









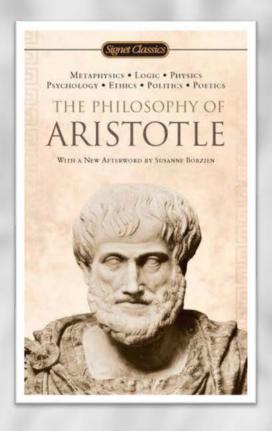




BACKGROUND

What struggles were the Colossians facing?

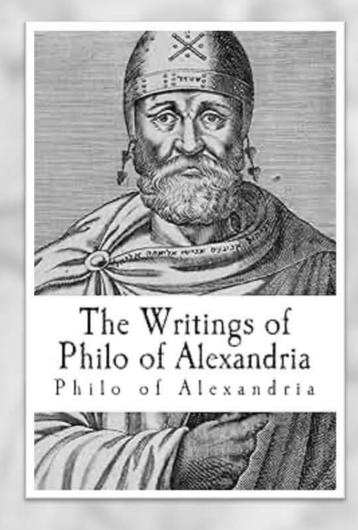




ARISTOTLE (4th Century BC)

"The first and smallest parts of a household are master and slave, husband and wife, father and children... For the male is by nature fitter for command than the female, just as the elder and full-grown is over the younger and immature."

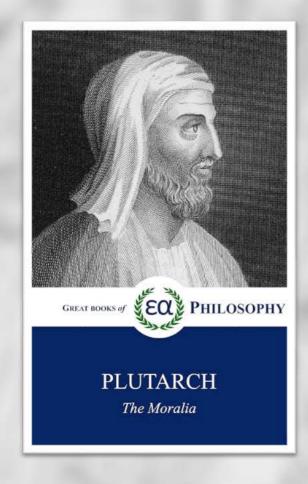
(Politics, 1.12)



PHILO OF ALEXANDRIA (1st Century AD)

"A woman is best when she is most obedient to her husband... her life and behavior are regulated by the will of her husband."

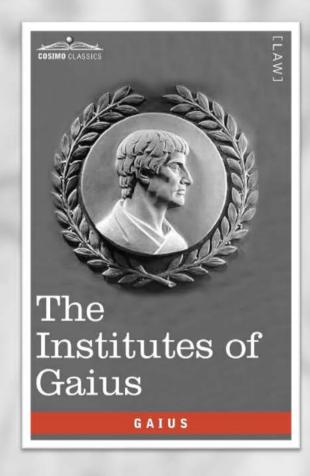
(Hypothetica, 7.14)



PLUTARCH (2nd Century AD)

"A wife ought not to make friends of her own, but to enjoy her husband's friends in common with him... The gods are the first and most important friends; therefore, a wife ought to worship and know only the gods her husband believes in...."

(Moralia, 140D-E)



GAIUS (2nd Century AD)

"Our children, whom we have begotten in lawful marriage, are in our power. This power is peculiar to Roman citizens; for there are hardly any other men who have such power over their children as we have over ours."

(Institutes, 1.55)

PATERFAMILIAS

A Microcosm of the State

Who is the Center? Husband/Father

What is the Motive?
Civic order through
Power & Submission

What is the Pursuit? Preserve reputation and maintain order



Fear Power Control

FOUNDATIONS

What did Paul teach the Colossians about Home Life?

16 Let the message about Christ, in all its richness, fill your lives.
 Teach and counsel each other with all the wisdom he gives. Sing psalms and hymns and spiritual songs to God with thankful hearts.



¹⁷ And whatever you do or say, do it as a representative of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks through him to God the Father.



18 Wives, submit to your husbands, as is fitting for those who belong to the Lord.



¹⁹ Husbands, love your wives and never treat them harshly.



²⁰ Children, always obey your parents, for this pleases the Lord.



²¹ Fathers, do not aggravate your children, or they will become discouraged.

