-A SERMON SERIES ON MARRIAGE AND FAMILY-









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Mutual Submission



Covenantal Interdependency



What would happen if we rejected self-centeredness and worked sacrificially for the good of one another?



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 - Acts 5:29, 1 Corinthians 7:12-16, Galatians 2:5



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Verses 21-22 literally read: *"submitting to one another...Wives, ____ to your own husbands."*

This means a wife's submission is only one expression of the mutual submission between a husband and wife.



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Philippians 2:3-4



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Paul speaks to both husband and wife directly. This is radically different than other ancient household codes.



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We also must protect the vulnerable and fight for justice.



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