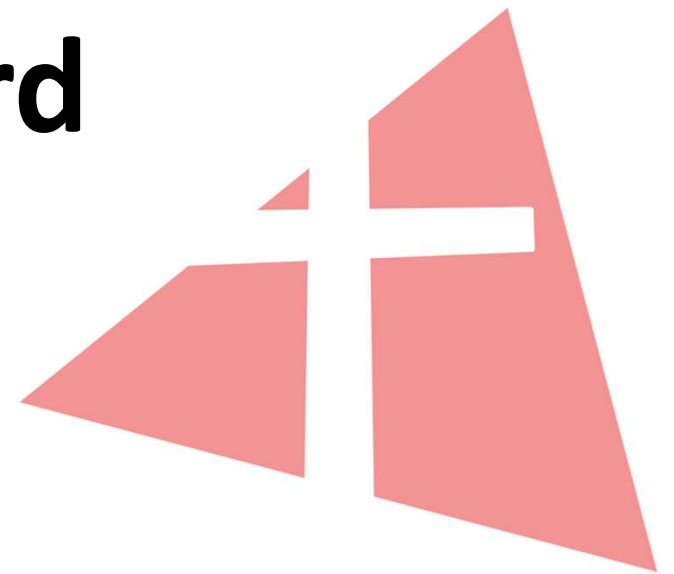


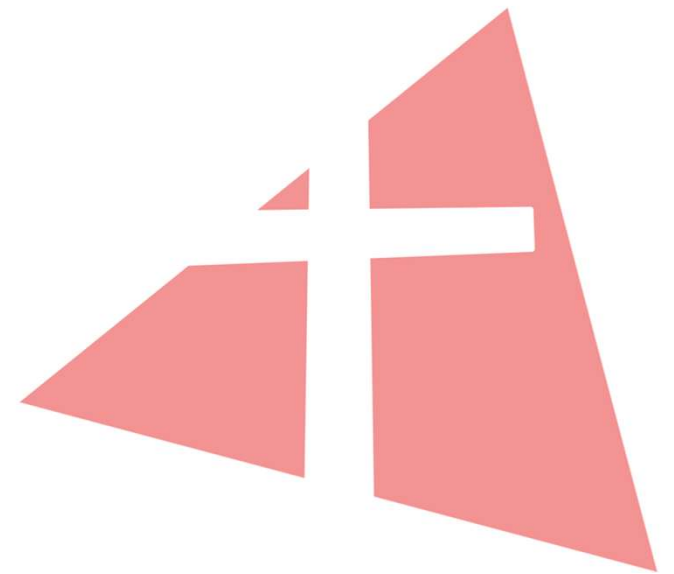
Community: The S-Word

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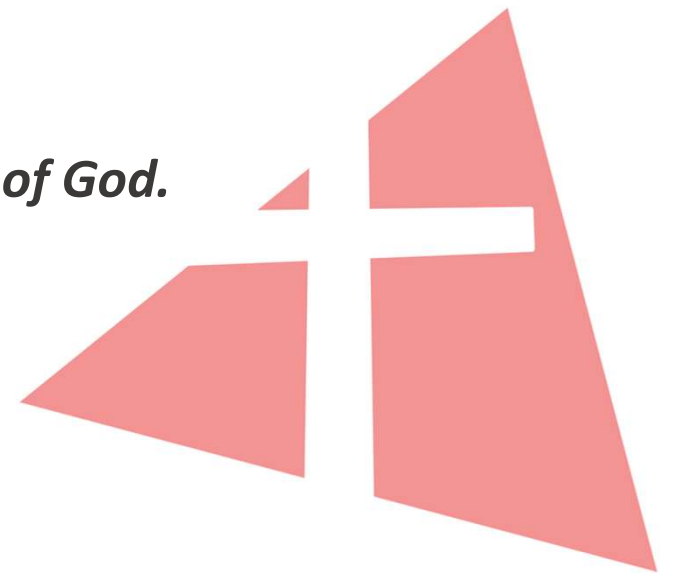
- **Community: One Anothers**



Today's Focus

- **The S-Word: Submit to one another**

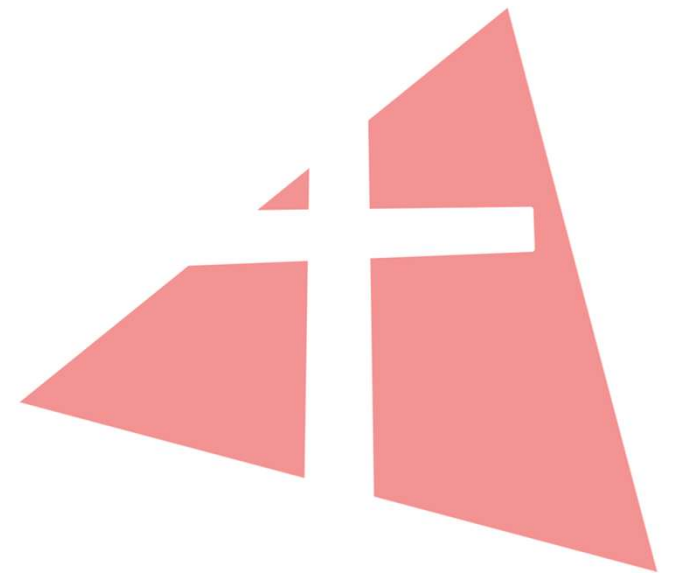
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What is Submission?

