



MESSAGE

STUDY GUIDE

GROUP MATERIAL

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Subtly Subversive Submission

Bible Reading: Ephesians 5:18b-25

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Submission (hupotasso) Revisited

- A. An unmistakable proof of being filled by the spirit
- B. It results in joy!
- C. Mutual
- D. Voluntary
- E. It frees us from always having to have our own way (Mk. 8:34)

The Greco-Roman System in Place

- A. Hierarchical
- B. Greco-Roman Society
- C. The state and the household

Jesus' Counter-Cultural Submission (Phil. 2:5-7a)

Paul's Scandalous Household Codes

- A. Addressing the traditionally subordinated as dignified and active participants (Eph. 5:22)
 - 1. There is no verb in verse 22
 - 2. Addressing wives, children and slaves
- B. Addressing the patriarch – radically undermining his inherent male authority (Eph. 5:25)
 - 1. The husband is called to become an agent of the Messiah's dignifying love to all in his home
 - 2. The husband's self-giving love as submission

Subverting Greco-Roman Household Codes

Application:

- A. Hupostasso doesn't mean a wife can be treated like a door mat or forced to do things
- B. The home is sometimes the greatest test to our spirituality
- C. Christ modelled submission in community (Jn. 13:13-15)