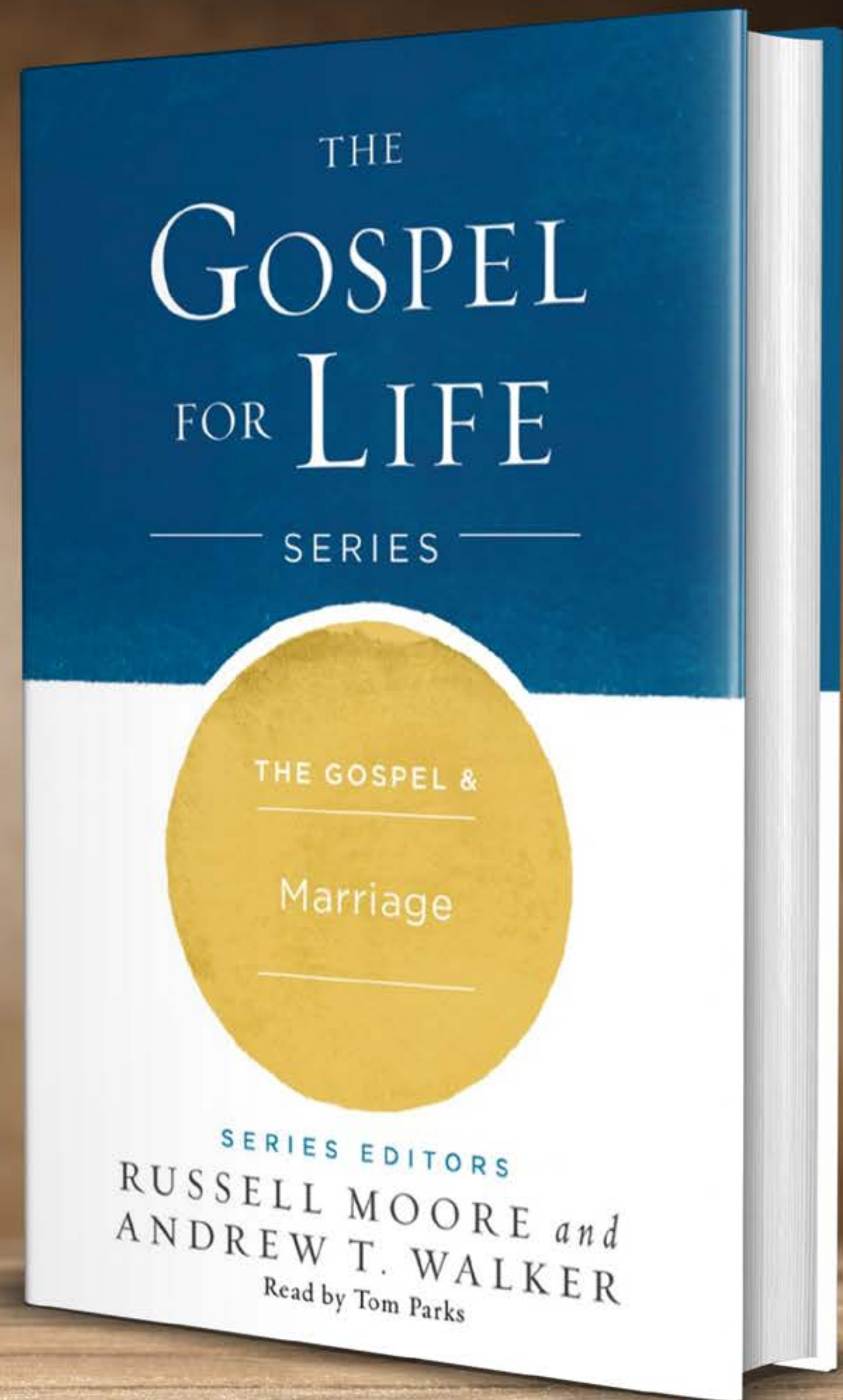




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**Submit to one another out of  
reverence for Christ.**

EPHESIANS 5:21



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**Wives, submit yourselves to your  
own husbands as you do to the Lord.**

EPHESIANS 5:22



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**For the husband is the head of the wife as Christ is the head of the Church, His Body, of which He is the Savior.**

EPHESIANS 5:23



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**Now as the Church submits to Christ, so also wives should submit to their husbands in everything.**

EPHESIANS 5:24



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**Husbands, love your wives, just as  
Christ loved the Church and gave  
himself up for her**

EPHESIANS 5:25



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**to make her holy, cleansing her by  
the washing with water through  
the Word,**

EPHESIANS 5:26



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**and to present her to himself as a radiant Church, without stain or wrinkle or any other blemish, but holy and blameless.**

EPHESIANS 5:27



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**In this same way, husbands ought to love their wives as their own bodies. He who loves his wife loves himself.**

