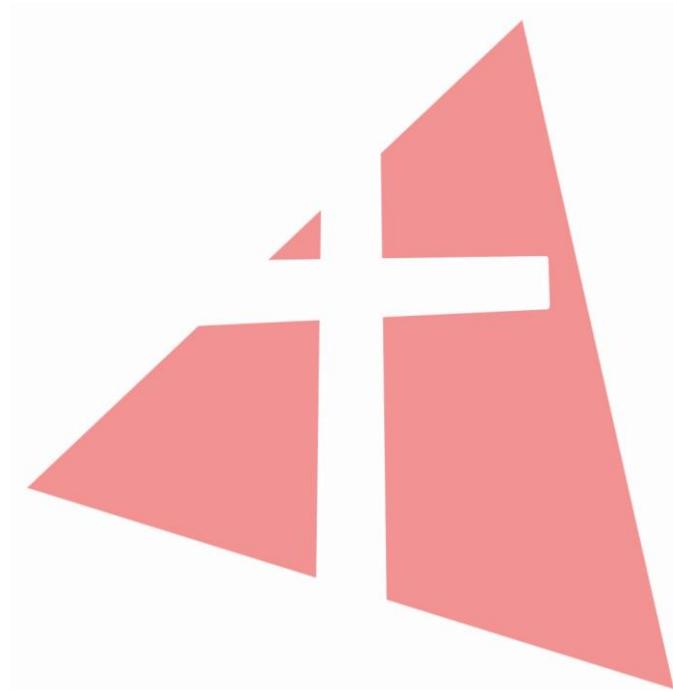


MY SPOUSE, THE ALIEN

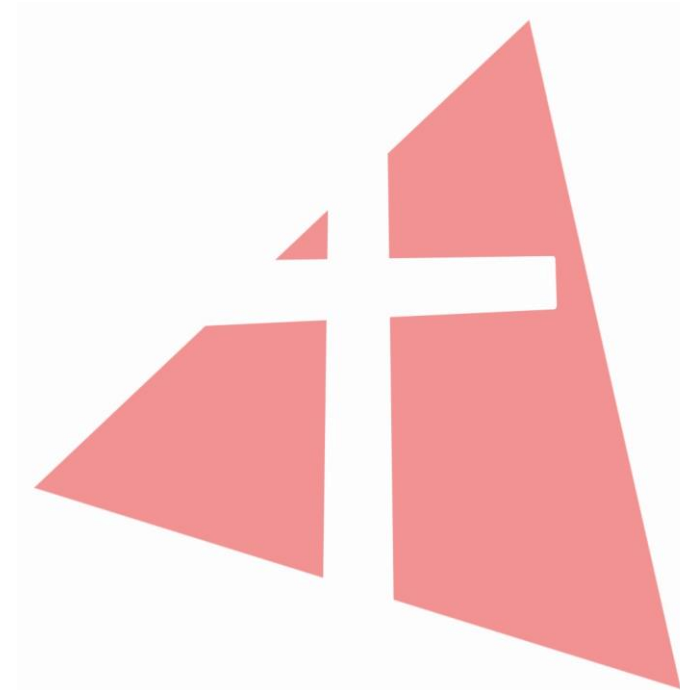
Relationships & Family Series

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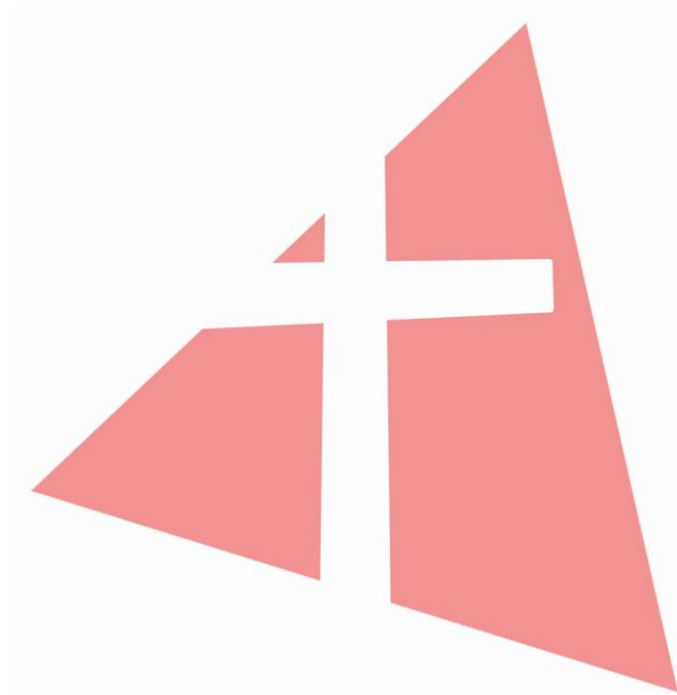
LAST SERMONS

