

Ancient Text Meets the 21st Century: Submission in Marriage

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Goal: To help counselors approach the topic of submission in positive, respectful, constructive ways, and inspire Christian marriages to emulate the beauty of Christ's love.

Four of the reasons the conversation about submission in marriage is extremely challenging:

- 1) The conversation starts in a difficult moment, with Scripture used to accuse the other
- 2) Definitions of roles are incomplete and unhelpful
- 3) Responsibility within roles is misunderstood
- 4) People may have heard discouraging, unwise, or harmful counsel in the past

Transformation of the four reasons from negative to positive:

Starting point

Definition of roles

Focus of responsibility

Counsel

Our challenge: to cast a vision for Christian marriage that is more beautiful and more accurate in describing God's will as revealed in Scripture

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