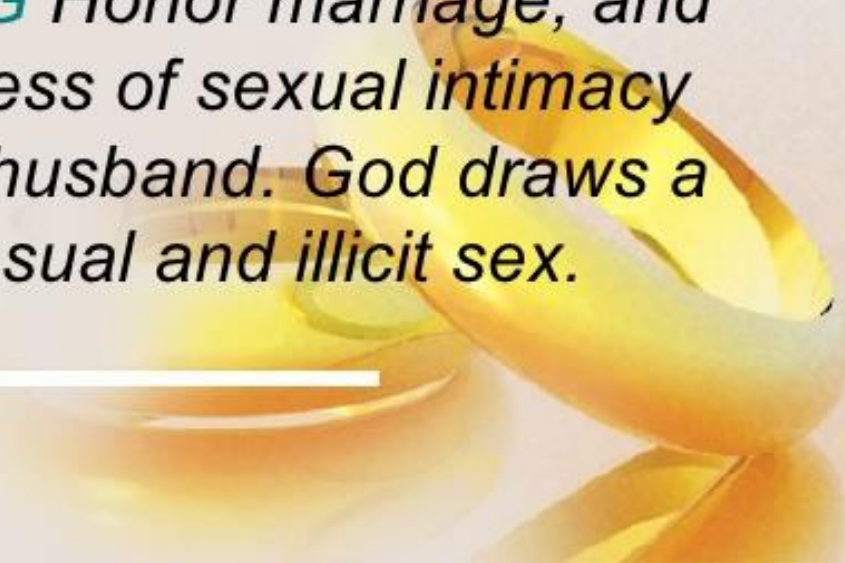




CHILDREN OF LIGHT

Hebrews 13:4

- *Hebrews 13:4 NIV* Marriage should be honored by all, and the marriage bed kept pure, for God will judge the adulterer and all the sexually immoral.
- *Hebrews 13:4 MSG* Honor marriage, and guard the sacredness of sexual intimacy between wife and husband. God draws a firm line against casual and illicit sex.



Ephesians 5:18-33

**¹⁸ And do not get drunk with wine, for that is
debauchery, but be filled with the Spirit,
¹⁹ addressing one another in psalms and hymns
and spiritual songs, singing and making melody to
the Lord with your heart, ²⁰ giving thanks always
and for everything to God the Father in the name
of our Lord Jesus Christ, ²¹ submitting to one
another out of reverence for Christ.**

²² Wives, submit to your own husbands, as to the Lord. ²³ For the husband is the head of the wife even as Christ is the head of the church, his body, and is himself its Savior. ²⁴ Now as the church submits to Christ, so also wives should submit in everything to their husbands.

²⁵ Husbands, love your wives, as Christ loved the church and gave himself up for her, ²⁶ that he might sanctify her, having cleansed her by the washing of water with the word, ²⁷ so that he might present the church to himself in splendor, without spot or wrinkle or any such thing, that she might be holy and without blemish. ²⁸ In the same way husbands should love their wives as their own bodies. He who loves his wife loves himself.

29 For no one ever hated his own flesh, but nourishes and cherishes it, just as Christ does the church, ³⁰ because we are members of his body.

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“Marriage: The Profound Mystery”

Ephesians 5:18-33

**God, who established
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*Walking
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A Reminder for Everyone: Believe

(vv. 21, 31-33)

