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God's design for marriage can be expressed in three words:
leave, cleave, and weave.

- Leave father and mother
- Cleave to your spouse and
- Weave together so that the two become one

In God's design for marriage, He established the husband as the _____ of the home, and the wife as the _____ of the husband. Wives are called to submit to their husbands as to the Lord (v.22). Husbands are called to love their wives as Christ loved the church (v.25).

How we _____ to others should reflect how
_____ relates to us.

Christian marriage is a _____ of Christ and His Church.

Intimacy grows in _____, but it is stifled in
_____.

Conclusion/Reflection:

- Have your dreams, desires, and plans become a list of expectations for your spouse? Submit the list to God and release your spouse to enjoy unconditional love.
- If marriage is a microcosm of Christ and His Church, what is getting in the way of the world seeing Christ in your marriage? Are their habits, attitudes, expectations, a critical spirit, or anything else that's blurring people's ability to see Jesus?



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