



FOR THOUSANDS OF YEARS GOD KEPT A SECRET, BUT NOT ANY MORE.
KNOWING THIS SECRET COULD CHANGE A MARRIAGE AND A HOME

EPHESIANS 5: 22-33

²²Wives, submit yourselves to your own husbands as you do to the Lord.

²³For the husband is the head of the wife as Christ is the head of the church, his body, of which he is the Savior. ²⁴Now as the church submits to Christ, so also wives should submit to their husbands in everything.

²⁵Husbands, love your wives, just as Christ loved the church and gave himself up for her ²⁶to make her holy, cleansing her by the washing with water through the word, ²⁷and to present her to himself as a radiant church, without stain or wrinkle or any other blemish, but holy and blameless. ²⁸In this same way, husbands ought to love their wives as their own bodies. He who loves his wife loves himself. ²⁹After all, no one ever hated their own body, but they feed and care for their body, just as Christ does the church—³⁰for we are members of his body. ³¹“For this reason a man will leave his father and mother and be united to his wife, and the two will become one flesh.”

³²This is a profound mystery—but I am talking about Christ and the church.

³³However, each one of you also must love his wife as he loves himself, and the wife must respect her husband.

SECRET: Marriage is NOT the _____ .

Marriage is a _____ of the _____ .

The _____ is God's love relationship with His people.

THIS MEANS

- Each marriage has profound _____
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AT HOME THIS WEEK

Option A (Intensive)

Read one chapter of 1 John each day over 5 days. Circle every time John uses a family term (child, brother, fathers). Discuss what is being said in one of the terms you read each day.

Option B (Doable!)

Read the entire chapter of Ephesians 5.

Discuss:

- Who has a marriage you admire?
- What is it about the marriage you admire?

Pray for a married couple.

