

## **“LOVE AND RESPECT: THE SECRETS TO LASTING RELATIONSHIPS**

### **“Everything You’re Missing (That You Already Have)” - Part 10**

**July 13, 2025**

#### **6 Secrets to Lasting Relationships**

##### **1. Practice mutual submission.**

**Ephesians 5:21 submit to one another out of reverence for Christ.**

**Philippians 2:3-4 3 Don’t be selfish; don’t try to impress others. Be humble, thinking of others as better than yourselves.**

**4 Don’t look out only for your own interests, but take an interest in others, too.**

**Romans 12:10 Love each other with genuine affection, and take delight in honoring each other.**

##### **2. Choose Honor Over Control**

**Ephesians 5:22 -24 22 For wives, this means submit to your husbands as to the Lord.**

**23 For a husband is the head of his wife as Christ is the head of the church. He is the Savior of his body, the church.**

**24 As the church submits to Christ, so you wives should submit to your husbands in everything.**

##### **3. Lead with sacrificial love.**

**Ephesians 5:25-27 25 For husbands, this means love your wives, just as Christ loved the church. He gave up his life for her**

**26 to make her holy and clean, washed by the cleansing of God's word.**

**27 He did this to present her to himself as a glorious church without a spot or wrinkle or any other blemish. Instead, she will be holy and without fault.**

**1 John 3:16 We know what real love is because Jesus gave up his life for us. So we also ought to give up our lives for our brothers and sisters.**

**4. See your spouse as an extension of you.**

**Ephesians 5:28-30 28 In the same way, husbands ought to love their wives as they love their own bodies. For a man who loves his wife actually shows love for himself.**

**29 No one hates his own body but feeds and cares for it, just as Christ cares for the church.**

**30 And we are members of his body.**

**5. See your union as sacred.**

**Ephesians 5:31-32 31 As the Scriptures say, "A man leaves his father and mother and is joined to his wife, and the two are united into one."**

**32 This is a great mystery, but it is an illustration of the way Christ and the church are one.**

**6. Choose love and respect - even when you don't feel like it!**

**Ephesians 5:33 So again I say, each man must love his wife as he loves himself, and the wife must respect her husband.**

### **ADDITIONAL ANNOUNCEMENTS**

#### **“THE BAIT OF SATAN”**

**Summer Small Group led by Krystal Elder**

**Fridays Starting July 11th - August 22nd**

**6:00 - 8:30 pm Pot luck supper begins at 6 and study begins at 6:45 pm**

**Are you compelled to tell your side of the story?**

**Do you fight thoughts of suspicion or distrust?**

**Are you constantly rehearsing past hurts?**

**Have you lost hope because of what someone did to you?**

*The Bait of Satan* exposes one of the most deceptive snares Satan uses to get believers out of the will of God--offense. This trap restrains countless Christians, severs relationships, and widens the gulfs between us. Jesus said, "It is impossible that no offenses should come" (Luke 17:1). Although you *will* encounter offense, you can choose how you will react.

**Come and join us this summer on Fridays nights at 6 pm starting July 11th! If you're interested, please share the information requested below and return this form to Krystal Elder or Ernie.**

**NAME** \_\_\_\_\_

**PHONE** \_\_\_\_\_

**EMAIL** \_\_\_\_\_

**CHURCH YARD SIGNS!**- Please take a yard sign (or two) home with you to promote our church to our neighbors. We still have red, yellow and multicolored signs with our church logo on one side - and “4U - Because You Matter to God” on the other side. The signs are located in the foyer area - just to your left as you leave the worship center.

**PRAYER** - Toward the end of our closing song two of our deacons will come up to the left of the stage to offer prayer for anyone that would like to speak with them. They will, then hang around for a few more minutes in case anyone needs prayer.

**OFFERING BOXES** - If you would like to leave an offering to go to the general funds for Ashland Community Church, you can drop it off in one of the offering boxes that are just to the right and left of the doors before you leave the worship center. There is also an offering box just to the left of the door if you leave the worship center from the door in the front of the worship center. Thank you for your gifts that are enabling us to increase our ministries!

**YOUTH GROUP** - Tuesdays 6:30-8:30 PM. They will be meeting in the dining room downstairs.

**WORSHIP AT THE BEACH (COOKOUT AND BAPTISMS)!**- Our annual worship service at the Ashland Beach is scheduled for Sunday, August 24th at 10 am. We will be serving a cookout for everyone at the beach right after the worship service, and then having some more baptisms! Please see Ernie if you or someone you know would like to get baptized on that day.

**BACK TO CHURCH SUNDAY!** - September 21st! - Save the date! We’re planning to have a big celebration this year as we start having two Sunday morning worship services ( 9 & 10:45 am). We’ll be recruiting for several positions that still need to be filled in order to make this a success, and we’ll be looking for lots of volunteers for several projects to make our church look great for this special occasion. We’ll keep you posted with plenty of updates up until the big event.