

# FAITH at HOME

## Faith at Home: Building Intentional Families

*Building An Intentional Marriage*

*Ephesians 5:21-23*

1. God designed marriage as an incubator for children to experience and know Him.
  
2. The model for Christian marriage is the relationship between Jesus and the Church.
  - Jesus is the motivation in a Christian marriage.
  - Christ is the model for the husband.
  - The Church is the model for the wife.

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# MY APPLICATION

Use the following questions this week to reflect on what it would mean to align yourself with the truths taught in Scripture. Each question is meant for both personal reflection and as a catalyst for discussion with your family, friends, or small group.

1. We all agree that childhood shapes us in some ways. Since families are designed by God as an incubator for children to experience and know Him, how did your childhood shape your view of God and the world?
2. Why do you think God inspired Paul to explain Christian marriage starting with Ephesians 5:21 (“Submit to one another out of reverence for Christ.”)? How does the demonstration of submission recorded in Philippians 2:1-11 create a sense of reverence and motivation for us to submit to each other?
3. Explore the idea that the relationship and role God has given for the husband and wife reflect the relationship of Jesus and the Church. Practically, what does this look like?
4. We all know that we are not perfect and daily need God’s forgiveness and love. Give some examples of ways you remind yourself of this truth. Pray for each other to grow in your willingness to follow the example of Christ.

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## **MEMORY VERSE**

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