

Family Matters

Husbands, Love Your Wives

Ephesians 5:22-33

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²²Wives, submit to your own husbands, as to the Lord. ²³For the husband is the head of the wife even as Christ is the head of the church, his body, and is himself its Savior.

Love her as _____ loves the _____

- A _____ love (v. 25)
Philippians 2:1-8, Hebrews 12:2
 - a. Made Himself _____ (Philippians 1:7)
 - I. Gave up a _____-to-_____ relationship with His Father
John 17:5
 - ii. Took on His Father's _____
 - iii. Was _____ by His Father
Matthew 27:46
 - b. _____ Himself (Philippians 1:8)
 - c. _____ to death (v. 8)
 - i. Died the death of a _____
 - ii. Falsely _____
 - iii. Treated unfairly with _____ and _____
... looking to Jesus, the founder and perfecter of our faith, who for the joy that was set before him endured the cross, despising the shame, and is seated at the right hand of the throne of God. (Hebrews 12:2 ESV)
- A _____ love (vs. 26-27)

- a. _____ through the Word (John 17:17)
- b. _____ more like Christ

A purifying love is a love that looks to who your spouse is becoming in Christ.

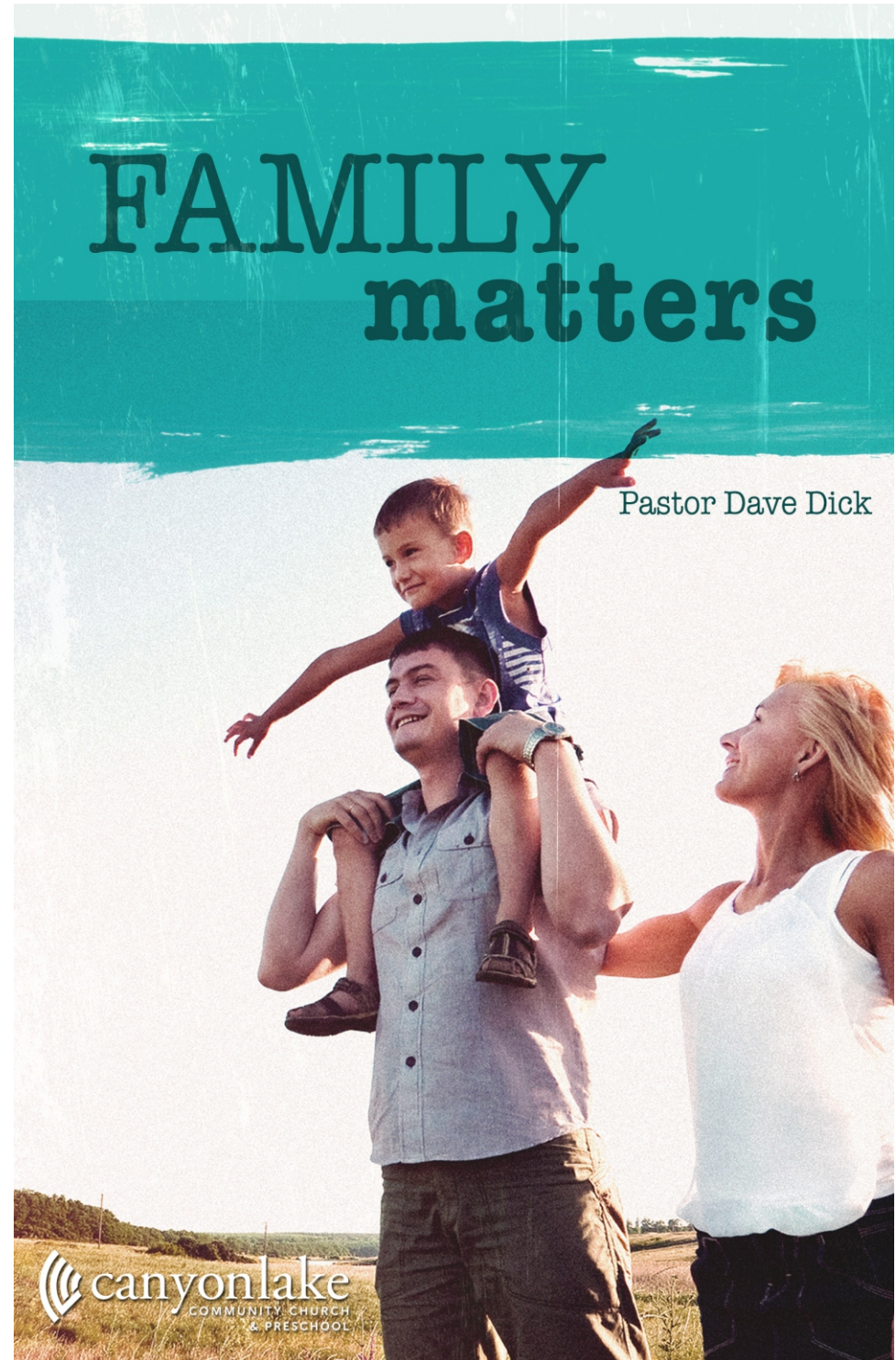
- A _____ love (vs. 28-30)
1 Peter 3:7
 - a. _____ with her
Men, we are to be the initiators of a deep relationship with our wives _____, _____, and _____.
 - b. _____ her
 - i. Be _____
 - ii. _____
 - iii. _____
 - iv. _____ care
 - c. _____ her
- A _____ love (vs. 31-33)
John 15:12-13
 - a. _____ love
 - I. _____
Covenant Love, Loving Kindness, Mercy, Steadfast Love, Loyal Love, Devotion, Commitment, Loyalty, Reliability

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Love her as **Christ** loves the **Church**

- A **sacrificial** love (v. 25)
Philippians 2:1-8, Hebrews 12:2
 - a. Made Himself **nothing** (Philippians 1:7)
 - i. Gave up a face-to-face relationship with His Father
John 17:5
 - ii. Took on His Father's wrath
 - iii. Was forsaken by His Father
Matthew 27:46
 - b. **Humbled** Himself (Philippians 1:8)
 - c. **Obedient** to death (v. 8)
 - i. Died the death of a **criminal**
 - ii. Falsely **accused**
 - iii. Treated unfairly with **hatred** and **disdain**
... looking to Jesus, the founder and perfecter of our faith, who for the joy that was set before him endured the cross, despising the shame, and is seated at the right hand of the throne of God. (Hebrews 12:2 ESV)
- A **purifying** love (vs. 26-27)

a. **Sanctified** through the Word (John 17:17)

b. **Becoming** more like Christ

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- A **devoted** love (vs. 28-30)
1 Peter 3:7
 - a. **Live** with her
Men, we are to be the initiators of a deep relationship with our wives **emotionally, physically, and spiritually.**
 - b. **Understand** her
 - i. Be **involved**
 - ii. **Listen**
 - iii. **Communicate**
 - iv. **Show** care
 - c. **Honor** her
- A **committed** love (vs. 31-33)
John 15:12-13
 - a. **Covenant** love
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