



## Mutual Submission

*Ephesians 5:1-2, 21 • June 9, 2024*

### Pecking Order

“The Son of Man came not to be served but to S \_\_\_\_\_” (Matt 20:28).



*Together. A word needed in our world now more than ever. Together. The constant, perennial fight to determine the pecking order in society was never to be seen in the community of Christ.*

### Marriage

Paul uses the phrase “O \_\_\_\_\_ A \_\_\_\_\_” several times, twice in Ephesians 5:18-21.

*Home is where power games are often hard at work, and where our natural inclination for pecking order becomes most apparent. But it is also where the supernatural love of Jesus, in the fellowship of the Spirit, can transform a secular rat-race kind of house into a servant-centered home. If we have eyes to see it.*



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Paul begins his section on all relationships (including marriage) with this general command: “S\_\_\_\_\_ to one another out of R\_\_\_\_\_ for Christ” (Eph 5:21).



*In the joys and experiences of sacred marriage, the fullness of God is on display. You see, your marriage is a copy or a model of a deeper truth. You and your spouse, joined together, is just a surface image; the real story in that is Christ and the church.*

## Parenting

Paul has submission and surrender in mind for E\_\_\_\_\_ participant.

*Imagine a new world, says Jesus. The kingdom of God is not about power games. We don't go asking “who is in charge?” Whoever wants to be the superior, must be servant of all. I wonder if we would like to live in that world? I wonder if our wives would respect us in that world? I wonder if our husbands would be worthy of respect in that world? I wonder if children would want to pattern their lives after their parents in that world? I imagine so.*



*Answers:  
Serve; One Another; Submit; Reverence; Every.*