

Speaker 1 ([00:15](#)):

Hey friends.

Speaker 2 ([00:17](#)):

I am so happy. And so thankful to be a part of this, this opportunity to be with you. I'm so thankful and I need to give a special thanks to definitely Neil project for the opportunity to be a part of this opportunity. And I'm just so hu, I'm just going to tell you I will get sweaty. So just heads up. But back to the point, I'm grateful to be a part of sharing the gospel with you today. And I'll be speaking on a Fusion's chapter five. So the whole thing, but if I could sum it up in one sentence, it would be this walk in love. Don't worry. I'll keep going. I'll be signing verses one all the way through 21. So bear with me. Verse one, therefore be imitators of God as beloved children. Let's hold right there. You notice it said beloved children.

Speaker 2 ([01:10](#)):

It's so true because children are like sponges. They will copy everything you say and do. It's true. My child does that. Okay. Moving on first to, Oh, I'm so excited. Okay. Verse two and walk in love as Christ loved us and gave himself up for us, a fragrant offering and sacrifice to God. Okay. Let me stop here again. That reminds me of when I was in high school, sitting in my bedroom doing something homework or something. It was in high school. I don't know. And I would smell my mom cooking my favorite dinner. There's so many really pot roast with soft carrots and potatoes or chicken dumplings. Um, meatloaf. Okay. Oh, now I'm getting hungry. Oh, okay. Uh, that's not the point. The point is yes. It's always brings warmth and excitement and happiness to my heart, um, to consider this fragrance of a yummy dinner that I can enjoy with my family. And it's the same thing with God when he died for our sins so that we can continue to walk in the kind of love that he has shown and done for us on the cross. Yes. So first three, but the sexual immorality and all impurity or covetousness must not even be named among you as is proper among saints.

Speaker 2 ([02:55](#)):

There will be verse four. There will be no filthiness nor foolish talk nor crude, joking, which is out of place. But instead, let there be Thanksgiving, verse five for you may be sure of this, that everyone who is sexually immoral or impure or who is coveted covetous, or that is an idler, has no inheritance in the kingdom of Christ and God verse six, let no one deceive you with empty words for, because of these things, the wrath of God comes upon the sons of disobedience verse seven, therefore do not become partners with them. Avoid them. There is what it means. Verse eight for at one time you were darkness, but now you are light in the Lord walk as children of light. First nine, four, the fruit of light is found in all that is good and right. And true. First 10, try to discern what is pleasing to the Lord for Sullivan.

Speaker 2 ([04:23](#)):

Take no part in the unfruitful works or bad things of darkness, but instead expose them wrong. First 12 four. It is shameful even to speak of these things that they do in secret first 13. Okay? But when anything is exposed by the light, it becomes visible verse 14 or anything that becomes visible is light. Therefore it says awake O sleeper and arise from the dead and Christ will shine on you. Verse 15, look carefully, then how you walk, not as unwise, but as wise first 16, make the best use of the time because don't waste any time because the days are evil for 17, therefore do not be foolish, but understand what the will of the Lord is. Be engaged in that. And pursuing that verse 18, do not get drunk with wine for that is to Bockarie, but be filled with the spirit. I love this one.

Speaker 2 ([05:47](#)):

Let me hold it right there. I know that people typically would bring this verse up as a reason why we should avoid or not drink or get drunk and so on. But it actually here, the word says that we are to rely on him, not on wine or alcohol, but to rely on him, not relying on other things like alcohol and to be filled with the Holy spirit, to be guided by him constantly, constantly every day. Even when it's hard, again, being drunk and filled with alcohol, brings us this uneasy, hazy, numbing feeling. It's just not a good feeling, but it's important to know that being filled with the Holy spirit allows us to be aware and vigilant in everything we do.

