

FWG - Ephesians 5:22-6:4

Week of: April 5, 2020

Song: *I Have Decided to Follow Jesus*

Youtube: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=S8jvfdToqY>

Prayer: *Father, thank you that we can worship today as a family. Thank you that we are healthy. Thank you for our groceries. Thank you for our home. Help us to listen and learn and worship you today. In Jesus name, Amen.*

Text: Ephesians 5:22-6:4

Explanation: Paul, the Apostle, is going into detail on how family relationships should be shaped. Wives should follow the leadership of their loving and self-sacrificing husbands. Husbands should lead their wives to be more like Christ. Children should obey their parents. Fathers should be active in their children's lives with respect, not provoking them to anger, but disciplining them and instructing them.

The Point: Jesus changes family relationships. Your family should look like Christ.

Application:

Pre-K & Elementary Age: How can you obey Mommy & Daddy this week? How do you see Mommy following Daddy? How do you see Daddy loving Mommy like Jesus loves his church?

Middle & High School Students: Why should you obey your parents? (The Bible commands it.) How do you see our marriage reflecting the gospel of Jesus? How do you see Dad loving Mom like Jesus loves the Church? - *Help your child see biblical leadership in your marriage. If you're convicted yourself, make pledges before your children to love and lead better.*

**If 6:4 is convicting (perhaps you have a teen that you are not seeing eye-to-eye with), now is a great time for an honest discussion about the relationship. Be prepared to be humble and patient. Listen to your teen. Hear their heart.*

Young Adult: *What do you want your marriage to look like? If you're in a dating relationship, have you had this conversation with your boyfriend or girlfriend? Be honest about what you desire your married relationship to look like.*

Adult: How does your relationship reflect a biblical marriage as outlined in Ephesians? Discuss your roles in the relationship, any changes or convictions that you need or want to implement. Discuss where you need to seek some help or counseling in your relationship. Make plans and commitment to steer your relationship towards a biblical marriage.

Empty Nesters: See the discussion above for adults. Are you praying for your children and their marriages? Are you still modeling a biblical marriage for them? How?

Song: *Holy, Holy, Holy*

Youtube: <https://youtu.be/dz22jPDaCTA>

Alternate: <https://youtu.be/sl6ZkTbUgW4>

Prayer: Father, please help us to live our lives like you have taught us to. We clearly struggle in these areas: (fill in the blank). Please help us to conform to your word. Help us to keep the commitments that we are making before you right now.