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Restoring the HeART of Marriage

²¹ Submit to one another out of reverence for Christ.

²² Wives, submit yourselves to your own husbands as you do to the Lord. ²³ 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.

Ephesians 5:21-33 NIV

1. At the HeART of a Great Marriage is

... out of reverence for Christ.

Ephesians 5:20 NIV

A. Your Commitment to _____

Jesus replied: "Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind." ³⁸This is the first and greatest commandment.

Matthew 22:37, 38 NIV

But seek first his kingdom and his righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well.

Matthew 6:33 NIV

B. Your Commitment to _____

Some Pharisees came to him to test him. They asked, "Is it lawful for a man to divorce his wife for any and every reason?" ⁴"Haven't you read," he replied, "that at the beginning the Creator 'made them male and female,' ⁵ and said, 'For this reason a man will leave his father and mother and be united to his wife, and the two will become one flesh'? ⁶ So they are no longer two, but one flesh. Therefore what God has joined together, let no one separate."

Matthew 16:3-6 NIV

2. At the HeART of a Great Marriage is a

Submit to one another out of reverence for Christ.

Ephesians 5:21 NIV

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Ephesians 5:21 NIV

Husbands love your wives just as Christ loved the church and gave himself up for her .

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Ephesians 5:25 NIV

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The Lord God said, "It is not good for the man to be alone. I will make a helper suitable for him."

Genesis 2:18 NIV

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...

Philippians 2:3-7 NIV

(Jesus said) The greatest among you shall be your servant. ¹² Whoever exalts himself will be humbled, and whoever humbles himself will be exalted.

Matthew 23:11, 12 ESV

"A good marriage is holy assault on selfishness."

3. At the HeART of a Great Marriage is

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However, each one of you also must love his wife as he loves himself, and the wife must respect her husband. Ephesians 5:33 NIV

What causes fights and quarrels among you? Don't they come from your desires that battle within you? James 1: NIV

Therefore, as God's chosen people, holy and dearly loved, clothe yourselves with compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness and patience. ¹³ Bear with each other and forgive one another if any of you has a grievance against someone. Forgive as the Lord forgave you. ¹⁴ And over all these virtues put on love, which binds them all together in perfect unity Colossians 3:12-14 NIV

Win _____	Resolution _____	Avoid _____
Lose _____		Compromise _____

Resolution: *We both agree that our solution is the best solution for us at this time.*

4. At the HeART of a Great Marriage is

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Greater love has no one than this: to lay down one's life for one's friends. John 15:13 NIV

Love is . . .

1 Corinthians 13