- Singleness



NEXT SEASON

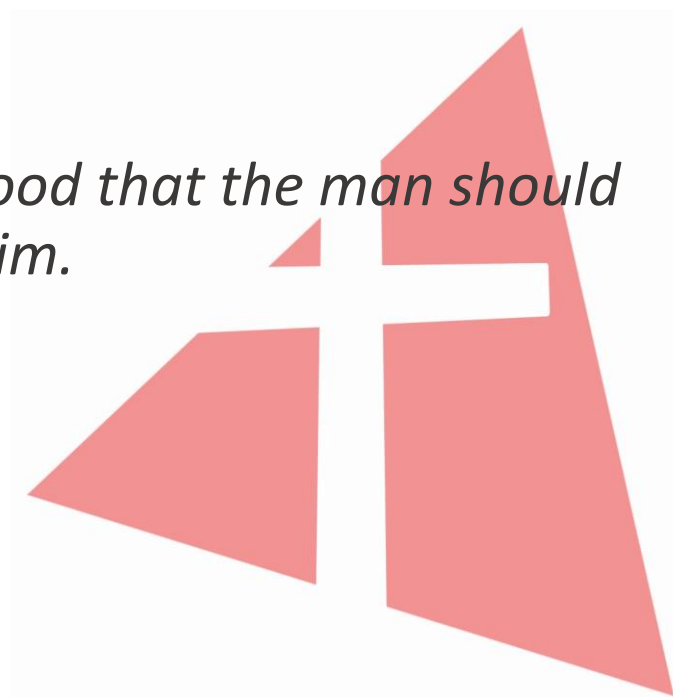
○ Marriage



CREATION

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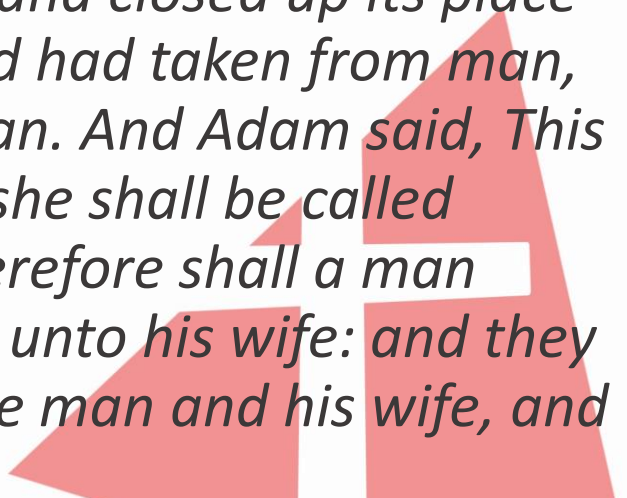
Genesis 2:18 And the LORD God said, It is not good that the man should be alone; I will make him a helper suitable for him.



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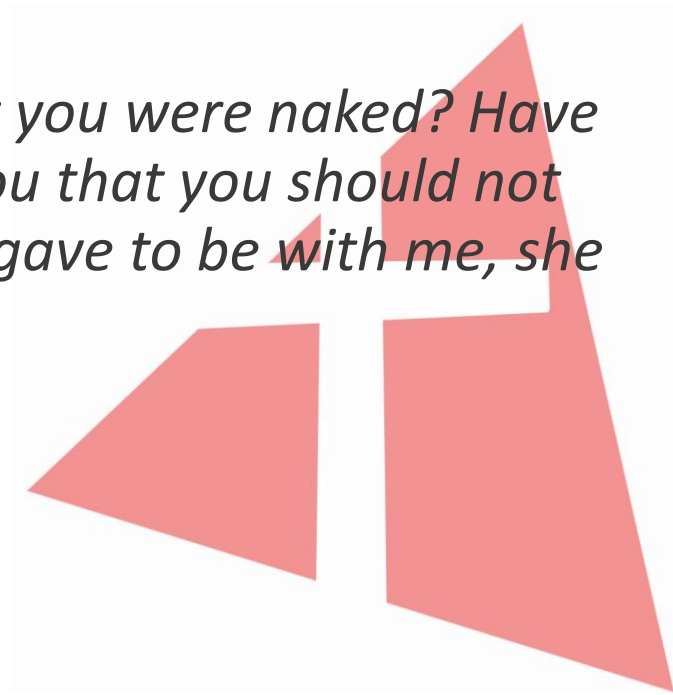
Genesis 2:21-25 And the LORD God caused a deep sleep to fall upon Adam, and he slept: and he took one of his ribs, and closed up its place with flesh; And from the rib, which the LORD God had taken from man, made he a woman, and brought her unto the man. And Adam said, This is now bone of my bones, and flesh of my flesh: she shall be called Woman, because she was taken out of Man. Therefore shall a man leave his father and his mother, and shall cleave unto his wife: and they shall be one flesh. And they were both naked, the man and his wife, and were not ashamed.



