

Ephesians 5:25-29

Big Idea: The husband is to sacrifice his wants for his wife's needs

The Command – *God commands husbands to love*

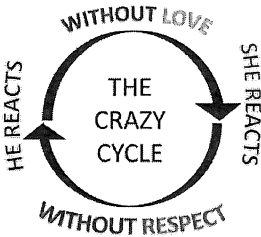
Matthew 20:25-27

- Scripture's _____ of love
Ephesians 5:2; Philippians 2:4-8; 1 John 3:18; 2 Timothy 3:1-2

- Society's _____ of love

Why don't I feel like I love my wife?

- The _____ factor



- The _____ factor

- Satan's _____ of love
Ephesians 5:2-3

The Extent – *God calls you to undeserved, unconditional love*

- As _____ loved the _____
Romans 5:8; Ephesians 2:2-4; 1 John 4:10

****You don't love your wife because she deserves it; you love your wife because Jesus loved you.**

- As _____ love your _____

The Reason – *God has tasked you with sanctifying your wife*
1 Corinthians 13:1; Colossians 3:19

Conclusion:

I will start be the spiritual leader of my family by:

- ✓ Growing myself through the Discipleship ministry
(sign up on the connection card)
- ✓ Praying for my wife and family
- ✓ Leading my family to church, Sunday School, giving, serving
(Sunday School classes meet at 10 AM)
- ✓ Leading my family in devotions.
- ✓ Setting standards for your family. TV, music, dress, friends,
dating, Internet, discipline.
- ✓ Investing in my wife's spiritual health – go on a marriage
retreat; encourage her to go on a mission trip (go with her).
Read a book with her. Take the kids so she can be
strengthened by other women's events.

A marriage relationship is to be a portrait of our relationship with Jesus. When you were undeserving, He loved you – by dying on the cross to pay for your sins.

Today, Jesus is offering undeserved loved, unconditional love, and unending love. He wants to have a personal relationship with you – where He sacrifices Himself for you, and you submit yourself to Him. Will you say yes to Jesus today?