

To Live is Christ

21 For to me, to live is Christ.

Philippians 1:21 NKJV

FCI Faith Group Program

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1 PETER 3 – GRACE SUPPLY FOR MARRIAGE (PART 2)

- **1 Peter 3:7** - “Husbands, likewise, dwell with them with understanding, giving honor to the wife, as to the weaker vessel, and as being heirs together of the grace of life, that your prayers may not be hindered.”
- Unanswered prayer if you have a fight with your wife – This is not true, this is a wrong teaching. God is a God of grace. God always hears our prayers. Hindered *kasi mahirap manalangin pag may away kayo ni misis*. You are one spirit and one flesh with your wife. It’s so difficult to pray *kasi parang kalaban mo ang sarili mo*. But God always hears our prayers.
- Husband, *para magkaintindihan kayo ni misis, ito ang prescription, ito na ang bagay sa yo, ito ang assignment mo: Intindihin mo ang iyong asawa.*
- **1. Soul – Husband, live with your wife with understanding.**
- Soul = mind, will, emotions. You have a lifetime to learn to understand your wife.
- *Intindihin mo ang pag-iisip ni misis, ang emotions nya, ang kalooban nya (ano ba ang gusto nya?).*
- *Iniintindi ang asawa. Inaaral ang misis. (Ex. Pag ganito na sya, dapat ganito na ako.)*
- If *hindi mo maintindihan si misis*, it means you are not doing your prescription.
- Learn her trigger words or trigger situations.
- *Pag-usapan ninyo* during a good time, *pag light ang mood at willing na kayong pag-usapan.*
- *Mga misis, sabihin kay mister kung ano ang gusto nyo dahil hindi alam ni mister, hindi sya nagbabasa ng kaisipan.*
- What matters to you does not necessarily matter to your husband. Tell him. Do not assume that he knows. *Dapat sabihin mo.*
- Husband, God knows you are capable of understanding your wife soulishly.
- Husband, what you speak to your wife as the head of the family matters – Speak to your wife. What you say to your wife matters. You are the priest in your family. It will do her good if you speak to her well.
- **Ephesians 5:25-26** – Your love for your wife is the picture God wants us to see as His love for the church. When you love your wife, you show your children, relatives, friends how God loves the church.
- As Jesus cleanses us by the preaching of the Word, you can do the same to her, sanctifying her, cleansing her by the Word.
- The Word speaks good about us, no condemnation but gives us a new description.
- Husband, you can do the same to your wife. Speak the Word to her. Speak to people about her in a good manner and you cleanse her.
- *Hindi pambobola* but word of grace. Speak to your wife as you want her to be. As you speak to your wife, it ministers to her.
- Beginner’s script, take it from Jesus, take it from His words:
 - **Song of Solomon 1:15** – Behold, you are fair, my love. You are beautiful.
 - **Song of Solomon 2:10** – Rise up, my love, my fair one, and come away.
 - **Song of Solomon 4:1-4** – Behold, you are fair, *ang ganda mo*, my love. *Sa mata ko, ikaw lang ang nag-iisang maganda.*
 - Jesus looks at us with eyes full of love which see beauty in us.
 - *Ganyan tayo tinitignan ng pagmamahal ni Kristo* – in detail. *Gandang ganda sa atin si Lord – sa buhok, bawat ngipin, mga labi, sa bibig, at pati leeg.*

- *Mister, pag papansinin si misis, she needs details. Parang si Jesus, alam Niya ang gustong marinig ng isang babae.* Jesus understands the wife/woman/church.
- So husband, understand your wife. Speak the Word of life, the Word of grace over her and she will be as you speak.
- Jesus is not ashamed of the church so you should not be ashamed of your wife.
- Wives are receivers, recipients of words and love. A woman is confident because her husband made her confident.
- **2. Body – Giving honor to the wife as the weaker vessel.**
- Weaker but not cheap.
- Honor here is the word *tine* meaning value.
- Value your wife's weaker vessel. *Ingatan si misis.* Care for her emotional side.
- Protect your wife physically and emotionally.
- **3. Spiritual – See your wife as co-heir together of the grace of life.**
- Treat her special. *Hindi mo lang sya asawa, co-heir mo rin sya.*
- Though a woman is to submit to the husband, but the husband is to love the wife in the soul, body, and spirit with special understanding, special physical treatment, and spiritual equality.
- The response of the husband to the wife's submission is not dominion but love.
- **Ephesians 5:22-23, 25** – Husband, love your wife not dominate her. Your response to her submission is love. *Mamahalin kita lalong-lalo na.*
- Gave Himself for her – Jesus laid His own life for the church.
- The wife is to submit like unto the Lord. The husband in return is to love the wife.
- What did Jesus do for the church *na kanyang* wife? He loved the church that He laid His life for her.
- Illustration: Wife kneels in submission to the husband because he is the head (the church kneels to the lordship of Christ because He is the Head). Christ laid His life for the church. As the church, worthy is the Lord, we submit to His lordship.
- This is the life that Jesus gave, the beautiful mystery behind marriage. The wife submitting to the husband and the husband loving the wife – this is the picture of the church submitting to Christ for He loved her and laid His life for her.

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