

JUST AS CHRIST
EPHESIANS 5:25-27

How did you see God working in your marriage this week?

HUSBANDS LOVE YOUR WIVES. Love (Greek, agapao) is unconditional, without expectation, with empathy, and demonstrated by placing her needs above your own. (**Ephesians 5:25a, Colossians 3:19, Romans 5:5, fn 5:5, 6, I John 4:16-21, fn 4:20, 21**) *Why does God expect the husband to love (agapao) his wife?*

HUSBANDS GIVE—“The great characteristic of this love is that this is not so much governed by the desire to have, as the desire to give.” Martyn Lloyd Jones, Life in the Spirit, p. 140. As Christ gave His life for the church, the husband is to love to the point of laying down his life for his wife. (**Ephesians 5:25b, fn 5:25-30, John 3:16, fn 3:16[1st], I John 3:16, fn 3:16, Philippians 2:1-8, fn 2:5, John 15:12-13, fn 15:12, 13**) *What would this love look like in your marriage?*

HUSBANDS SEE beauty, splendor, and “wow” in your wives. When a husband shows love as he once did for his new bride, he will not see imperfections or shortcomings. As we will be radiant brides of Christ, the husband’s wife is now and always is to be his (the husband’s) radiant bride. (**Ephesians 5:26, 27, Malachi 2:13-15, fn 2:15, 16, Proverbs 5:15-19, fn 5:15-21, Ecclesiastes 9:9, fn 9:9, Proverbs 18:22, fn 18:22**) *Why is adultery, pornography, or lack of compliments devastating to the wife?*

The Bible was not written for our information only but for our transformation. *How will these verses change you in your walk with God and others, including your spouse?*

Pray for one another’s needs.