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**9:00 am Adult study**  
**10:00 am Worship**

# IN TOUCH

with the ministry and people of Living Word

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## "Husbands and Wives"

In Ephesians 5:22-33, Paul makes several statements about the relationship between husbands and wives, and he presents the relationship between Jesus and the Church as a model or example. Some think Jesus' authority is given here as an example for husbands to follow. Rather, unity is the example, and Paul uses a head-body metaphor to illustrate this.

Metaphorically, Jesus is the "head" united to the Church, which is his "body" (Eph. 5:23, 30). Unity was made possible, and is maintained, because Jesus loves the Church and gave himself up for her. The Church sustains this union by being cooperative and faithful to Jesus.

In marriage, the husband (the metaphorical "head") and the wife (the metaphorical "body") are united. To foster this unity, Paul urges husbands to love their wives "as Christ loved the church and gave himself up for her" (Eph 5:25). He further urges husbands to "love their own wives as they love their own bodies," and adds, "He who loves his wife loves himself. After all, no one ever hated their own body, but they feed and care for their body, just as Christ does the Church" (Eph. 5:28-29).

Paul continues with the theme of unity by quoting Genesis 2:24, "For this reason a man will leave his father and mother and be united to his wife, and the two will become one flesh" (Eph. 5:31). (Note that leadership and authority are not mentioned in this passage. Paul never uses a word that means "lead" in his words to husbands.)

Paul was not teaching husbands to be leaders, and wives to be followers. Instead, he urged husbands to love and nurture their wives, and he urged wives to be submissive (i.e. deferential, cooperative and loyal), as well as respectful, to their husbands (Eph. 5:22, 33b).

In Ephesians 5:22-33, husbands and wives are singled out and given instructions concerning certain attitudes and behaviours. But this doesn't mean wives are exempt from being loving and nurturing towards their husbands, or husbands are exempt from being submissive and respectful towards their wives, especially as Ephesians 5:22-33 is prefaced by a call for all to be mutually submissive (Eph. 5:21),<sup>[1]</sup> and chapter 5 opens with a call for everyone to love sacrificially as Christ loves (Eph. 5:1-2).

Compare the almost identical language used in Ephesians 5:2 and in Ephesians 5:25:  
". . . walk in love (ἐν ἀγάπῃ),

*just as Christ also loved* (καθὼς καὶ ὁ Χριστὸς ἠγάπησεν) us *and gave Himself up for* (καὶ παρέδωκεν ἑαυτὸν ὑπὲρ) us . . ." (Eph. 5:2).

"Husbands, love (ἀγαπάτε) your wives, *just as Christ also loved* (καθὼς καὶ ὁ Χριστὸς ἠγάπησεν) the church *and gave Himself up for* (καὶ ἑαυτὸν παρέδωκεν ὑπὲρ) her . . ." (Eph. 5:25).

The instructions for mutual submission and sacrificial love in Ephesians 5:1-2 and 21 are given to all Paul's readers, to men and to women. Submission isn't just for wives, sacrificial love isn't just for husbands.

Genuine and reciprocal love and faithfulness were absent in many marriages in the first-century Greco-Roman world. It is in this context that Paul wrote Ephesians 5:22-33 and pressed for unity in Christian marriage, with the union of Jesus and the Church as the model.

## This Week at Living Word

| Sun  | Mon       | Tue                        | Wed       | Thu  | Fri  | Sat       |
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| <b>22</b><br>9:00 am Adult Study<br>10:00 am Worship | <b>23</b> | <b>24</b><br>10:00 am PUSH | <b>25</b> | <b>26</b><br>6:00 pm Transition Team Meeting | <b>27</b><br>9:30 am POW Bible Study<br>Zoom and Living Word | <b>28</b> |

## Celebrations This Week

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| <div style="text-align: center;">  </div> <p> <b>Aug 28</b> Renate DiGrazia<br/> <b>Aug 28</b> Thomas Boehm<br/> <b>Aug 31</b> Randy Hodo                 </p> | <div style="text-align: center;">  </div> <p> <b>Aug 25</b> Lara Wasilkoff<br/> <b>Aug 29</b> Anthony Bonnar<br/> <b>Aug 29</b> Katie Ozark<br/> <b>Aug 30</b> Addison Przybylo<br/> <b>Aug 31</b> Sandy Boehm                 </p> | <div style="text-align: center;">  </div> <p> <b>Aug 11</b> Tiffani &amp; David West<br/> <b>Aug 17</b> Jodi &amp; Bruce Kempke<br/> <b>Aug 30</b> Joan &amp; Russ Tinich                 </p> |
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## Stewardship Snapshot