Speaker 2 ([06:51](#)):

Yes. All right on, we go verse 19, addressing one another in Psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing and making melody to the Lord with your heart, giving him thanks. This is verse 20. Give thanks always for everything to God, the father in the name of our Lord, Jesus Christ him alone. Verse 21, submit to one another out of reverence for Christ. So verses one through 21 is talking a lot about how to live a Holy life. These verses are to actually protect you. Open your eyes, not to be blind to your sins, that you get stuck in your cycle of sins, but no, instead breaking free and living as children of light. Okay? So all everyone experiences brokenness and hurt in our relationships and it can become difficult for us, especially as a women to trust and follow someone other than ourselves. And this is why we are to love God.

Speaker 2 ([08:09](#)):

First, first and foremost, we are submit to God first and foremost, and you see, we can submit to God by looking back at verse 21, submitting to one another out of reverence for Christ, you see submitting his humility. Now don't get me wrong here. Humility. Isn't hating yourself or feeling guilty or bad for every mistake that you make. Guilt should never be the motivation ever humility. When it comes to submission is learning that in this life, we will experience more joy. When we put others before ourselves, it is freedom from pride and arrogance. It is acceptance regardless of circumstances, no matter what it's admitting that you don't always have the answers and that's okay. That's humility, humility of heart, a spirit filled believer with the ability to humble themselves to others in fear and honor of God is not just for each other, but it's also in marriage too.

Speaker 2 ([09:35](#)):

Now, moving on to verse 22, which we'll talk about marriage like Christ and the church and believers, the Christians, the community of believers, verse 22 wives submit to your own husbands as to the Lord verse 23 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. That's the same concept. But in today's society, we live in a culture where female independence, whoo rings absolutely aloud. Loudly. Women are naturally repulsed or disgusted by this language of submission or subjection. And of course we cannot and do not support dominating abusive men. And when it comes to marriage, of course, like I don't want anybody to think that for anyone in any relationship, absolutely not. And have women forced to do things without their consent. No period, absolutely not. Now while the word subject often reminds us of this negative connotation association and causes us to think that this is degrading of message of femininity, but in God's word, it's the complete opposite. It's actually speaking this in a completely opposite dimension. Marriage is the reflection that we have on earth of the love of Christ between his church and Christ. This is a reflection of his life, of his love. So verse 24 and 25. Now, as the church submits to Christ, everything, wives should

submit in everything to their husbands. Husbands love your wife. As Christ loved the church and gave himself up for her

Speaker 2 ([11:56](#)):

When commanding husbands to love their wives. That's the same type of love that's described of Jesus. His love for us, unconditional love this kind of powerful love that saved us from our sins. I mean, this is the kind of love that drove Jesus to the cross. And we praise him for that. This is the kind of love that demand

Speaker 3 ([12:24](#)):

Husbands to love their wives in the city,

Speaker 2 ([12:28](#)):

Same way. So it becomes really clear then that when this true love is present, it would be conflicting and unimaginable to be paired with degradation and oppression of women. It just wouldn't make sense. Right? Love would never permit harm toward the beloved. It is the love of a righteous and Holy husband. It is the love of Jesus.

Speaker 3 ([12:59](#)):

The love

Speaker 2 ([13:00](#)):

Of Jesus. Jesus is love would never oppress force or humiliate a woman ever. Let's look at John four about Jesus and the woman at the well, here's what I love about this. Okay. It's just beautiful. Jesus knows every single detail about you. No matter how you try to hide them. Okay. Before I start, here's what I want you ladies to understand, okay? This woman, this woman at the well is getting water around noon. It's the hottest time of the day. Okay. So historians would tell us that women would gather at the town well to collect water in the morning and in the sunset hours, but not in the middle of the day. No, that's the, uh, this woman, she is avoiding everyone else. And anyone else, you know what I'm saying? Just like you and I do. We all do that. At one point in our life, we make crazy attempts to try and avoid anyone that could see through any of our flaws or any during our dark times, we just want to hide.

