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The gospel of Jesus Christ is the key  
to keeping your marriage strong.  
First, know the love of Christ.

**Ephesians 5:21** <sup>and</sup> be subject to one another in the fear of Christ.  
**22** Wives, be subject to your own husbands, as to the Lord.  
**23** For the husband is the head of the wife, as Christ also is the head of the church, He Himself being the Savior of the body.  
**24** But as the church is subject to Christ, so also the wives ought to be to their husbands in everything.  
**25** Husbands, **love** your wives, just as Christ also loved the church and gave Himself up for her, **26** so that He might sanctify her, having cleansed her by the washing of water with the word, **27** that He might present to Himself the church in all her glory, having no spot or wrinkle or any such thing; but that she would be holy and blameless.

- Husbands and wives be subject to one another.

**Ephesians 5:28** So husbands ought also to **love** their own wives as their own bodies. He who loves his own wife loves himself; **29** for no one ever hated his own flesh, but nourishes and cherishes it, just as Christ also does the church, **30** because we are members of His body. **31** FOR THIS REASON A MAN SHALL LEAVE HIS FATHER AND MOTHER AND SHALL BE JOINED TO HIS WIFE, AND THE TWO SHALL BECOME ONE FLESH. **32** This mystery is great; but I am speaking with reference to Christ and the church. **33** Nevertheless, each individual among you also is to **love** his own wife even as himself, and the wife must see to it that she **respects** her husband.

- A husband is to **love** his wife.
- A wife is to **respect** her husband.

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- This is a quote from Genesis 2:24.
- Genesis 1:27 God created man in His own image, in the image of God He created him; male and female He created them.
- “God designed marriage from the beginning and brought together the first man and woman in a covenant of companionship.” (The Divine Design for Marriage)
- “Because God’s Word is infallible, timeless and fully sufficient, His design for marriage does not evolve or change.”
- “The Fall has led to the corruption of marriage roles.”

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Leave: Your marriage creates a new family unit.

Joined: A husband and wife are joined in a lifelong covenant of companionship.

- “Marriage is designed by God to be the most personally intimate of human relationships.”
- “Some Christians, by faith, stay in hard marriages.”
- “Some hard marriages are transformed by God’s grace.”
- “Divorce is a sinful violation of God’s design.”
- “It is not enough to merely remain legally married.”

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- “God designed marriage to be a partnership in which the wife follows her husband’s leadership.”
- “Submission does not imply inferiority of personhood.”
- God has established order & authority in many relationships.
- 1 Corinthians 11:3 But I want you to understand that Christ is the head of every man, and the man is the head of a woman, and God is the head of Christ.

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- “No husband has the right to command his wife to sin or to go against her conscience.”
- “Wives are not obligated to endure physical abuse, abandonment or marital unfaithfulness.”
- “A wife has the right to confront her husband’s sins using the process outlined” in Matthew 18.

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- **T**otally commit yourself to loving her. (25)
- **U**nconditionally sacrifice your own interest to meet her needs.
- **L**imit your love to her alone (remain faithful). (25)

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- **I**rresistibly draw her with a love that purifies. (26-27)
- **P**ersevere in providing for her every need. (28-30)
- **S**teadfastly endure when marriage is difficult.