GOD'S DESIGN

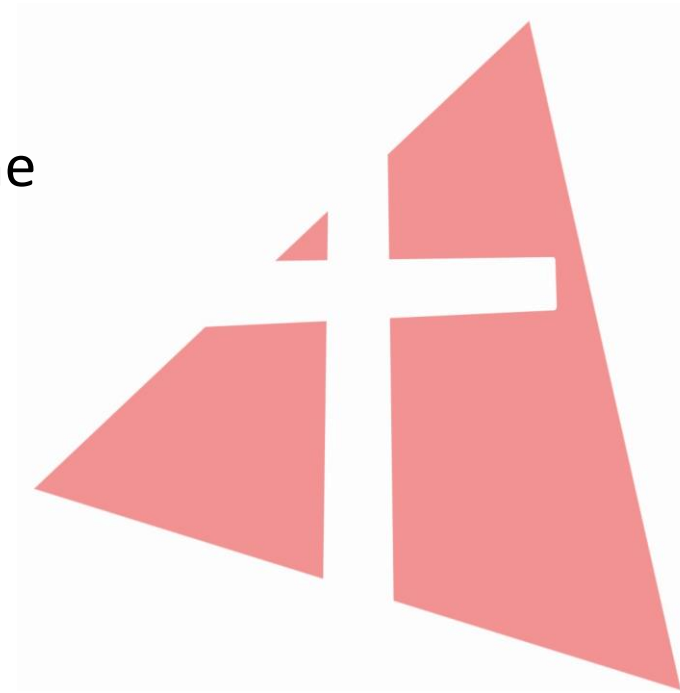
- **Complementing each other**

Genesis 3:11-12 And he said, Who told you that you were naked? Have you eaten of the tree, of which I commanded you that you should not eat? And the man said, The woman whom you gave to be with me, she gave me of the tree, and I did eat.



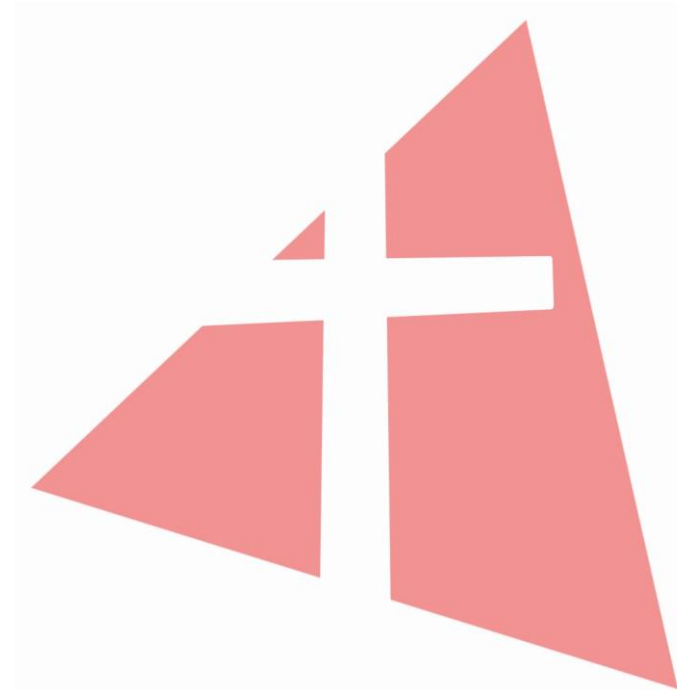
GOD'S DESIGN

- **Complementing each other**
 - Not: Manipulating my spouse to be like me



TODAY'S COMMON PRACTICE

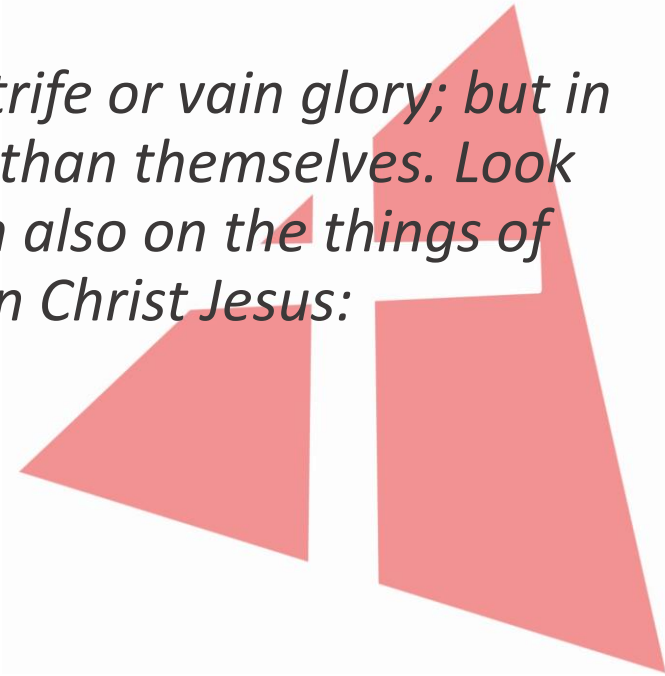
- Most people try to change each other



A BETTER WAY

- **A different approach**

Philippians 2:3-5 Let nothing be done through strife or vain glory; but in lowliness of mind let each esteem others better than themselves. Look not every man on his own things, but every man also on the things of others. Let this mind be in you, which was also in Christ Jesus:




THE S-WORD

○ Submission

Ephesians 5:22 Wives, submit yourselves unto your own husbands, as unto the Lord.

