**Home at Roles - Ephesians 5:22-33; 6:1-9** 2-19-25

**Introduction**

 The Context:

 1. Wives (22-24)

 2. Husbands (25-29)

 \*at verse 33 - both husbands and wives (wrap up)

 2 ½ - The Church

 3. Children - 6:1-3 - on 2-26-25

 4. Fathers - 6:4 - on 2-26-25

 5. Servants - 6:5-9 (“slaves” in NIV) -on 2-26-25

 Speaks to “order” and “authority”

 -remember Bill Gothard?

 Reciprocal roles/ like a dance - even for parents and children

 For the home... only

**1. Wives** (22-24, and 33)

 “Submit” - wives versus “obey” -for children

 -not be submitted by husband, but submit “yourselves”

 -note... same type “submitting” as in verse 21 - last week

 To “own” husbands (22 and 24)

 -to all men?

 “In everything”

 The “pattern” of Christ

 “Head” = leader

 At verse 33

 Wives - reverence (NIV - “respect”)

 Husbands - Love

 Out of various cultures/ pagan

 2025 - women not allowed to speak in business meeting - ??

**2. Husbands** (25-29)

 Love like Christ (25-29)

 Love like their own bodies (28-29)

 Like themselves (33)

 What kind of love? - giving (25)

 -in the same way that Christ “gave” Himself (28)

 Romantic love - Valentine’s Day

 Christ’ love - bigger

 “Love” - in their day - Greek women not permitted to eat with the men

 -totally different from Christ’ love (here the Greek word is “*agapao*”

 He did not love the church with the idea... “what is in my best interest?”

 He willingly sacrificed Himself on the cross

2 ½ - The **Church**

 -just like Christ loved the church

 A VERY high standard

 Like themselves - in the same way that Christ is the “head” of the body - one body

3. Example of Pastors as leaders yet not “kings”

 Authority and Leadership - Bill Gothard

 Authority of the government

 Authority of parents ...later

 Authority of masters and “servants”

 \*Authority and abuse - Bill Gothard being charged with sexual abuse of young girls

 -pastors and abuse of their role

 -politicians and their abuse of power

 Authority/ leadership is a gift... subject (often) to corruption

4. **Children** - 6:1-3

5. **Fathers** - 6:4

6. **Servants** - 6:5-9

 -NIV - “slaves” / KJV - “servants”