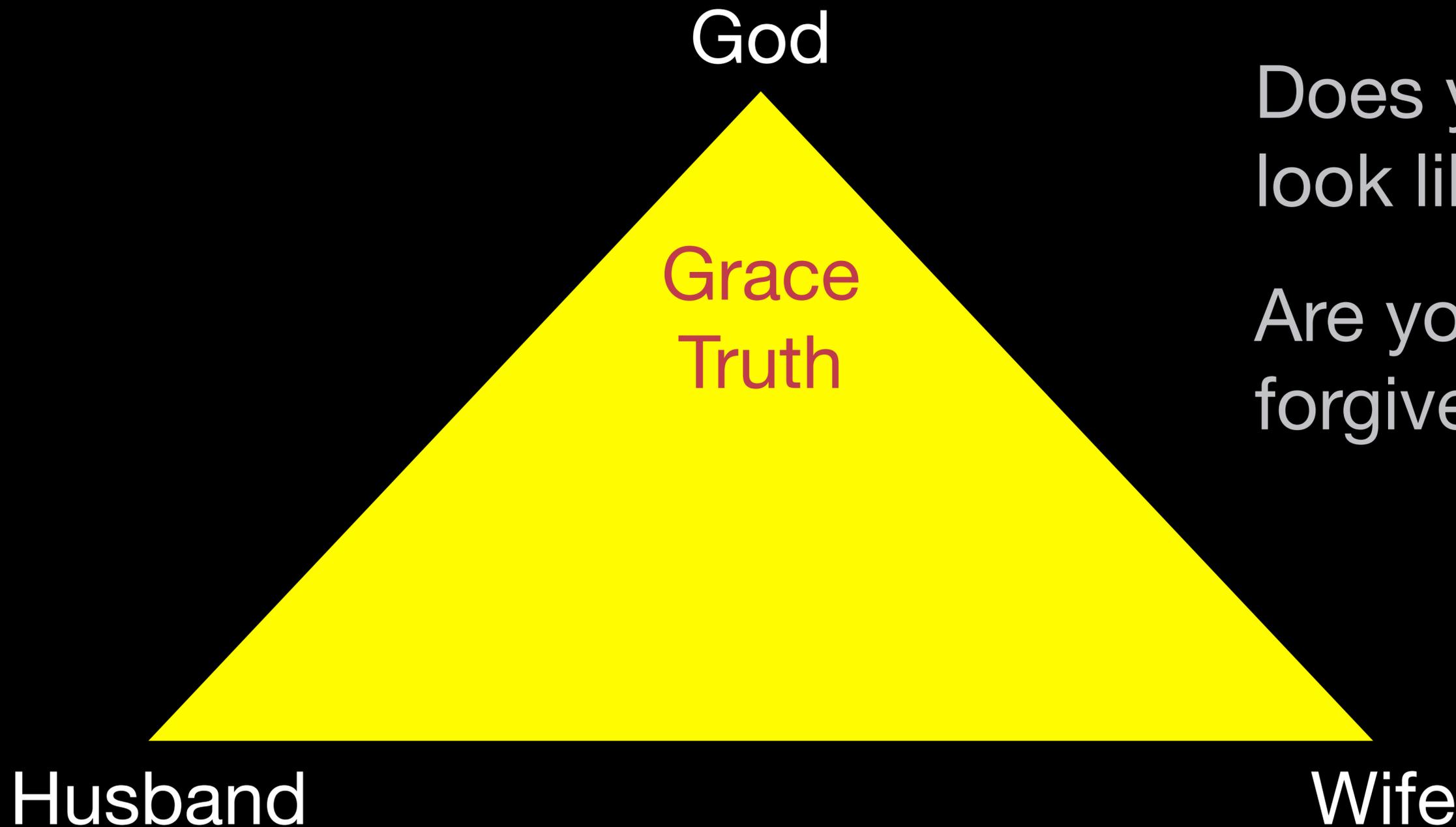
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- **H**old fast to the subordinate role to which God has called you.
- **O**bey your husband's leadership for Jesus' sake.
- **N**otice how you can do him good as his helper.
- **O**rganize your life around your responsibilities at home.
- **R**estore your husband when he strays from the Lord.

[ibcd.org](http://ibcd.org) (Institute for Biblical Care and Discipleship)

- The Divine Design for Marriage
- Transforming Grace in Marriage Roles
- Keys to Preserving and Strengthening Your Marriage

Practical Application: “The best thing you can do for your marriage is grow closer to Jesus.”



Does your marriage look like love?

Are you a display of forgiveness?