Genesis 3:16 Unto the woman he said, I will greatly multiply your sorrow and your conception; in sorrow you shall bring forth children; and your desire shall be to your husband, and he shall rule over you.



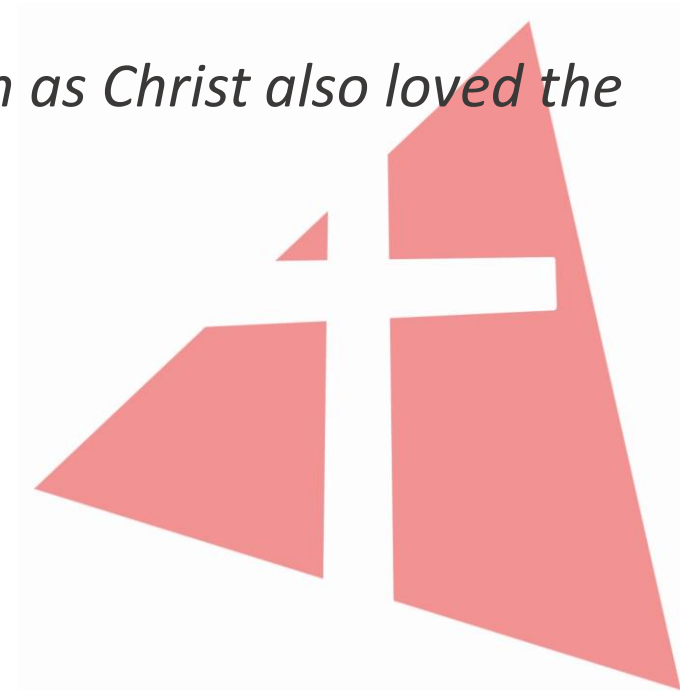
DIDN'T CHRIST END THE CURSE?

Galatians 3:13 Christ has redeemed us from the curse of the law, being made a curse for us: for it is written, Cursed is every one that hangs on a tree:



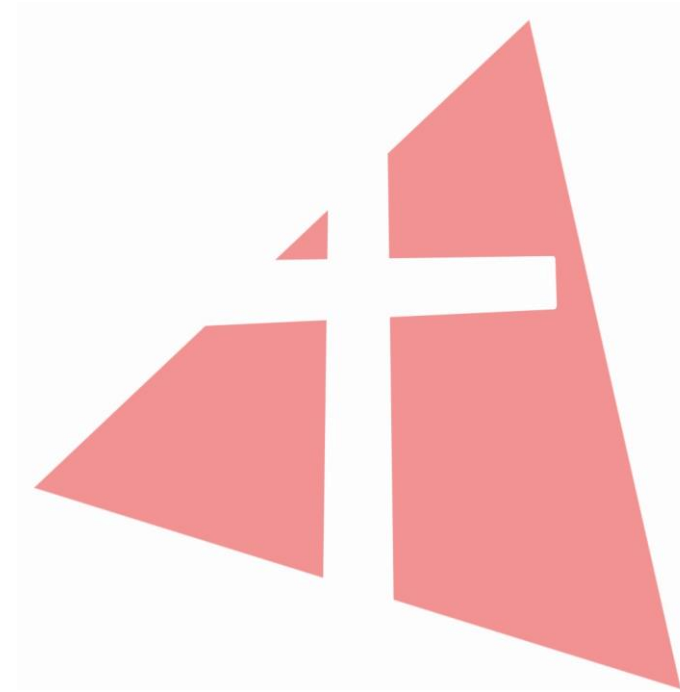
THE OTHER SIDE OF THE SAME COIN

Ephesians 5:25 Husbands, love your wives, even as Christ also loved the church, and gave himself for it;



