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## *Please Join Us As We Pray For:*

All of Our Military, Their Family's & All the Civilian Workers in The Middle East, Zee Mink Fuller and Family, Her son's Bryan Armstrong and Hunter Hackie, Daughter Shannon, and Brother Philip Thornsberry, Johnnie Stephens, Alecia Stephens, and children, Buckie Thompson, Frank & Sonya Trusty, Frank & Dawana Reigel, Diane & Smoke, Andrew Preston, Larry & Martha Mollette and Her Family Juanita her daughter, Lana Paul, Tyrell Loyd, Ted O'Bonion, Larry Mollette II & Family, Kerry Adcock, Kim Reich, Danny Mollette, cousin Kayla, Lee & Mary Mollette, Joshua Kidd, Matthew Kidd, Ronnie and Sarah Henderson, Ronnie Henderson Jr. & Children, Ricky Henderson and Family, Velma Hammond, Don Hammond and Families, James and Luann Reynolds, Timothy Fails, Nathan Fails, Jacob Ramsey, Jerry Hughes, Gina, Brother Kelley and Sister Hinson, Patricia Hinson, Diane Thomas, Jace Fails, Jim and Linda Meier, Keith Johnson, Carolyn Davis, Vickie Adkins, Shirley King - Son David - and family, Brother Robert and Sister Jennifer Keller, Christel and her daughter, James Jackson, David Henderson and Wife, Hailey Renee McManus, Little Cam Works, Sister Ann McSwain, Gordon, Brother Dan Sullivan the work in Thailand, Brother Raul and the work in Romania, Bro. Sergey Mochalov and the Churches in Russia.

## *Pastors Thoughts:*

### **Love your wife.**

Ephesians 5:25 *"Husbands, love your wives, even as Christ also loved the church, and gave himself for it;"*

There is no question how much a husband is supposed to love his wife, *"even as Christ also loved the church"*. Why did God never tell the wife the same requirement, it is because the wife is subject to her husband. Husbands and wives are not on equal footing in the family, the wife is subject unto her husband, yes even in the twenty-first century. Ephesians 5:22 - 24 *"Wives, submit yourselves unto your own husbands, as unto the Lord. (23) For the husband is the head of the wife, even as Christ is the head of the church: and he is the saviour of the body. (24) Therefore as the church is subject unto Christ, so let the wives be to their own husbands in every thing."* There is really no question what the word submit means, it means "to be subordinate" which means "under the authority or control of another". There is not a more blessed woman than one who serves the Lord in the family as the Lord has commanded her. This is the way God has ordained the family, the husband is the leader, then the wife, then the children, and God is head of the family. There is no question what God is saying, He could have not spelled it our any clearer. But our focus today is on the husband, and how much he is to love his wife, "as Christ also loved the church", men, that is a tall order! A man's wife is a gift from God, as children are and as Christian men we are to love and cherish God's gifts to us. It is sad that most families do not understand God's order for the family, but the world also does not accept much of what God orders. Only true Christian families are subject to God's commandments, those who do not accept and follow God's commandments are obeying the world and not God. The reason God ordered the husband to love his wife with such great love, compared only to Christ's love for His church. Now husbands that is a great love, we are not commanded to love anyone outside of the Lord Himself with such a love. People often ask other people who have been married for such long time "what's the secret" it is a family living biblical ordered lives. The key to everything in life is "love and obedience". The greatest Christian, church, or family is those who obey God and His scriptural commands. Those that refuse are scriptural dysfunctional, and nothing works as God said it would. A marriage between a man and a woman is meant to be for a lifetime, and obeying God is the foundation to that marriage lasting for a lifetime. Gentlemen let us all show our wives the love God has commanded, and we are without excuse if we do not. Ladies serve you husbands as a help mate and not as a ruler, a good wife always inserts the scripture in her life. We are to obey God and not the opinions of the world, Satan controls the thinking of this world. Husbands love your wives as Christ Loves the church, think about that.

***Consider the hand of the Lord in your affliction***

By John Flavel

"I was silent, I opened not my mouth; because *You are the one who has done this!*" Psalm 39:9

If you would bear the loss of your dear relations with moderation, then eye God in the whole process of the affliction more, and secondary causes and circumstances of the matter less.

Consider the hand of the Lord in your affliction, particularly:

1. As a sovereign hand, which has the right to dispose of you and all your comforts, without your permission or consent.
2. As a father's hand, correcting you in love and faithfulness. "Whom the LORD loves He corrects, as a father the son in whom he delights." Oh, if once you could but see affliction as a rod in your heavenly father's hand, proceeding from His love, and intended for your eternal good—how submissive you would then be!  
And surely if it draws your heart nearer to your God, and mortifies it more to this vain world—then it is a rod in the hand of His special love. If your trial ends in your love to God, doubt not but it comes from God's love to you.
3. As a just and righteous hand. Yes, the Lord is just in all that has come upon you. Whatever He has done, He has done you no wrong.
4. As a moderate and merciful hand, that has punished you less than your iniquities deserve. He who has cast you into affliction, might have justly cast you into Hell! It is of the Lord's mercy that you are not consumed.

"Shall we accept good from God, and not trouble?" Job 2:10

Learn from the death of your loved ones: the vanity of the creature, and the emptiness and nothingness of the best things here below!

Affliction is a bitter pill, which, being enrapt in patience and quiet submission, may be easily swallowed.

But discontent chews the pill, and so embitters the soul.

O how many have been carried smoothly to Hell in the chariots of earthly pleasures; while others have been whipped to Heaven by the rod of affliction!

***Lascivious temptresses!***

By Arthur Pink

"But I tell you that anyone who looks at a woman lustfully has already committed adultery with her in his heart!" Matthew 5:28

If lustful looking is so grievous a sin, then those who dress and expose themselves with desires to be looked at and lusted after are not less, but even more guilty! In this matter it is only too often the case that men sin, but women tempt them so to do.

How great, then, must be the guilt of the great majority of the modern misses who deliberately seek to arouse the sexual passions of our young men. And how much greater still is the guilt of most of their mothers for allowing them to become lascivious temptresses!

"I also want women to dress modestly, with decency and propriety, not with braided hair or gold or pearls or expensive clothes, but with good deeds, as is proper for women making a claim to godliness." 1 Timothy 2:9-10

***Church News:***

I would like to thank Brother Justin Bookout for holding a service in my absents last Sunday. I would also like to thank the membership at the Northside Baptist Church in Oakdale, La. For their hospitality to myself and our membership that attended their conference.