**God’s Instructions To Kingdom Wives**

1 Peter 3:1-6, Ephesians 5:22-24,

**Key truth:** Wives your husband spells love RESPECT.

Myth: The way to a man’s heart is through his stomach.

Truth: The way to a man’s heart is through his ears.

1.Wife submission to your husband is how he defines

 respect.

 A. Submission is about attitude and actions.

 B. Wife submission is not about fear or losing control.

 C. Submission is about relying on the power, presence

 and protection of God.

 D. The kryptonite for a man is contempt and

 dishonor.

 E. If your husband feels disrespected he will

 withdraw his love.

2. Examples of submission.

 A. Sarah – Obedience and trust. 1 Peter 3:5-6

 B. Abigail – Wisdom and discernment.1 Samuel 25:1-43

3. How to love your husband:

 A. Respect his desire to work and achieve.

 B. Respect his desire to protect and provide.

 C. Respect his decisions even when you don’t agree.

 D. Respect his desire for sexual intimacy.

 E. Respect his desire to serve and lead.

**Taking It Beyond the Walls:** Pray that God would fill your marriage with new life. Respect your husband and pray for his relationship with Jesus Christ.

**CONNECTION GROUP HOMEWORK**

Looking back at your notes from this week’s teaching, was there anything you heard for the first time or that caught your attention, challenged or confused you?

How would you define submission? Why does the word tend to stir up controversy?

What does true submission look like? What does it not look like?

How does the church submit to Christ? Wives, how might this help you submit to your husbands?

Wives, how can you show respect through no-strings-attached acts of kindness to your spouse?

Read 1 Peter 3:1-6: Wives is unconditional respect possible to give to your husband even when you feel he doesn’t deserve it. Why is Sarah a model for submission and trust?

Read Ephesians 4:29-32:In marriage, when might we be tempted to offer negative comments? How can we demonstrate affirming speech instead?

Wives what is your husband’s love language? What have you done this week to fill up his love tank?