**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”