

2/10/19 | Marriage Matters to God

"Submit to one another out of reverence for Christ."

—Ephesians 5:21 | NIV



1. Have you ever managed to stop a quarrel before it got started? How?

2. Consider this quote. What does it mean? Is it true in every case?

"Marriage should be a submission competition ... a race to the back of the line."

—Andy Stanley

3. What stuck out to you from the sermon this week? What stuck out to you from Ephesians 5 this week? Explain.

Quarreling vs Submission

4. Read Genesis 37:1-28. What caused the quarreling between Joseph and his brothers?

5. Where could submission on Joseph's side have helped?

6. Where could submission on his brothers' side have helped?

7. Read Joseph's advice in Genesis 45:24 (at least 20 years after Genesis 37). Do you think Joseph's brothers had learned to quarrel less than when they sold Joseph? How so?

8. Do you learn from you quarrels? If so, what?

9. Read Luke 14:7-11. What does this story have to do with quarreling? What is the advice in the story? What does this advice have to do with submission?

10. Read Ephesians 5:21 and Galatians 5:22-23. Compare submission to the listed fruit of the Spirit. Which do you consider the most important?

11. Which are the most helpful when it comes to quarreling?

12. Which are the most helpful when it comes to marriage?

13. Read Proverbs 20:3. Can quarreling be done a right way? If so, how?

14. How can this study help you be submissive in your quarrels this week?

TAKEAWAY:

Question—"What is one thing I can do to serve you more?"

Rule—Stop talking, and listen.