Speaker 2 ([14:25](#)):

We, we all do that. We hide in our shame. Now back to the point. So you can imagine her's the prize when Jesus asked her a question at the well, Oh my goodness. Okay. So John four verse seven, a woman from Samaria came to draw water. Jesus said to her, give me a drink. Verse eight for his disciples had gone away into the city to buy food. In verse nine, the Samaritan woman said to him, how is it that you a Jew ask for a drink from me, a Samaritan woman, a woman from Samaria for Jews had no dealings with Samaritans in that time whatsoever. Verse 10, Jesus answered her. If you knew the gift of God and who it is that is saying to you, give me a drink. You would have asked him. And he would have given you living water. She had no idea that the living water is Jesus himself. Okay? Verse 11. The woman said to her, sir, you have nothing to draw water with. And the well is deep. Where do you get this living water?

Speaker 2 ([15:57](#)):

Are you okay? Verse 12. She says, are you greater than our father, Jacob? He gave us the well and drank from it himself as did his sons and his livestock. Oh, I just love this. Okay. Bear with me and bear with me here. Verse 13, Jesus said to her, everyone who drinks of this water will be thirsty again, but okay. First 14. But whoever drinks of the water that I will give him will never be thirsty. Again, the water that I will give him will become in him. A spring of water, welling up to eternal life and inspiring filled relationship. The woman said to him, sir, give me this water so that I will not be thirsty and have to come back here to draw water. No one enjoys drawing water. Right? Okay. Verse 16. Jesus said to her, go and call your husband and come here. Okay. Let me just stop here for a second. Did you see that? Okay, hold up right here. I know I'm jumping ahead, but Jesus knew. He knew she doesn't have a husband yet. He asked her, go call your husband and come back.

Speaker 2 ([17:32](#)):

It's it's almost like, uh, as a mother or aunt or grandma or whoever maybe would tell a child, Hey, go grab the last candy bar in the kitchen door. If you wouldn't mind, go get that for me. In the meantime, knowing full well that that child had already eaten the bar, but wanting to use the opportunity to teach them about telling the truth, not about conviction, but more about telling the truth. So what happens is that the child will either make excuses or actually confess. Oh, okay. Okay. Uh, I ate the last candy bar without your permission, you know? And it, this is exactly what Jesus did to the woman at the, well, he taught her about the truth, which is Jesus himself. Okay. Come down to verse 17. Now the woman answered him. I have no husband. Jesus said to her, you are right in saying, I have no husband verse 18, or you have had five husbands. And the one you now have is not your husband. What you have said is true.

Speaker 2 ([18:50](#)):

Okay. Let's back this up again. Okay. Again, he already knows every single thing about you, about me, about this woman. He wants a relationship with you, with me and with her, with you. He wants to bond to bond to be close. And now here's where she makes excuses and went off topic and started to talk about places. She knew where to worship after realizing, wow, okay. She's like, Jesus knows this about me, my five husbands and all. Um, okay. So we all do that. We tend to go off point when we become uncomfortable in a conversation it's uncomfortable. So onto verse 19, it says, the woman said to him, sir, perceive that you are a prophet verse 20, our fathers worshiped on this mountain. But you say that in Jerusalem is the place, uh, where people all are required or should go to worship. Verse 21, Jesus said to her woman, believe me, the hour is coming.

Speaker 2 ([20:11](#)):

When neither on this mountain, nor in Jerusalem, will you worship the father? So he's saying it doesn't matter where you are in this life. You can worship God, you can worship him. You can worship what you don't know. You can worship. What we know for salvation is from the Jews, but the hour is coming and is now here. When the true worshipers will worship the father in spirit and in truth for the father seeking such people to worship him in relationship. So verse 24 there in the mountains or anywhere else, right? That you can worship him. Verse 24, God is spirit. And those who worship him worship in spirit and truth. Whew. Okay. Verse 25. The woman said to him, I know that the Messiah is coming, who is called the Christ. When he comes, he will tell us all things. Verse 26, Jesus said to her, I am who speaks to you?

