- •"Success is when the people who know you the best love you the most," John Maxwell
- If your relationship with God, and identity in Christ, doesn't impact the way you act with your family, something is dreadfully wrong. Paul's focus in living out our faith zeroes in on our family life in this next section.

- Ephesians 5:21, "Submit to one another out of reverence for Christ." (Context – identity, living a life worthy of our calling, living wisely – finding what God wants & doing it & living Spirit filled)
- POINT: If we are going to live in the current fullness of the Spirit, we need to submit to one another out of reverence for Christ. We need to take the way of the cross in our family interactions. Applies it ...

• Ephesians 5:22-24, "Wives, submit yourselves to your own husbands as you do to the Lord. For the husband is the head of the wife as Christ is the head is the church, his body, of which he is the Savior. Now as the church submits to Christ, so also wives should submit to their husbands in everything."

- If we are going to live a Spirit filled life, worthy of our calling, we need to submit to one another. Wives submit to your husbands.
- He is calling wives to the way of the cross. (The misuse of the passage for control not saying husband rules. Not saying obey) Submission is the way of the cross. (Head leadership role of husband, initiate like Jesus; e.g., decisions find the mind of Christ)

- If we are going to live a Spirit filled life, worthy of our calling, we need to submit to one another. Wives submit to your husbands
- What does submission look like? (Servant heart. Not controlling, not critical – passive husband; controlling husband – not a call to submit to abuse, Jen & powering up) (Conflict - yielding the airways of opinions, treat with honor, true ownership, humble apologies)

• Ephesians 5:25-33, "Husbands, love your wives, just as Christ loved the church and gave himself up for her to make her holy, cleansing her by the washing with water through the word, and to present her to himself as a radiant church, without stain or wrinkle or any other blemish, but holy and blameless. In this same way, husbands ought to love their wives as their own body.

• Ephesians 5:25-33, "He who loves his wife loves himself. After all, people have never hated their own bodies, but they feed and care for them, just as Christ does the church – for we are members of his body. 'For this reason a man will leave his father and mother and be united to his wife, and the two shall become one flesh.' This a profound mystery – but I am talking about Christ and the church. However, each of you must love his wife as he does himself, and the wife must respect her husband."

- If we are going to live a Spirit filled life, worthy of our calling, we need to submit to one another. Husbands love your wives...
- The husband is to initiate love like Christ. Selfgiving, sacrificial love. He is called to the way of the cross. Paul is calling husbands and wives to put the other before themselves. (Saved her – chosen = heart spoken for, sanctified her & is sanctifying her, presents her blameless) ("You blame..." Gratefulness vs grumbling)

- If we are going to live a Spirit filled life, worthy of our calling, we need to submit to one another. Husbands love your wives...
- Husbands ought to love their wives as their own body. He who loves his wife, loves himself. (Pragmatic; e.g., socks & pools; the profound mystery)

• The work of the Spirit is hindered by our selfcenteredness. We must take the way of the cross in our family interactions. Self-denial & a concern for the needs of others is essential for Christ-followers in a home. We can't live a consistent Spirit filled life without taking the way of the cross in our homes. (Do it over)

