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**Marriage and the Gospel**

 **Jesus wants to save more than just your life…**

**Jesus wants to save more than just your life; He wants to save your marriage.**

**Ephesians 5:23-33. For the husband is the head of the wife as Christ is the head of the church, his body, of which he is the Savior. 24 Now as the church submits to Christ, so also wives should submit to their husbands in everything.**

**25 Husbands, love your wives, just as Christ loved the church and gave himself up for her 26 to make her holy, cleansing her by the washing with water through the word, 27 and to present her to himself as a radiant church, without stain or wrinkle or any other blemish, but holy and blameless.**

**28 In this same way, husbands ought to love their wives as their own bodies. He who loves his wife loves himself. 29 After all, no one ever hated their own body, but they feed and care for their body, just as Christ does the church— 30 for we are members of his body.**

**31 “For this reason a man will leave his father and mother and be** united **to his wife, and the two will become one flesh.” 32 This is a profound mystery—but I am talking about Christ and the church.33 However, each one of you also must love his wife as he loves himself, and the wife must respect her husband.**

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In Philippians 4, Paul is writing to this church and he flat out calls 2 women.

**“I plead with Euodia and I plead with Syntyche to be of the same mind in the Lord.”**

**Philippians 2:3-8.  Do nothing out of selfish ambition or vain conceit. Rather, in humility value others above yourselves, 4 not looking to your own interests but each of you to the interests of the others.**

**5 In your relationships with one another, have the same mindset as Christ Jesus:**

**6 Who, being in very nature God,
    did not consider equality with God something to be used to his own advantage;
7 rather, he made himself nothing
    by taking the very nature of a servant,
    being made in human likeness.**

**8 And being found in appearance as a man,
    he humbled himself
    by becoming obedient to death—
        even death on a cross!**

**3 essential elements of Gospel**

 **Humility**.

 **Forgiveness**.

 **Unconditional Love**

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