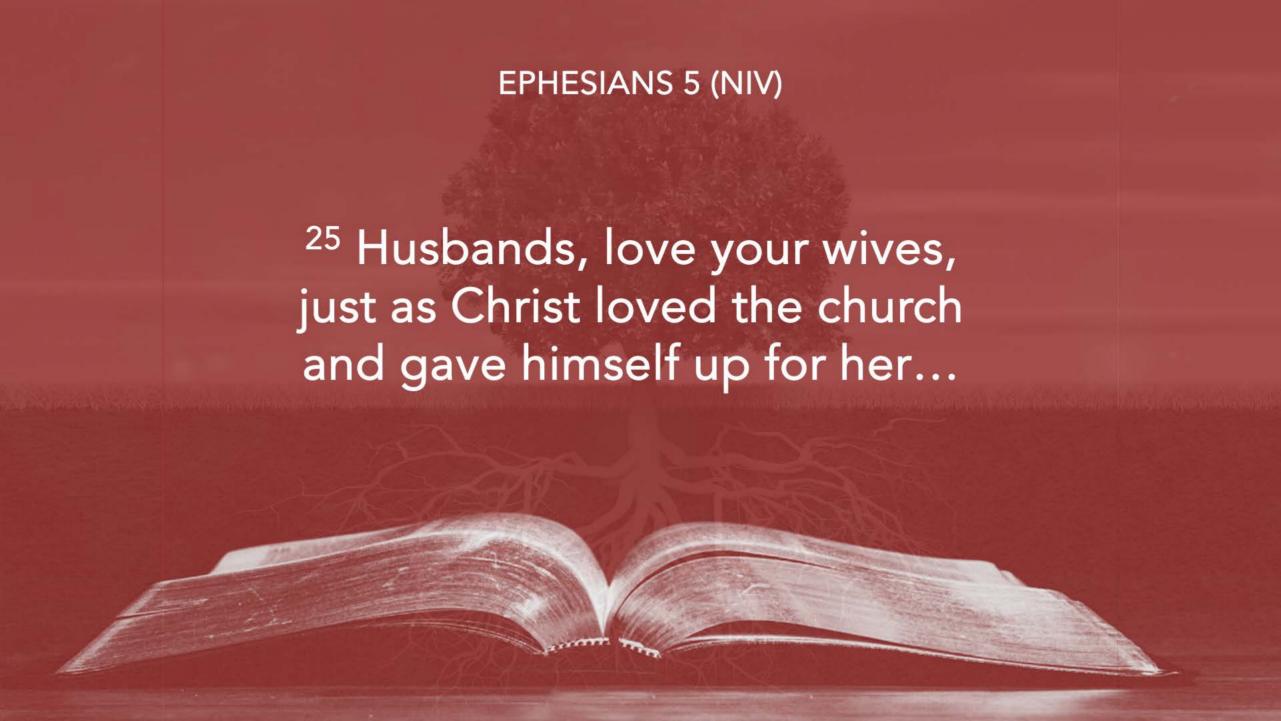


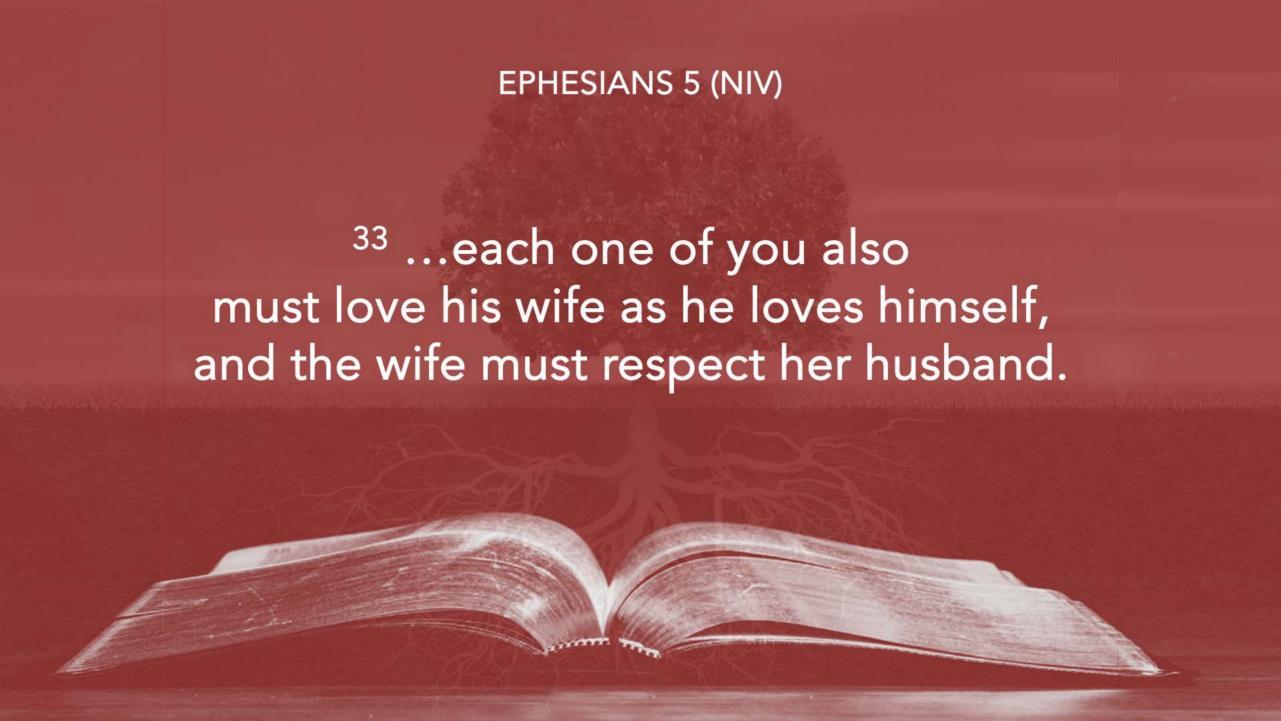


EPHESIANS 5 (NIV)

Wives, submit yourselves to your own husbands as you do to the Lord.
 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.







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Husband

Subdue & Govern

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CHRISTIAN HOME

A Microcosm of the Kingdom of Light

Who is the Center?

Jesus

What is the Motive?
To Love God

What is the Pursuit?
To Serve God

Fear. Power. Control.

