BLESSED BEYOND MEASURE



Secrets of an Awesome Wife and Awesome Husband

Eph. 5:21-33

SARAH, THE AWESOME WIFE

Spouse of Abraham:

- Founder of Jewish people
- Modeled doctrine of righteousness by faith
- So obedient to God, willing to sacrifice Isaac
- All nations blessed through Abraham
- Israel-UAE treaty named after him!

Behind every great man is a great woman!

SARAH, THE AWESOME WIFE

1 Peter 3:1-6: In the same way, you wives, be submissive to your own husbands so
that even if any of them are disobedient to the word, they may be won without a
word by the behavior of their wives, 2 as they observe your chaste and respectful
behavior. 3 Your adornment must not be merely external—braiding the hair, and
wearing gold jewelry, or putting on dresses; 4 but let it be the hidden person of the
heart, with the imperishable quality of a gentle and quiet spirit, which is precious in
the sight of God. 5 For in this way in former times the holy women also, who hoped in
God, used to adorn themselves, being submissive to their own husbands; 6 just as
Sarah obeyed Abraham, calling him lord, and you have become her children if you do
what is right without being frightened by any fear.

JOSEPH, THE AWESOME HUSBAND

- Spouse of Mary (birth mother of Jesus).
- Didn't shame her after the news of her pregnancy.
- Mt. 1:20 "... behold, an angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream, saying, "Joseph, son of David, do not be afraid to take Mary as your wife; for the Child who has been conceived in her is of the Holy Spirit."

EPHESIANS 5:21-33

Sarah's voice:

22 Wives, submit yourselves to your own husbands as you do to the
Lord. 23 For the husband is the head of the wife as Christ is the head of the
church, his body, of which he is the Savior. 24 Now as the church submits to
Christ, so also wives should submit to their husbands in everything.

1 Cor 11:7-12 – Interdependent nature of man & woman

8 For man does not originate from woman, but woman from man; **9** for indeed man was not created for the woman's sake, but woman for the man's sake....**11** However, in the Lord, neither is woman independent of man, nor is man independent of woman. **12** For as the woman originated from the man, so also the man has his birth through the woman; and all things originate from God.

Eph 5:23 – God's vertical design: headship

> **23** For the husband is the head of the wife as Christ is the head of the church..."

1 Cor. 11:3 **3** But I want you to understand that Christ is the head of every man, and the man is the head of a woman, and God is the head of Christ.

Eph 5:25 – Sarah understood God's "chain of command."

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EPHESIANS 5:21-33

Joseph's voice:

25 Husbands, love your wives, just as Christ loved the church and gave
himself up for her 26 to make her holy, cleansing her by the washing with
water through the word, 27 and to present her to himself as a radiant
church, without stain or wrinkle or any other blemish, but holy and
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Serving our wives is what beautifies her, communicates worth to her

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<u>Awesome wives and awesome husbands intersect in Eph. 5:21</u>

21 “Be subject to one another in the fear of Christ.”



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