

**Reversing Marriage**

Ephesians 5:22-24  
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**Introduction:** Something happened when Adam and Eve sinned in the garden that forever changed the landscape of marriage. Not only did death enter the picture—spiritual and physical—but the *roles* within marriage were turned upside down. However, as believers we don't throw up our hands in despair; God calls us to redeem marriage—to restore this union to God's beautiful design.

**Four Uncomplicated Answers to Controversial Questions**

**Q1.** What does it mean for a wife to submit to her husband “in everything”?

**A1.**

**Q2.** How can a wife submit when her husband is not a good leader?

**A2.**

**Q3.** In what way is the husband the “head” of his wife?

**A3.**

**Q4.** Is this marriage order still for today?

**A4.**



1. One consequence of our first parents' sin is that a woman's "desire shall be for [her] husband" (Gen. 3:16). What does this mean?
2. What are some practical ways that a wife can demonstrate submission to her husband?
3. How do we distinguish what's *prescriptive* from what's *descriptive* in the Bible?
4. Is it possible for individuals in a relationship to enjoy equality and still respect a hierarchy? Where do we see this in Scripture?
5. How does the reality that Christ is our Savior (5:22) enable us to obey hard commands of Jesus?
6. How would you encourage a woman who is struggling to submit to a lazy, lackadaisical husband? What specifically would you say to her?