

# FIREPROOF YOUR RELATIONSHIPS

## "He Said / She Said"

### Ephesians 5:21-33

*"Submit to one another out of reverence for Christ.."*  
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Submit: To line yourself up under...to give up your rights

#### FIREPROOFING PRINCIPLE #1

Marriage works best when both husband and wife give up their rights for the SAKE OF THE OTHER

*"Submit to one another out of reverence for Christ"* Ephesians 5:21

*"Husbands, be considerate as you live with your wife."* 1 Peter 3:7

The principle of mutual SUBMISSION

#### FIREPROOFING PRINCIPLE #2

Marriage works best when we understand there are DIFFERENCES and treat each other ACCORDINGLY

*"Each one of you also must love his wife as he loves himself, and the wife must respect her husband."*  
Ephesians 5:33

\* The husbands' job: LOVE THEIR WIVES

\* The wives' job: RESPECT THEIR HUSBANDS

*"Husbands, love your wives, just as Christ loved the Church and gave himself up for her."*  
Ephesians 5:25

The principle of mutual LOVE AND RESPECT

### FIREPROOFING PRINCIPLE #3

Marriage works best when you understand and remember that something more than a marriage is taking place—you are living out a preview of your RELATIONSHIP TO JESUS IN HEAVEN

*"This is a profound mystery, but I am talking about Christ and the church."* Ephesians 5:32

The principle of mutual RELATIONSHIP TO GOD

### THE LOVE DARE CHALLENGE #1

**Husbands:** What makes your wife feel loved? And therefore, what would you like to do this week to make her feel loved by you?

**Wives:** What makes your husband feel respected by you? And therefore, what would you like to do this week to make him feel respected by you?

**Singles:** In your work, school or home environment, whose life would you like to add value to by giving them greater love or respect? What will you do this week to make that happen?