

# SPIRIT-FILLED MARRIAGES

## *Ephesians 5:22-33*

The greater context of Ephesians 5:22-33...

The problem with marriage is not \_\_\_\_\_ but \_\_\_\_\_

The hope for marriage is not \_\_\_\_\_ but \_\_\_\_\_

The marriage text of Ephesians starts in Ephesians 1:1

- Your identity is not in your \_\_\_\_\_ or your \_\_\_\_\_, but in \_\_\_\_\_! (1:1-23)
- Your Savior is not your \_\_\_\_\_ or \_\_\_\_\_, but \_\_\_\_\_! (2:1-10)
- You are one with your spouse... and also with your \_\_\_\_\_! (2:11-4:16)
- God is concerned with your \_\_\_\_\_, not just your \_\_\_\_\_! (4:17-5:17)
- You are filled with the \_\_\_\_\_, not with your \_\_\_\_\_! (5:18-21)

In your battle for control with your spouse, the \_\_\_\_\_ must win.

Understanding Ephesians 5:22-33 in context...

- Spirit-filled wives \_\_\_\_\_ their husbands as to the Lord
- Spirit-filled husbands \_\_\_\_\_ their wives as Christ loved the church
- Spirit-filled marriage \_\_\_\_\_ Christ to the world

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### FOR FURTHER ACTION AND REFLECTION:

- Memorize Ephesians 4:1-6
- Read Colossians 3:18-19, 1 Peter 3:1-7
- Read *The Meaning of Marriage* by Tim Keller, *What did you Expect* by Paul David Tripp, *Tying the Knot* by Rob Green, *Kingdom Marriage* by Tony Evans, *Devotedly* by Valerie Elliot Shepard
- Attend “The Art of Marriage” ABF class for the rest of March
- Consider attending the “Weekend to Remember” event in Reston from 5/3-5/5

### QUESTIONS FOR REFLECTION:

1. What stood out to you most from the message?
2. What marriages come to mind when you think of “Spirit-filled marriages”? Why?
3. What is one principle from the rest of the book of Ephesians (before 5:22-33) that we ought to apply to marriage?
4. If you are single, divorced, or widowed, how was God still speaking to you through the message?
5. If you are married, share how you met your spouse and what you appreciate about them.
6. Share about a time in your marriage when you had to submit to the Spirit and now follow your own desires.
7. Wives, what is hard about submitting to your husbands in a way that honors the Lord? How have you been blessed as you have sought to do this?
8. Husbands, what is hard about loving your wife like Christ loved the church? How have you been blessed as you have sought to do this?
9. How has God’s grace rescued you when you have sinned against one another in marriage?