EPHESIANS 5:28



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**After all, no one ever hated their own body, but they feed and care for their body, just as Christ does the Church —**

EPHESIANS 5:29



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**for we are members of His Body.**

EPHESIANS 5:30



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**“For this reason a man will leave his father and mother and be united to his wife, and the two will become one flesh.”**

EPHESIANS 5:31



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**This is a profound mystery — but  
I am talking about Christ and the  
Church.**

EPHESIANS 5:32



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**However, each one of you also must love his wife as he loves himself, and the wife must respect her husband.**

EPHESIANS 5:33



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**God redeems  
relationships,  
especially marriage.**



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**“In the Græco-Roman world,  
relationships within the Christian  
home were bound to have an effect  
on the surrounding society.”**

PETER T. O'BRIEN



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**“Paul ties in appropriate behavior with believers’ wise conduct in the world, which involves them in making the most of every opportunity and understanding the Lord’s will in the present.”**

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**God weaves beautiful  
complementarity  
into His creation.**



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**“A man finds himself by being a man,  
and a woman finds herself by being  
a woman. Genuine self-discovery  
and self-fulfillment do not come  
from striving to be somebody else or  
from imitating the opposite sex.”**

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**God highlights  
the Gospel  
through marriage.**



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**“In a Christian marriage, those gathered are not an audience, but witnesses. The gathered witnesses are a sign that the church is here to hold the couple accountable to their vows before God.”**

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**“The marriage is not just about the couple but about the Gospel. This means the marriage is the business of the whole church.”**

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# Christ as the bridegroom.



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**“I bathed you with water and washed the blood from you and put ointments on you.”**

**EZEKIEL 16:9**



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**“I clothed you with an embroidered dress and put sandals of fine leather on you. I dressed you in fine linen and covered you with costly garments.”**

**EZEKIEL 16:10**



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**“I adorned you with jewelry: I put bracelets on your arms and a necklace around your neck,”**

**EZEKIEL 16:11**



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**“and I put a ring on your nose,  
earrings on your ears, and a  
beautiful crown on your head.”**

EZEKIEL 16:12



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**“So you were adorned with gold and silver; your clothes were of fine linen and costly fabric and embroidered cloth. Your food was honey, olive oil and the finest flour. You became very beautiful and rose to be a queen.”**

**EZEKIEL 16:13**



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**“And your fame spread among the nations on account of your beauty, because the splendor I had given you made your beauty perfect,” declares the Sovereign Lord.**

**EZEKIEL 16:14**



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**...who gave himself for us to  
redeem us from all wickedness  
and to purify for himself a people  
that are His very own, eager to do  
what is good.**

TITUS 2:14



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**He saved us, not because of righteous things we had done, but because of His mercy. He saved us through the washing of rebirth and renewal by the Holy Spirit...**

**TITUS 3:5**



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**“Christ’s headship over the Church is expressed by His loving it and giving His life for it, as verses 25–27 so clearly show. This will have profound implications for the husband’s behavior as head of his wife.”**

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# The Church as the bride.



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**“He will give himself for her, in order that she may develop her full potential under God and so become more completely herself.”**

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**Then I heard what sounded like  
a great multitude, like the roar of  
rushing waters and like loud peals  
of thunder, shouting: “Hallelujah!  
For our Lord God Almighty reigns.”**

REVELATION 19:6



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**“Let us rejoice and be glad and give Him glory! For the wedding of the Lamb has come, and His bride has made herself ready.”**

REVELATION 19:7



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**“Fine linen, bright and clean, was  
given her to wear.”**

REVELATION 19:8



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**“The ‘marriage relationship is transparent to God’s purposes on a larger scale...no other relationship within the family so fully mirrors God’s purposes in the universe’.”**

J.P. SAMPLEY



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**“The meaning of marriage is the display of the covenant-keeping love between Christ and His people. (1) This lifts marriage out of the sordid sitcom images and gives it the magnificent meaning God meant it to have.”**

JOHN PIPER



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**“(2) This gives marriage a solid basis in grace, since Christ obtained and sustains His bride by grace alone. This shows that the husband’s headship and the wife’s submission are crucial and crucified.”**

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**God intends marriage  
to transcend  
personal satisfaction.**



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**“Marriage is not a vehicle for self-actualization. If we see it as such, we will be disillusioned and disappointed. Marriage is an embedded picture of the Gospel, a Gospel tract.”**

RUSSELL MOORE



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**“The Gospel has to be at the center. If we are not ‘for our spouse,’ then even our efforts to make marriage better come from a sense of selfishness, for my increased happiness.”**

JOEL ZOOK



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**“Then it’s not primarily coming from a desire to magnify the Gospel and what God has done for us.”**

JOEL ZOOK



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**God designed marriage to  
be a living portrait on earth  
to display the splendor of  
His plan from heaven.**



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