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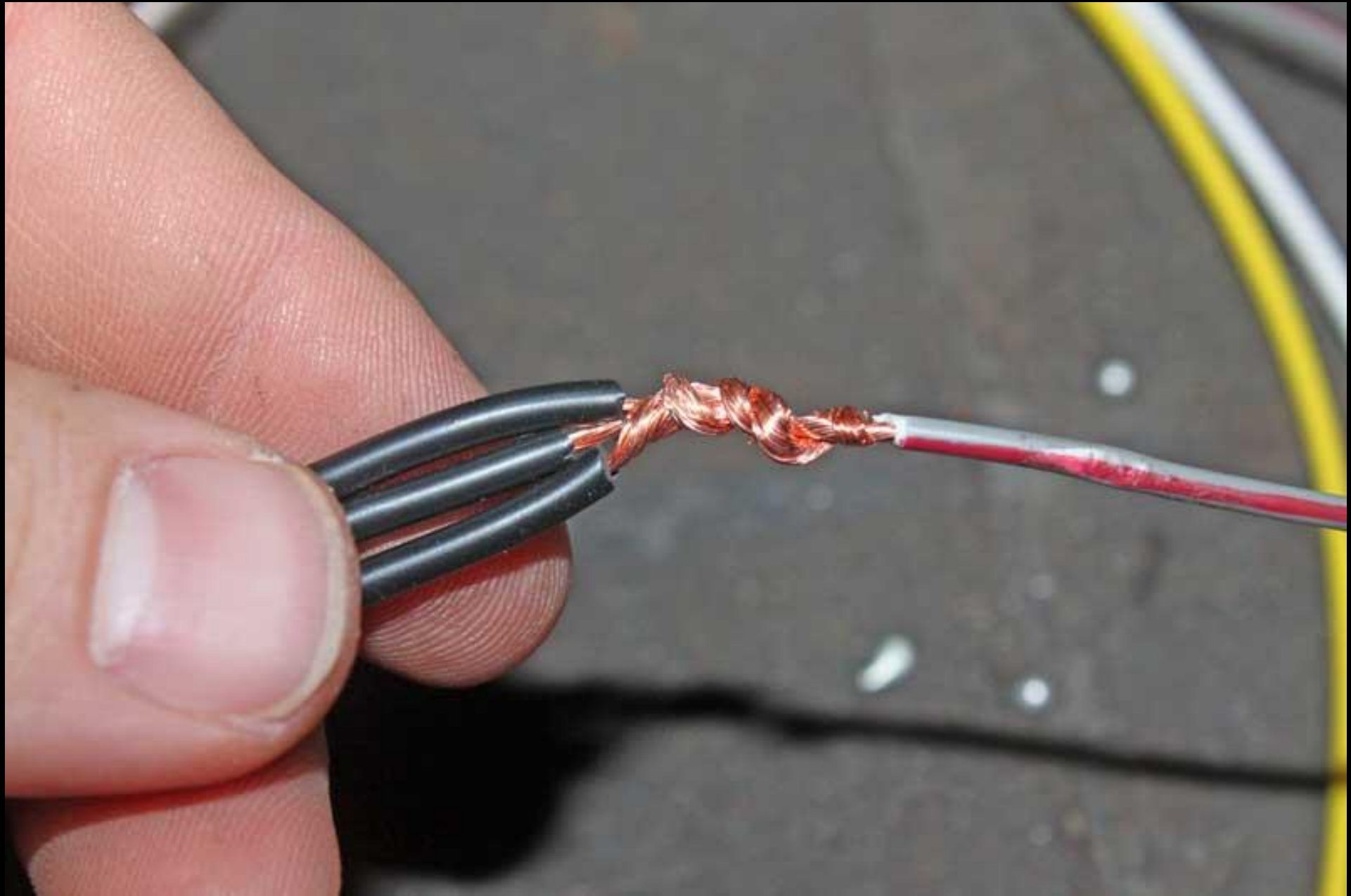
Over-commitment to parents is one problem that sinks marriages. When you marry, you commit to becoming a new decision-making unit and to developing new patterns and ways of doing things. If you rigidly impose the patterns that you saw in our own family rather than working together with your spouse to create new ones that fit both of you, you haven't "left home" yet.