**August 15th**

**25 Worshipped, 24 Communed**

**2 Watched DVD's**

**11 Watched Online**

**38 Total**

**Financial Support**

1,210.00 General Fund Deposit

Living Word's budget calls for weekly offerings averaging \$3654 to fund our ministry. Regular, intentional and meaningful contributions from what the Lord provides you helps carry this out.

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**DEVOTIONAL OF THE WEEK** Some things can never be said enough, so Paul closes this letter with many of these things. Respect your leaders, live peaceably with one another, be patient, be joyful, pray always, be thankful, listen to the Spirit, seek good and avoid evil. It is good to remind ourselves of these things as we start each day, because we will surely have the need or the opportunity to put at least one of them into practice. ([1 Thessalonians 5:12-28](#))

I ADMIRE THIS LIST,  
I JUST DON'T THINK  
IT'S REALISTIC.



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NOBODY CAN PRAY  
CONSTANTLY.



OH.



ARE THERE TIMES  
WHEN YOU DON'T  
NEED JESUS?



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1 THESSALONIANS 5:16-24

**REDEEMING LIFE OUTREACH MINISTRIES UPDATE** was received via email this past week, it seems like they are really moving along with restoring the new maternity home in Carpentersville. You can also see the printout of the email on the bulletin board next to the office.

Dear Pastor Lee,

## **Greetings in the name of our Lord and Savior, Jesus!**

I am writing you today to give you an **update on the progress of the Redeeming Life Maternity Home expansion** into NID, specifically, Carpentersville, IL. As I stated in my last email, we have been working with the Village of Carpentersville on how we could overcome some zoning issues within their village code. We have made some progress, but we still do not have a final resolution. The Village has been working diligently to help us solve the zoning issues so we can move forward.

**Next week, we have another important meeting scheduled with the Village of Carpentersville.** Please pray that the challenges can be resolved according to God's will and that we will soon move forward with the renovation and opening of the new maternity home.

**The response of the NID churches and members has been overwhelming!** We set forth a goal of \$350,000 for the purchase and renovation of this home in Carpentersville. As of today, you have raised over \$238,000. To God be the Glory!! There is a real passion in the NID to help vulnerable mothers at risk of abortion, homelessness or abuse. I am so thankful for each and every one of you.

**Please remember that you have a local Redeeming Life representative available to you.** Deaconess Lori Trinche would love to come do a chapel talk, discuss fundraising opportunities, present at your LWML gatherings or attend a conference. You can reach Lori at [lori@rlom.org](mailto:lori@rlom.org) or 630-665-5238.

**We are still recruiting congregation advocates!** We would like to have a Redeeming Life advocate in each and every congregation of the NID. An advocate is a person who is passionate about the maternity home ministry, willing to attend 3 or 4 virtual meetings each year, keep their congregation informed and engaged with the maternity home and help garner financial support for the ministry. If you don't already have an advocate in your congregation, please prayerfully consider who might be willing to fill this important role. Anyone interested can sign up online at [www.rlom.org/expansion](http://www.rlom.org/expansion) under the advocate section.

**So, dear friends, please keep this very important expansion in your prayers.** Specifically ask for a positive resolution to the zoning challenges so that, together, we can ease suffering, save lives and share the love of Jesus with those we are called to serve. Also please pray for one of our mom's, Cheyenne, who is suffering with high blood pressure. This condition is forcing a labor induction on Saturday, August 21. Prayers of protection for mother and baby and for the Lord to calm Cheyenne in the days to come.

*"May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace as you trust in him, so that you may overflow with hope by the power of the Holy Spirit."* Romans 15:13

Peace be with you,

Sheryl

Sheryl DeWitt

Executive Director

**Redeeming Life Outreach Ministries, Inc.**

## Living Word News

**AUGUST MISSION OF THE MONTH** is Grace Christian Academy in Chicago, Please see the below information for Grace. At Grace, most families struggle to provide for their daily needs, let alone have the ability to pay for a Christian education. It is only through the generous support of their donors and the scholarships they can provide that the kids can attend Grace.

