

**Life Outside the Box**  
**Message 4: Jesus on Marriage and Divorce**  
**Part 1 - Women**

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**Matthew 5:31-32** - *"It has been said, 'Anyone who divorces his wife must give her a certificate of divorce.' But I tell you that anyone who divorces his wife, except for marital unfaithfulness, causes her to become an adulteress, and anyone who marries the divorced woman commits adultery."*

**Ephesians 5:31** – *"For this reason a man will leave his father and mother and be united to his wife, and the two will become one flesh."*

Oneness Is Achieved as We:

**Leave** - Establish Interdependence

**Cleave** - Establish Commitment

**Weave** - Establish Intimacy

**Key Truth:** Intimacy is transparency with one another.

Three Aspects of Intimacy

1. Spiritual
2. Social
3. Physical

## The Role of the Wife

Key Truth: Responding to my husband as God commands pleases God and gives the best opportunity for oneness.

1. **Love** her Husband

**Song of Songs 7:10-12** – *“I belong to my lover, and his desire is for me. Come, my lover, let us go to the countryside, let us spend the night in the villages... there I will give you my love.”*

2. **Support** her Husband

**Proverbs 31:10-12** – *“A wife of noble character who can find? She is worth far more than rubies. Her husband has full confidence in her and lacks nothing of value. She brings him good, not harm, all the days of her life.”*

**Ephesians 5:22-24** – *“Wives, submit to your husbands as to the Lord. 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. Now as the church submits to Christ, so also wives should submit to their husbands in everything.”*

Support = Submission

Submission does **not** mean:

- a. Inferiority
- b. Losing Identity
- c. Blind Obedience
- d. Being Abused
- e. Following Your Husband Into Sin

Submission does mean:

- a. Realizing his leadership is part of God’s design
- b. Encouraging his leadership by joyfully following
- c. Praying for him

3. **Respect** her Husband

**Ephesians 5:33** - *“...the wife must respect her husband.”*

Key Respect Words:

1. Understand
2. Encourage

3. Admire