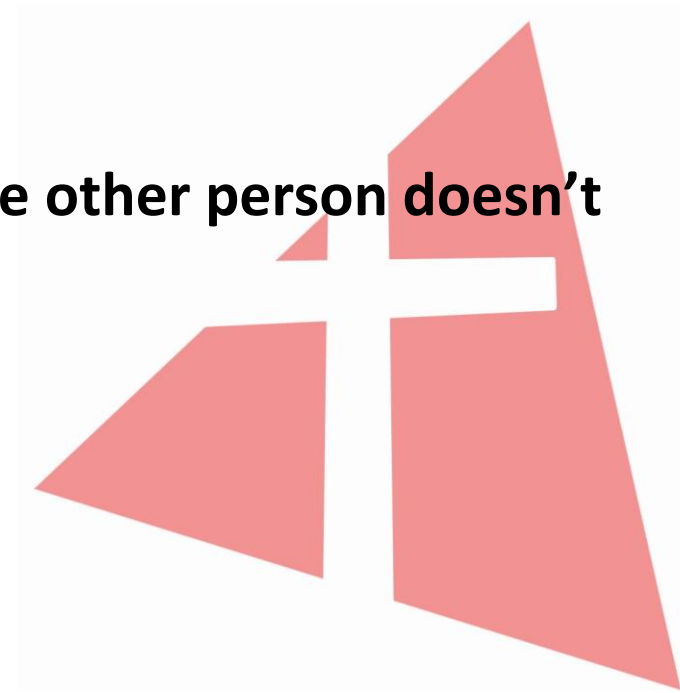
THE OTHER SIDE OF THE SAME COIN

- **Sacrificial love and submission creates unity**



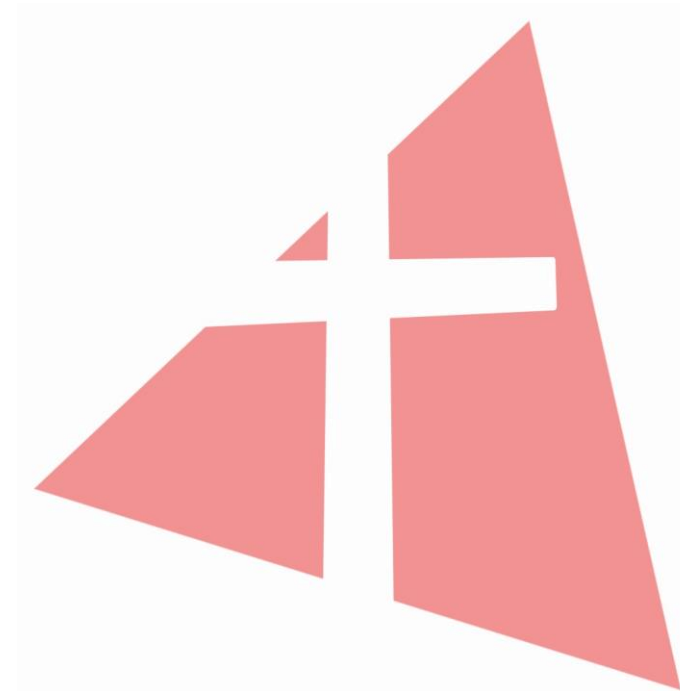
MEN AND WOMEN

- **Equal value**
- **Different roles**
- **Both the husband and the wife have gifts the other person doesn't have**



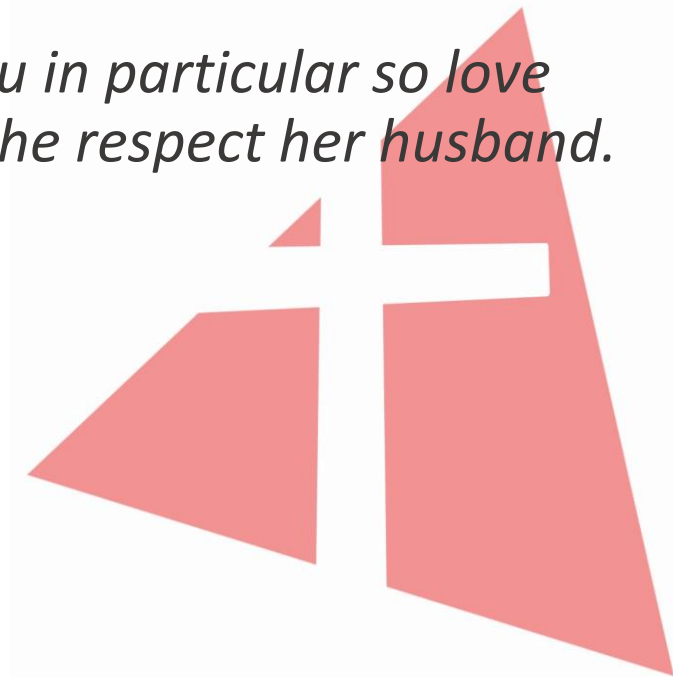
MEN AND WOMEN

- **Men and women are very, very different**



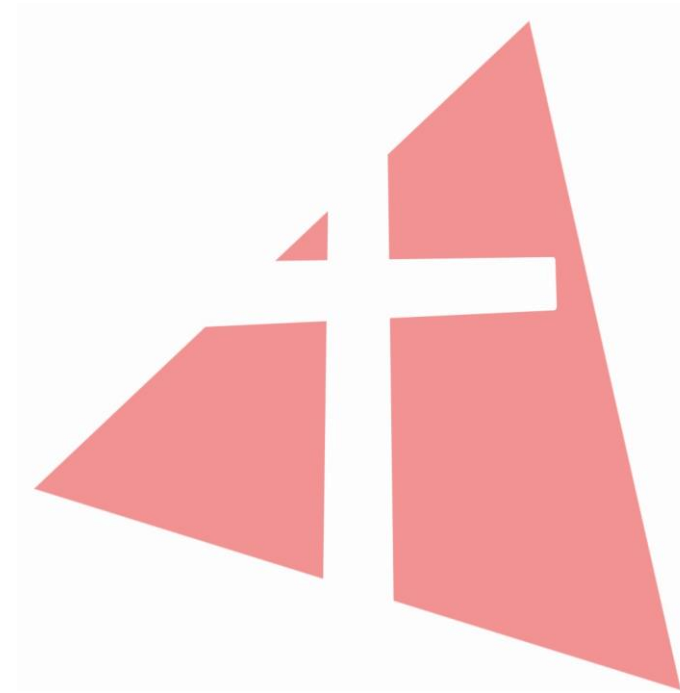
LOVE AND RESPECT

Ephesians 5:33 Nevertheless let every one of you in particular so love his wife even as himself; and the wife see that she respect her husband.