Low Self Worth Poor Boundaries Fear of Intimacy

Mistrust Identity Confusion Chronic Anxiety

Helplessness Low self confidence Hypervigilance

Suppressed Voice Fear Insecure Attachment

Emotional Numbness Anger Aggression

Self-blame Shame Avoidance



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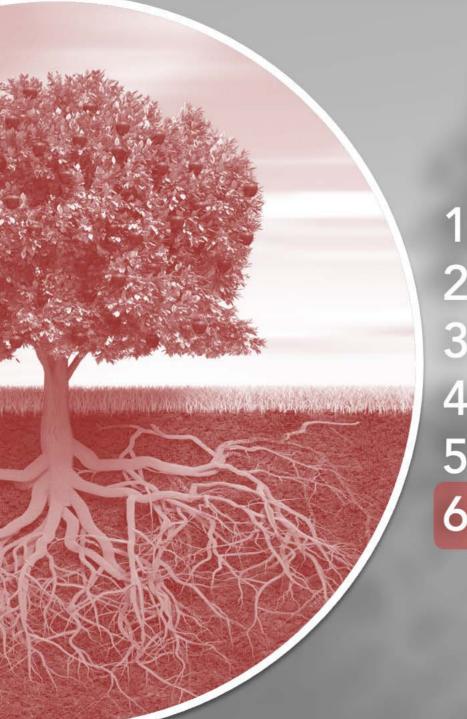
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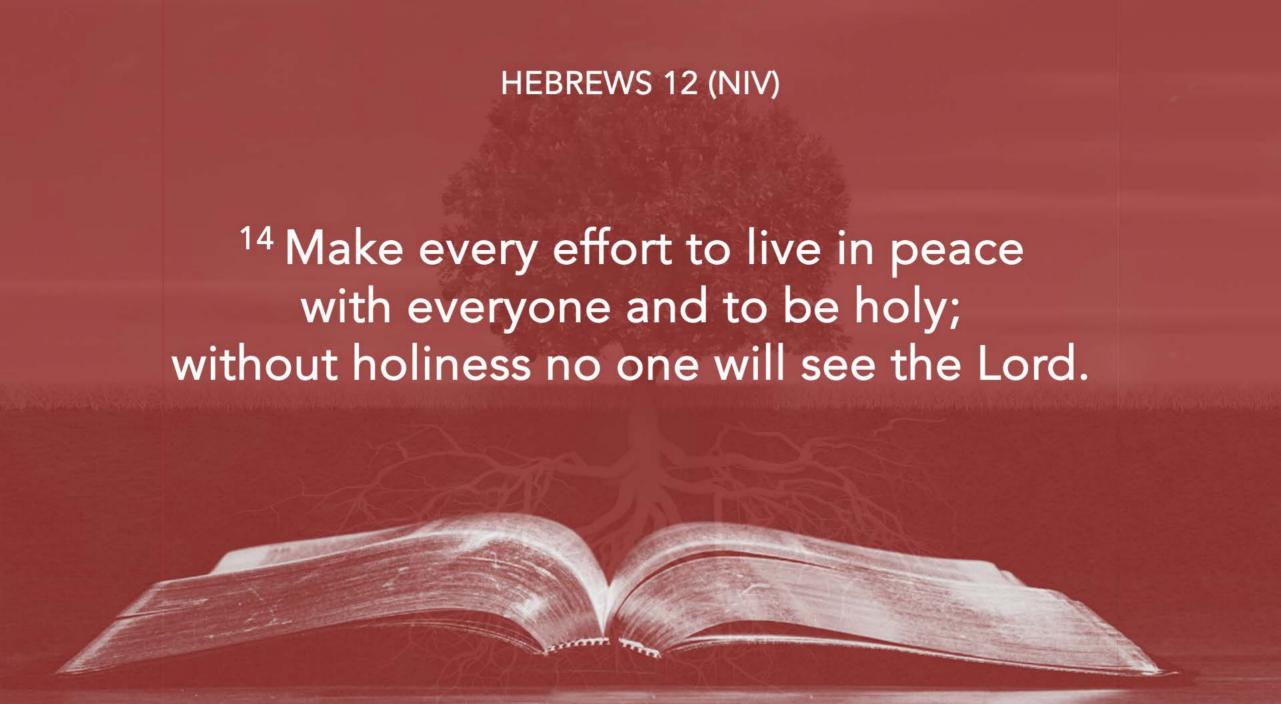


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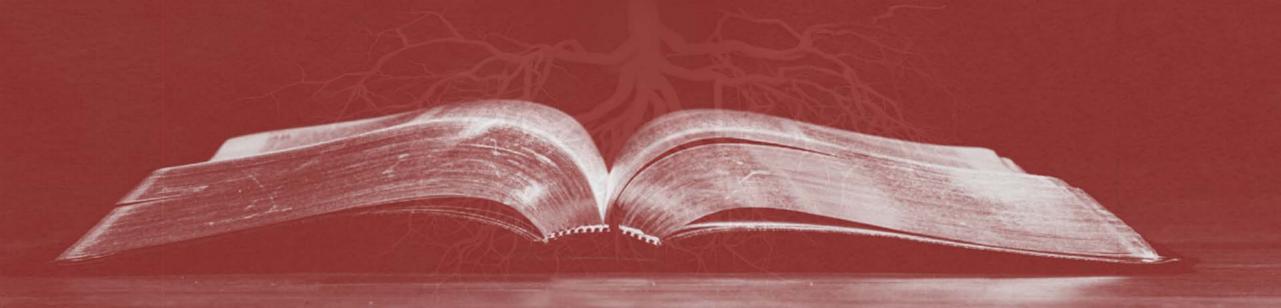
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- 6. Have you forgiven your family?



