

# WHAT I WISH I KNEW...

*single. dating. married.*

## WHAT YOUR SPOUSE NEEDS MOST

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*So again I say, each man must love his wife as he loves himself, and the wife must respect her husband.*  
**Ephesians 5:33 (NLT)**

**Insight:** Recognizing how Jesus views us can move us to treat others as we would treat Jesus, or as He would treat us. Though others may not seem worthy, Jesus is.

**To get you thinking:** What causes you to think that Jesus loves you?

#### Read Ephesians 5:21-33.

1. What verse or phrase is most significant to you in this passage?
2. What does it look like to submit to another person?
3. What does it mean to do something out of *reverence for Christ*? (vs. 21)
4. Why would anyone want to submit to Jesus?
5. What two words might describe how Jesus would treat the people in your life? What two words might describe how you would treat Jesus if He were standing before you?
6. What does it look like for a wife to submit to her husband? (vs. 22-24) What might motivate a wife to put her husband's needs before her own?
7. What does it look like for a husband to love his wife like Christ loved the church?
8. Why do you think verse 28 says that husbands should love their wives like they love their own bodies?
9. Verse 30 says that we are members of Christ's body. How would viewing someone else as a part of your own body change how you treat them?
10. The Bible is describing marriage as a picture of the relationship between Christ and the church. How would you describe in one phrase what Christ has done for the church?
11. What is God saying to you personally through this passage?

*Submit to one another out of reverence for Christ.*

**Ephesians 5:21 (NIV)**



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