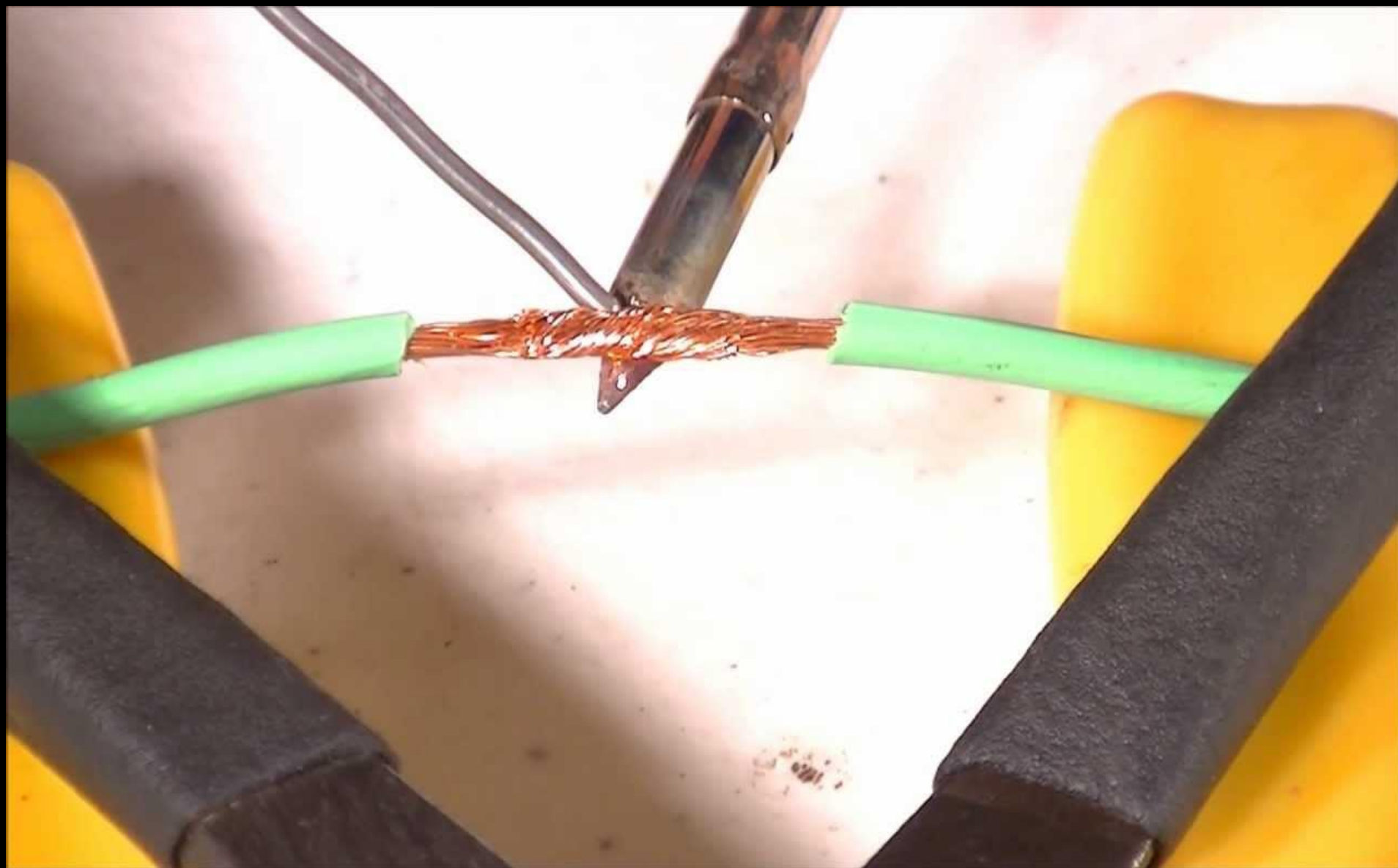
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Marriage is the union between 2 people so profound that they virtually become a new, single person. The word (cleave) means “to make a binding covenant or contract.” This covenant brings every aspect of 2 persons’ lives together. They essentially merge into a single legal, social, economic unit.

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To call the marriage “one flesh” then, means that sex is understood as both a sign of that personal, legal union and a means to accomplish it. The bible says don’t unite with someone physically unless you are willing to unite with the person emotionally, personally, socially, economically, and legally. Don’t become physically naked and vulnerable to the other person without becoming vulnerable in every other way, because you have given up your freedom and bound yourself in marriage.

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Mutuality — Eph 5:18-21

1 Tim 5:1-2

Do not rebuke an older man but encourage him as you would a father, younger men as brothers, ² older women as mothers, younger women as sisters, in all purity.

Submit in v. 21 is to be understood as a general heading indicating that there will be various situations in which certain believers will have to yield to the authority of others

The verb submit describes the relation of the church to Christ. Root meaning is “to put in order, to arrange.” Used over 40 times in the NT... It necessarily carries with it the concept of exercising or of yielding to authority.

Dr. James Hurley

A Reminder for Husbands: Love

(vv. 33, 25-30)

3 greek love words:

- ❑ Phileo – brotherly affection
- ❑ Agape – God's sacrificial love
- ❑ Eros – romantic, physical love

It is to look at another person and get a glimpse of the person God is creating, and say, “I see who God is making you, and it excites me! I want to be part of that. I want to partner with you and God in the journey you are taking to the throne. And when you get there, I will look at your magnificence and say, I always knew you could be like this. I got glimpses of it on earth, but now look at you!”

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A Reminder for Wives: Respect

(vv. 33, 22-24)

Titus 2:3-4

³ Older women likewise are to be reverent in behavior, not slanderers or slaves to much wine. They are to teach what is good, ⁴ and so train the young women to love their husbands and children...