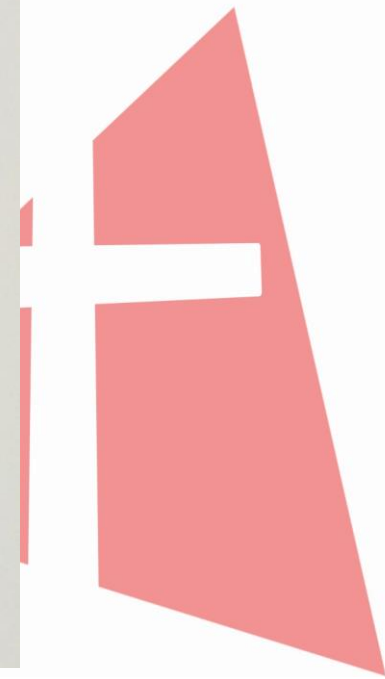
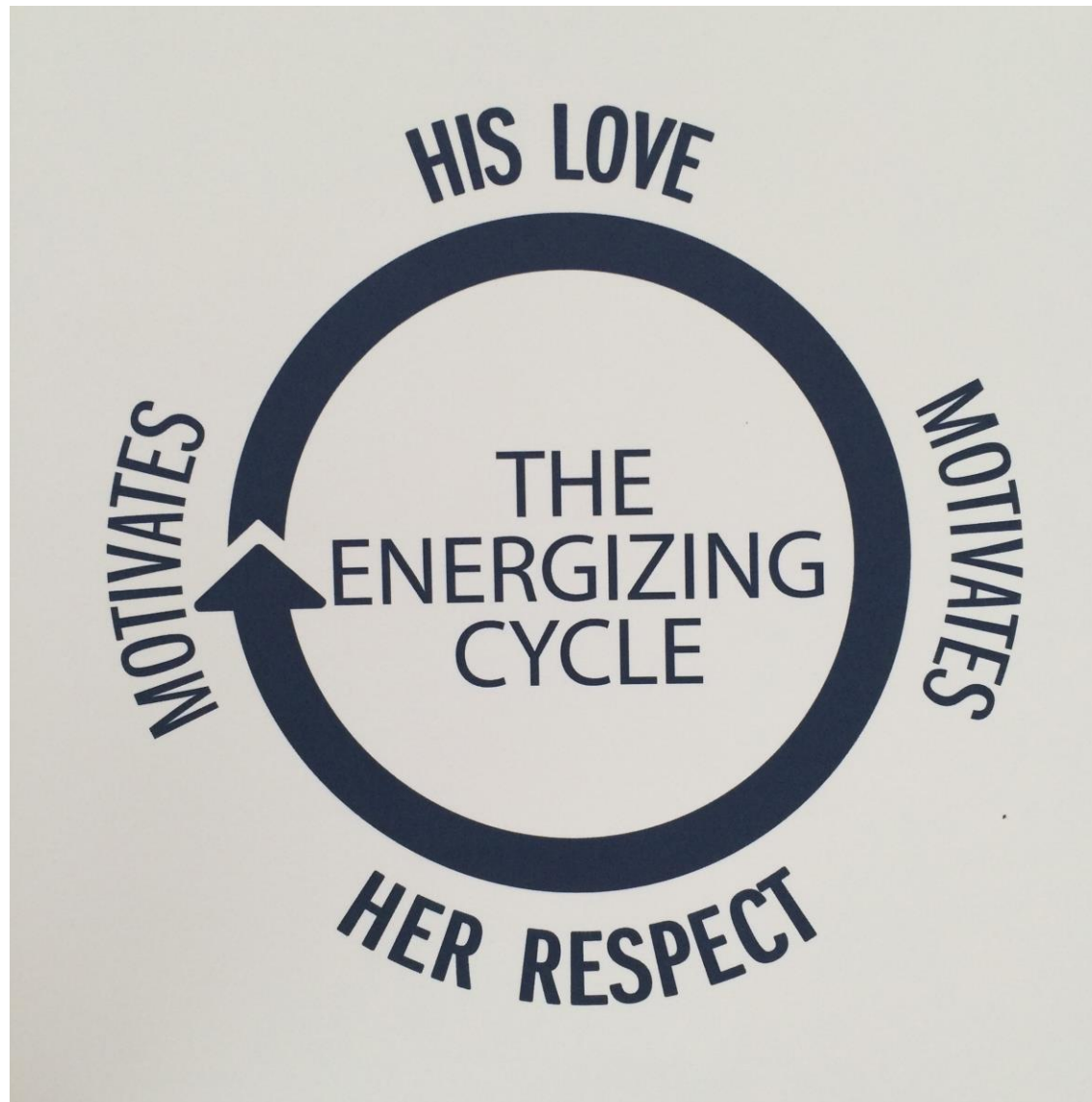


