

**SERIES: COUNT YOUR BLESSINGS**  
**#1734: Relationship Rescue.**

What is the roadmap for a healthy relationship?

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ESV=English Standard.

*Wives, submit to your husbands, as is fitting in the Lord. Husbands, love your wives, and do not be harsh with them. Children, obey your parents in everything, for this pleases the Lord. Fathers, do not provoke your children, lest they become discouraged. Slaves, obey in everything those who are your earthly masters, not by way of eye-service, as people-pleasers, but with sincerity of heart, fearing the Lord. Whatever you do, work heartily, as for the Lord and not for men, knowing that from the Lord you will receive the inheritance as your reward. You are serving the Lord Christ. For the wrongdoer will be paid back for the wrong he has done, and there is no partiality. Masters, treat your slaves justly and fairly, knowing that you also have a Master in heaven.* — Colossians 3:18-4:1 (ESV)

## **Patterns for A Healthy Relationship**

### **1. Relationships Are ALWAYS About GOD.**

*If anyone says, “I love God,” and hates his brother, he is a liar; for he who does not love his brother WHOM HE HAS SEEN cannot love God WHOM HE HAS NOT SEEN.*

— 1 John 4:20 (ESV)

*SUBMIT TO ONE ANOTHER OUT OF REVERENCE FOR CHRIST.* <sup>22</sup>*Wives, submit to your own husbands, as to the Lord.* <sup>23</sup>*For the husband is the head of the wife even as Christ is the head of the church, his body, and is himself its Savior.* <sup>24</sup>*Now as the church submits to Christ, so also wives should submit in everything to their husbands.* <sup>25</sup>*Husbands, love your wives, as Christ loved the church and gave himself up for her,* <sup>26</sup>*that he might sanctify her, having cleansed her by the washing of water with the word,* <sup>27</sup>*so that he might present the church to himself in splendor, without spot or wrinkle or any such thing, that she might be holy and without blemish.* — Ephesians 5:21-27 (ESV)

### **2. Relationships Are ALWAYS About THE GOSPEL.**

*THIS MYSTERY IS PROFOUND, and I am saying that IT REFERS TO CHRIST AND THE CHURCH.* — Ephesians 5:32 (ESV)