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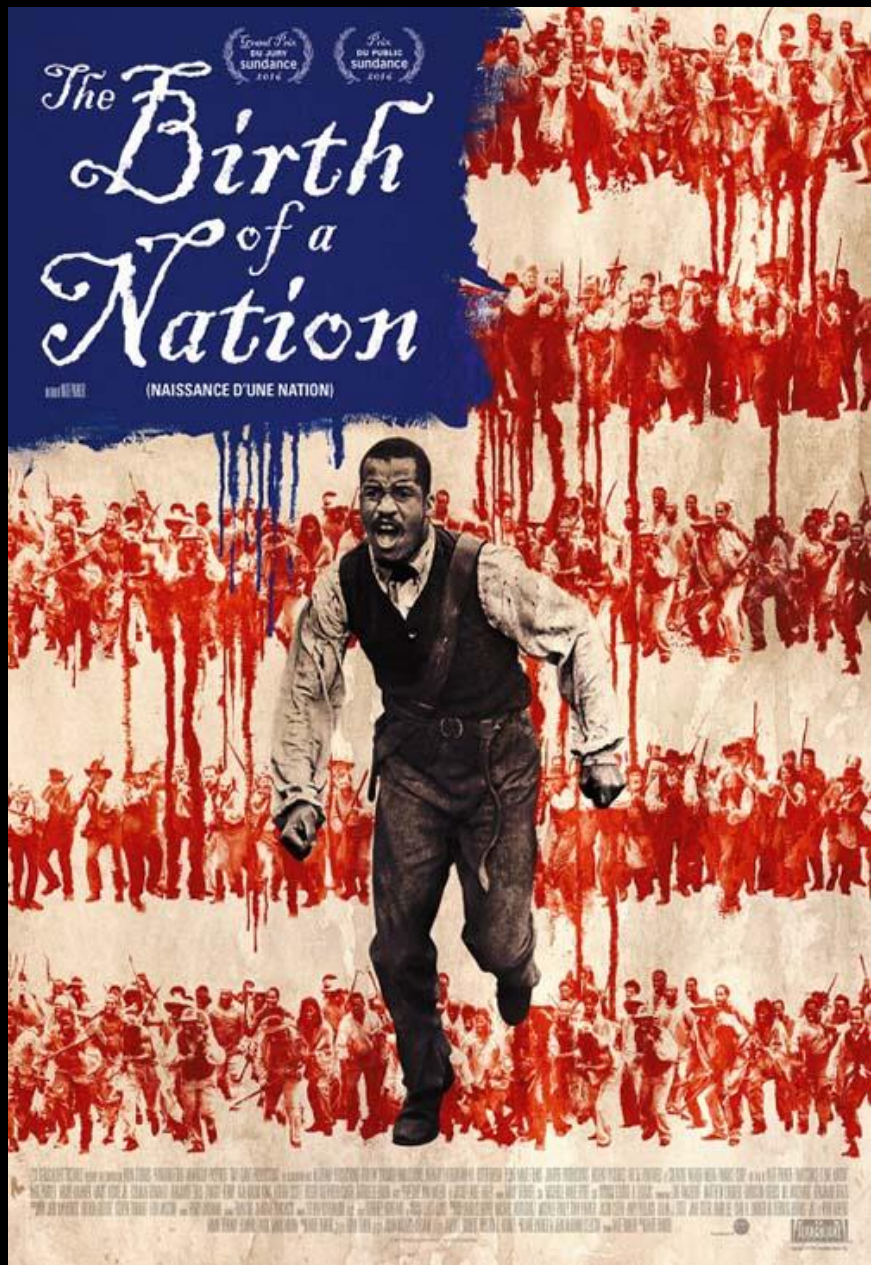
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- By nature nobody likes to submit

Jesus submitted to the Father

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The passivity of Adam after the fall

**The power struggle with between Eve and Adam
after the fall**



In Jesus we see all the authoritarianism of authority laid to rest, and all the humility of submission glorified. Rather than demeaning Christ, his submission leads to his ultimate glorification... Both women and men get to “play the Jesus role” in marriage: Jesus in his sacrificial authority, Jesus in his sacrificial servanthood. By accepting our gender roles, and operating within them, we are able to demonstrate to the world concepts that are so counterintuitive as to be completely unintelligible unless they are lived out by men and women in Christian marriages.

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