**PARKING LOT** will be repaved and restriped sometime next month. It will not effect being able to attend church service as the work will be done on a Friday and only needs 24 hours to set. More information as to when this will happen will be announced once the project gets scheduled. We will be able to see where we are supposed to be parking. LOL.

**PRESCHOOL** unfortunately will not open this fall due to such a low enrollment of students. Hopefully things can turn around and we will be able to have preschool once again in January. We need to keep them in our prayers until then.

**PORTALS OF PRAYER BOOKS** are always available on the welcome desk as you come into the Grebik Fellowship Hall. Going forward, we will be sending them out with the mailings of the worship folders and newsletters. Diana Motel will deliver one to Jerry and Barb Erjavec when she drops of the DVD of the worship service.

**FROM THE TRANSITION TEAM!** The transition team has been very busy the past few weeks. They received a list of names from the district, Donna made all the phone calls to the pastors and had coordinated everyone's schedule. They already had several interviews over the past few weeks and will have the last interview this Tuesday evening. Once they have finished their evaluation of these interviews, they will announce their findings. In the meantime, if you would like to watch any of their sermons on YouTube, here is the list of names and their current church locations: Steve Kass, at Family Faith in Glendale Heights, IL, Scott Roberts at Peace in Seymor, IN, Christopher LaBoube at St. Matthew in Mapleton, IA, Steve Deombeleg at Immanuel in Hillside, IL, Paul Tessaro at St. Paul in Clay Center, KS and Ted Cook at Zion in Pittsburg, KS. They even were able to schedule one last interview with Pastor Zimmerman from Addison, IL this past Thursday. The transition team intends to meet next Thursday to evaluate all the candidates and bring their findings to us within the next week or so at a congregational meeting.

## 8-22-21 Message Outline

### **"No God or Know God?"**

Psalm 14 says: *"The fool says in his heart, 'There is no God'"* and, *"Do all these evildoers know nothing? ...They never call on the Lord."* Do we live like there is no God, or do we know Him...?

#### **1) Am I a pot or a POTTER?**

You turn things upside down, as if the potter were thought to be like the clay! Shall what is formed say to the one who formed it, "You did not make me"? Can the pot say to the potter, "You know nothing"?

Isaiah 29:16

#### **2) Am I a hater or a LOVER?**

<sup>22</sup>Wives, submit yourselves to your own husbands as you do to the Lord. <sup>23</sup>For the husband is the head of the wife as Christ is the head of the church, his body, of which he is the Savior. <sup>24</sup>Now as the church submits to Christ, so also wives should submit to their husbands in everything. <sup>25</sup>Husbands, love your wives, just as Christ loved the church and gave himself up for her <sup>26</sup>to make her holy, cleansing her by the washing with water through the word, <sup>27</sup>and to present her to himself as a radiant church, without stain or wrinkle or any other blemish, but holy and blameless. <sup>28</sup>In this same way, husbands ought to love their wives as their own bodies. He who loves his wife loves himself. <sup>29</sup>After all, no one ever hated their own body, but they feed and care for their body, just as Christ does the church— <sup>30</sup>for we are members of his body. <sup>31</sup>"For this reason a man will leave his father and mother and be united to his wife, and the two will become one flesh." <sup>32</sup>This is a profound mystery—but I am talking about Christ and the church. <sup>33</sup>However, each one of you also must love his wife as he loves himself, and the wife must respect her husband.

Ephesians 5:22-33

#### **3) Am I a nullifier or an AFFIRMER?**

<sup>9</sup>And [Jesus] continued, "You have a fine way of setting aside the commands of God in order to observe your own traditions! <sup>10</sup>For Moses said, 'Honor your father and mother,' and, 'Anyone who curses their father or mother is to be put to death.' <sup>11</sup>But you say that if anyone declares that what might have been used to help their father or mother is Corban (that is, devoted to God)— <sup>12</sup>then you no longer let them do anything for their father or mother. <sup>13</sup>Thus you nullify the word of God by your tradition that you have handed down. And you do many things like that."

Mark 7:9-13