Speaker 2 ([21:23](#)):

And he, the Messiah verse 27, just then his disciples came back and they marveled or gasped and were unsure about what, why he was talking with this woman. But no one said, what do you seek? Or why are you talking with her? They said nothing. They were quiet. They just were startled. Verse 28. So the woman took off. She left her water jar and went away into the town to tell all of the people, verse 29, come see this man who told me all that I've ever done. Can you see this man could be the Christ in verse 30. They all went out of the town and came to him. Whoa, Whoa. This brings us back to Ephesians five, verse two. This is to show us what it looks like to walk in love just as Jesus did with this woman at the well at verse three, also to avoid uncleanness or fornication or covetousness, Jesus could see the ache in her heart, which was caused by her own sins verses one through 21 is there to protect us. Jesus could see the parched, dry places of her soul. And she tried unsuccessfully to quiet those and repress those. But he could see her trying to fill her heart bucket with the well water that her world had to offer. You know, being with different men, hungry for love, seeking approval, hiding with shame and so on and so forth. But only Jesus can give her life for he. Jesus is the living water. He is life.

Speaker 2 ([23:29](#)):

And I love that part where she immediately, she drops her water jug on a very hot day to go gather the town and tell them about Jesus. It's that kind of heart. Yeah. Where she dares and say, Hey, there's this man. It's this guy, Jesus telling them. There's a man who told me everything I did. And they all came what a beautiful testimony there. They are all hearing about Jesus and they put their trust in him that day. I also love that God met a woman who is just like all of us in one way or another. And I love the tiny often overlooked pieces of the story that she left her water jug right there at the well, to be close to God, you can actually find that in verse 28, just so you know, it's just, it was as if that very moment her soul had been so filled with living water, that she didn't need the water pot anymore. She just left it abrupt. I wonder how many times we have thrown our water jugs into the well and walked from being in darkness and into the light, into a relationship with him. How many times have we done that? Repented and repented? How many that may be so many, we lose count and thank God that he never gives up on us ever again. He knows every single thing about us already. It's up to us to accept his living water and to be near him, to be in his presence.

Speaker 2 ([25:27](#)):

You can't go get the satisfaction in his hand without being close enough, to hold that hand, to hold on to it, to hold him, hold his hand. And it's similar in marriage. Do you see that holding hands together? That is the sign for marriage right here, holding hands, being in each other's presence with God's love. The subjection, therefore that is asked of of the wife is a submission of humility and respect. When a wife truly believes that her husband loves her and protects her with the love of Christ, then it becomes natural for her to trust him and to follow his lead.

Speaker 2 ([26:18](#)):

And the example of the ability to compromise with each other becomes easier. This kind of trust can be a challenge. One of the most hurtful things we can do to a man is to not have the ability to trust. It hurts both God and a husband. If we don't trust are so many reasons. As I mentioned before, that it's difficult for women to trust. It's just easier to trust ourselves. Again. I can understand that it's hard. Relationships are hard. Now I've wrapped up the story about the woman at the well in John chapter four. Now let's go back and continue on in Ephesians five at verse 26, verse 26, that he might sanctify her having cleansed her by the washing of water with the word. Did you see that? Having cleansed her by the washing of water with the word we are set free. I mean, clean cleansed from our sins to keep us from being blind to

love. That's right there in front of him. Yes. And how do we do that? How by keeping God in your marriage.

Speaker 2 ([27:53](#)):

Okay. First so that he might present the church to himself in splendor or glory without spot or wrinkle or any such thing that she might be Holy and without blemish verse 28 in the same way, husbands should love their wives as their own bodies. He who loves his wife, loves himself verse 29 for no one ever hated his own flesh, but nourishes and cherishes. It just as Christ does for the church. First 30, because we are members of his body verse 31, therefore a man shall leave his father and mother and hold fast to his wife. And the two shall become one flesh, no longer relying on the parents, but on each other, as husband and wife, verse 32, this mystery is profound. And I'm saying that in reference to Christ and the church verse 33, however, let each one of you love his wife as himself and let the wife see that she respects her husband.

Speaker 2 ([29:22](#)):

Okay. Women desire to be loved men, desire to be respected. The husband is the head. You can see that in verse 23 and the wife is the neck. One cannot be without the other two, become one, supporting each other. Unfortunately the love of many has grown cold. That is that it's become the norm in the lives of many Christian and unbelievers both. Well, I'm here to tell you today don't be like that. Don't do that. Don't be cold walk as children of light and walk in love. Just don't steal a candy bar though. All right. I love you all.