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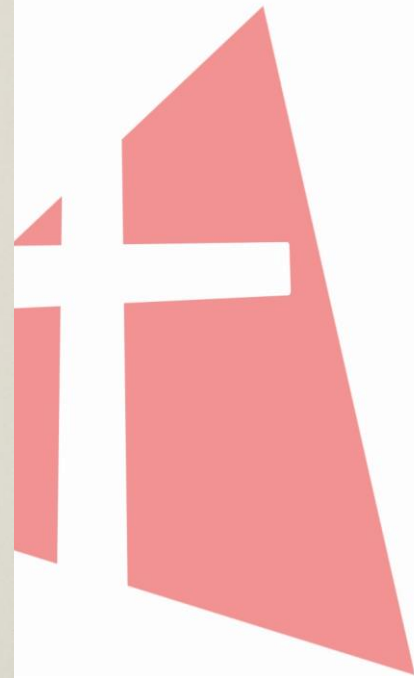
- **Men need respect**
- **Women need love**



THE ENERGIZING CYCLE

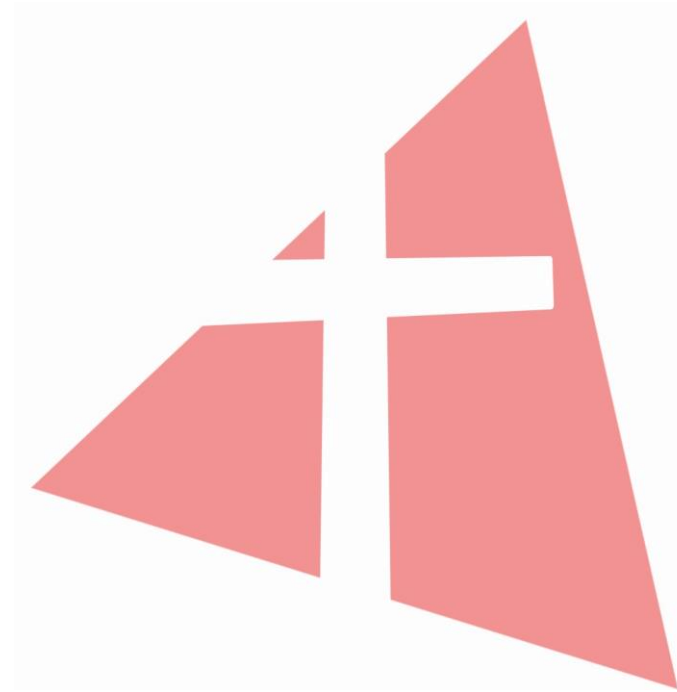


THE CRAZY CYCLE



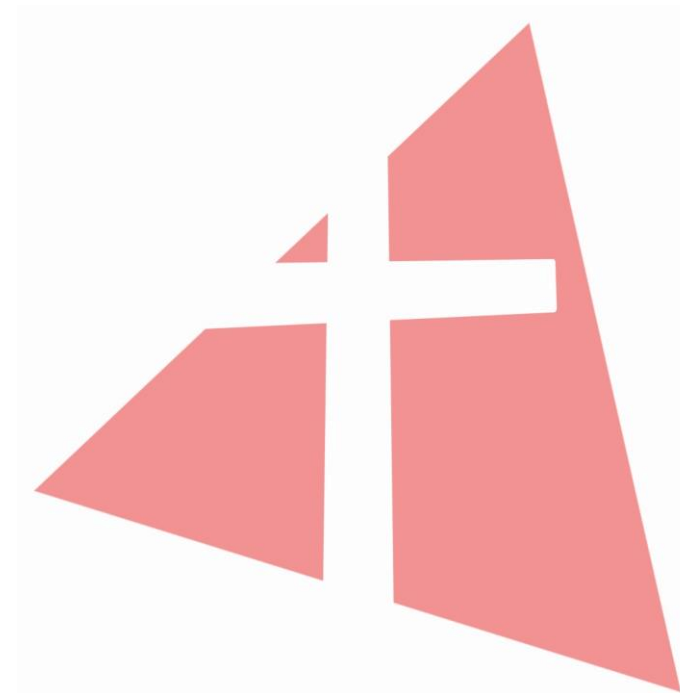
THE WRONG ATTITUDE

- **“You start”**



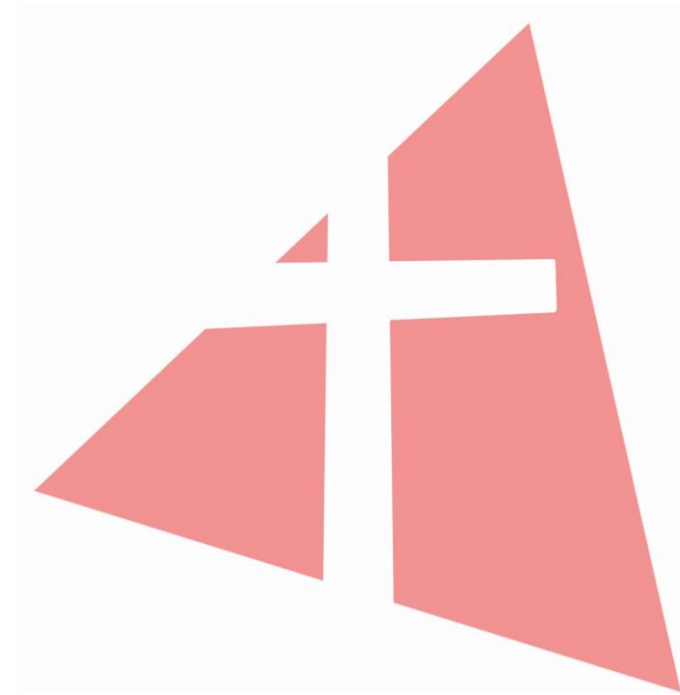
HOW CAN THE HUSBAND SHOW LOVE?

- Affection
- Attention
- Listen (without giving advice)
- Share about yourself
- Plan alone time
- Be attentive to her needs



HOW CAN THE WIFE SHOW RESPECT?

- **Ask His opinion**
- **Tell him what you appreciate about him**
- **Tell others about him**
- **Believe in him**