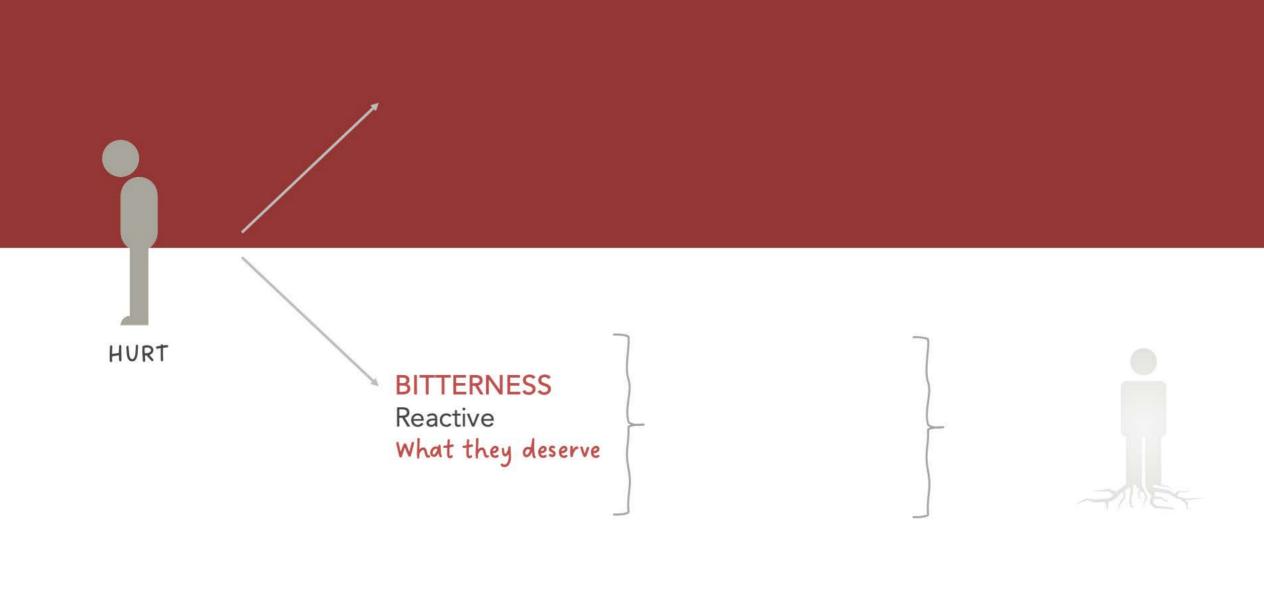


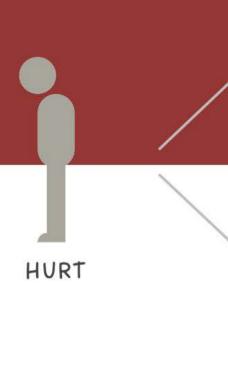
HEBREWS 12 (NIV)

See to it that no one falls short of the grace of God and that no bitter root grows up to cause trouble and defile many.









BITTERNESS

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Inner Turmoil

EXTERNAL:

Contaminate Many





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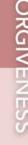
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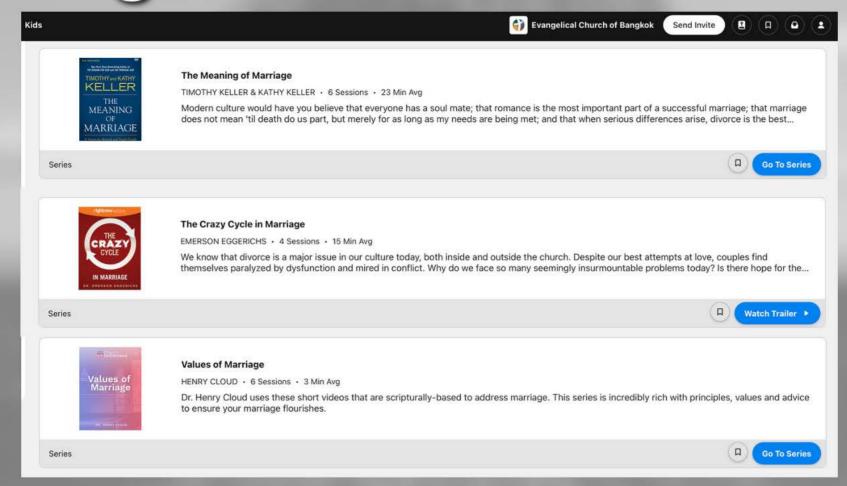




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IMPLICATIONS

Are you inviting Jesus to reign in your home life?



INVITE JESUS TO BE THE CENTER



FORGIVE YOUR FAMILY

