

DIFFERENT

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Big idea: As Christians, our marriages should bear witness to the truth & transformation of the GOSPEL.

Challenge: What do we do with SUBMISSION?

Culturally: Submission can feel NEGATIVE: a loss of control, status, & power.

Biblically: Submission in marriage is Not a loss of freedom it is a deep COMMITMENT to live life alongside your spouse in unity & community.

I. What is Submission?

Submission: To place myself under the INFLUENCE of another.

Core Components of Submission:

- Recognize that ULTIMATE submission is to God.
- We are to PROACTIVELY do what is good.
- Submission HONORS & respects others.

II. What does submission look like?

Wives

- Submit to your husbands- be willing to let your husband LEAD & influence you.
- A wife's HOLY life becomes a gospel testimony to her husband. 1 Peter 3:2
- Cultivate a life of inner VIRTUE. 1 Peter 3:4
- A GENTLE & non-argumentative spirit. 1 Peter 3:4

Husbands

- Live with your wives in a KNOWLEDGEABLE, understanding way.
- Treat them with HONOR & respect.
- Recognize that they are EQUAL with you as co-heirs with Christ.
- Relational RUPTURE with your wife hinders your spiritual growth.

III. Why does submission matter?

- Submission is a mark of Christian MATURITY.

Husbands

- In development question: Why won't my wife submit?
- Mature question: Am I SERVING my wife in a way that is worthy of submission?

Wives

- In development question: Why can't I do what I want, do I have to SUBMIT?
- Mature question: How are my husband & I aligned & SERVING Christ together?

Submission is a MUTUAL posture of love & service.

Reflection Questions

Wives

- In what arenas of life do I trust/not trust my husband to lead? Why is this?
- Am I cultivating a life of inner virtue & holiness?

Husbands

- Am I daily seeking to know & invest in my wife?
- In what ways have I not treated my wife with honor or respect?

Are there places we are not living in mutual submission as a couple? Where do I feel like I need control?

In general, what does the practice of submission look like in my life?

THE BIG 3

THREE THINGS YOU NEED TO KNOW

HY-VEE RECEIPTS FOR PRESCHOOL

GracePoint Preschool collects Brookings Hy-Vee Receipts (grocery & gas). The receipts are used to earn funds for our preschool program. All receipts can be placed in the designated bin outside the church office. Thank you for helping us provide a quality & affordable Christian education!

TRUNK OR TREAT

Trunk or Treat will be held on Sunday, October 30 here at GracePoint. Candy lines open at 3 p.m. & go until 5 p.m. Get your friends, family, coworkers, growth group, or other crew together to come up with a creative theme to decorate your trunk! This year, volunteer judges will cast their votes for the best trunks in several categories, for prizes to be given away at the end of the night.

Help is also needed by donating candy, with set-up/tear-down, parking & greeting to name a few. This is an opportunity for us, as a church, to be a good neighbor to Brookings & invite everyone we know to come encounter, grow & give grace!

Go to gpw.church/tot to sign-up!

BAPTISM CLASS

On Sunday, November 6 at 11 a.m., Pastor Ryan & Pastor Dave will be leading a baptism class in Rom 220. Pastor Nathan will be leading a class for kids in Room 210 at the same time. We'll celebrate the baptisms during the morning services on Sunday, November 20. Sign-up at the Info Center or call the church office at 605-692-6671.