- **Encourage him in his work**



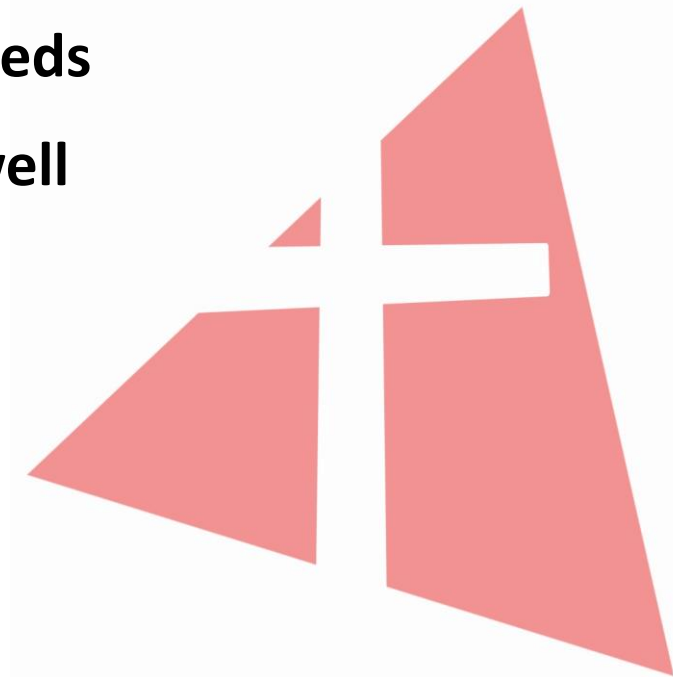
ASK EACH OTHER

- **The only person who can tell you how your spouse feels loved/respected is your spouse**



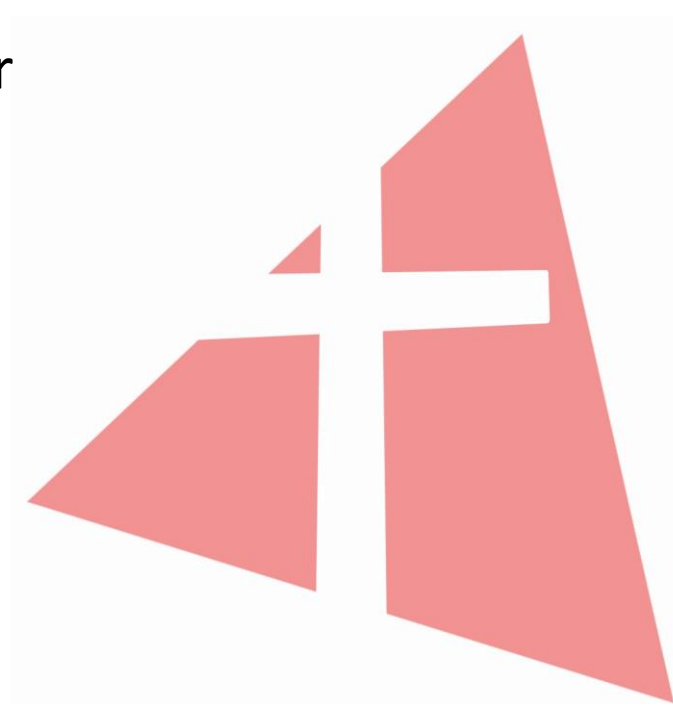
OUR FOCUS

- **Focus on giving your spouse what he/she needs**
- **As a result, your own needs will be met as well**



IN CONCLUSION

- **God didn't make a mistake**
- **Through marriage wants us to**
 - Put that full "Image of God" back together
 - Learn from each other
 - Complement each other
 - Learn who Christ is through each other
 - ...



IN CONCLUSION

- **Most people fight the differences between the genders**
- **God has a better plan**

