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## WEEK 2

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TOPIC: **HUSBANDS  
& WIVES**

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**Why do we practice Lent?** We do Lent as a way to prepare our hearts and minds to celebrate the resurrection of Jesus Christ. It isn't commanded in scripture, but here at Eleven22, we do it because we believe it's beneficial at times to tell our flesh no, so we can tell Jesus yes.

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## WEEKLY DEVOTIONAL

### **KIM/WIVES:**

“Wives, submit to your husbands, as is fitting in the Lord.”

*Colossians 3:18*

When faced with a chance to submit or lead, which would you choose? Many of us would choose to lead because we are more likely to get what we want and may even be more comfortable leading than submitting depending on our personality. However, in this verse Jesus does not ask us to choose, but commands us to submit. By definition, submitting means to yield to the will of another. It's choosing to allow your husband to make the final decision. This is easy as long as you agree with his decision! Here's the truth: our ability to submit to our husbands is directly related to our willingness to submit to Jesus. The more we trust Jesus the easier it is to submit to our husbands, even if they are unbelievers or far from the Lord. We are to “*submit to one another out of reverence for Christ*” (Ephesians 5:21).

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## **BLAIR/HUSBANDS:**

“Husbands, love your wives, and do not be harsh with them.”

*Colossians 3:19*

Husbands bear the responsibility to answer to God for their family.

Because of that weight and a fear of failure, we can fall into a “my way or the highway” mentality which is actually contrary to loving your wife.

As the leader of the household, without love we will be quick to anger, easily offended and feared. God has wired us to lead which means it’s our responsibility to prioritize loving our families over being “right”. Paul devotes twice as many words to telling husbands to love their wives as telling wives to submit to their husbands. Ask Jesus to help you fulfill His command found in Ephesians 5:25: “Husbands, love your wives, as Christ loved the church and gave Himself up for her.”

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## **QUESTIONS**

**1. Wives, what is keeping you from submitting to your husband?**

**2. Husbands, what is keeping you from loving your wife well?**

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## **FAMILY APPLICATION**

*(An opportunity for you and your children to practice lent together.)*

Be intentional during this Lent season to say yes to a healthier marriage by limiting distractions such as work, hobbies, sports, social media, TV, and even children.

