Head (23b)
2. As to One Who Lays Down His Life (24a)

*Submission ≠ Repression*

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**Submission in the Christian Family is a Gift from God.**

**That's Something We Can Submit to.**

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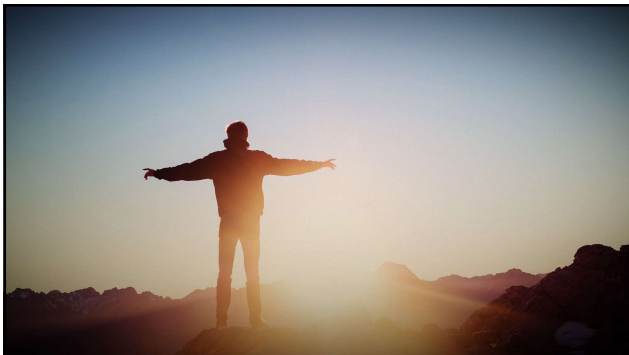
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