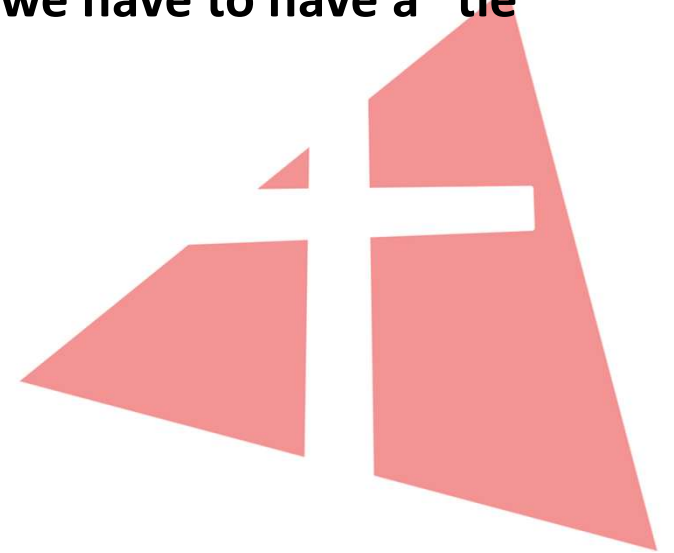
- **Submission is NOT**

- Not allowed to have an opinion
- Being of less worth
- Simply having to do whatever the other person says
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Reality

- Every time we have more than one person making a decision, we have to have a “tie breaker”
- We need leadership

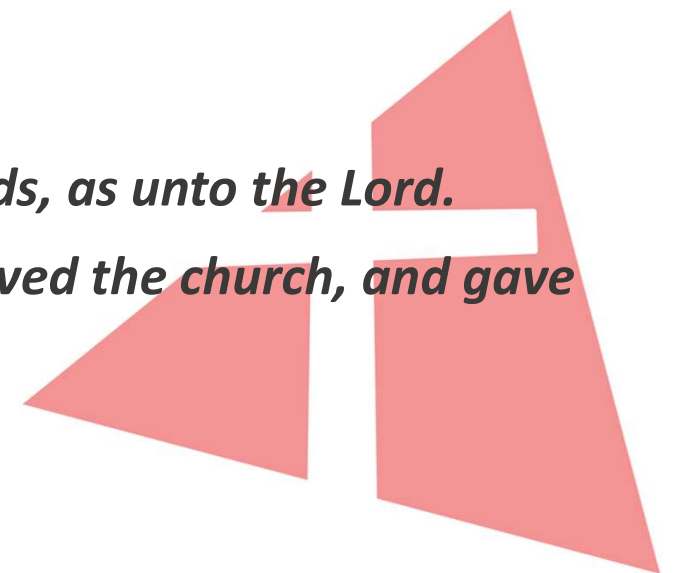


Biblical Leadership

- Biblical leadership is not the right to tell other people what to do
- Biblical leadership is to make decisions that meets the needs of other people above our own

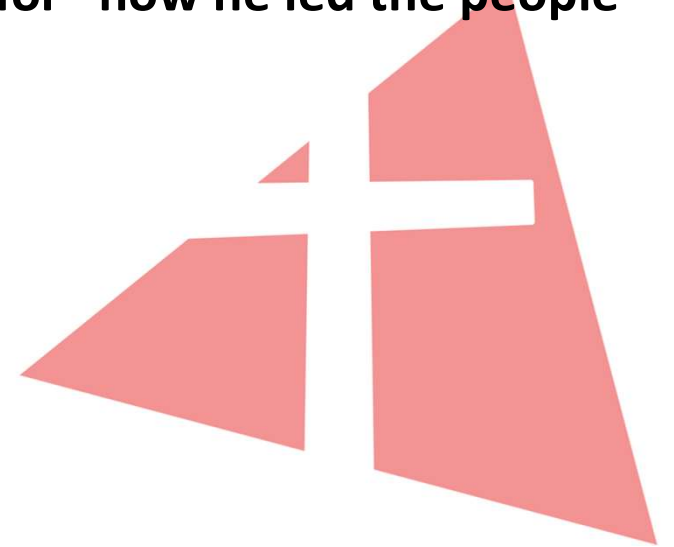
Ephesians 5:22 Wives, submit yourselves unto your own husbands, as unto the Lord.

Ephesians 5:25 Husbands, love your wives, even as Christ also loved the church, and gave himself for it;



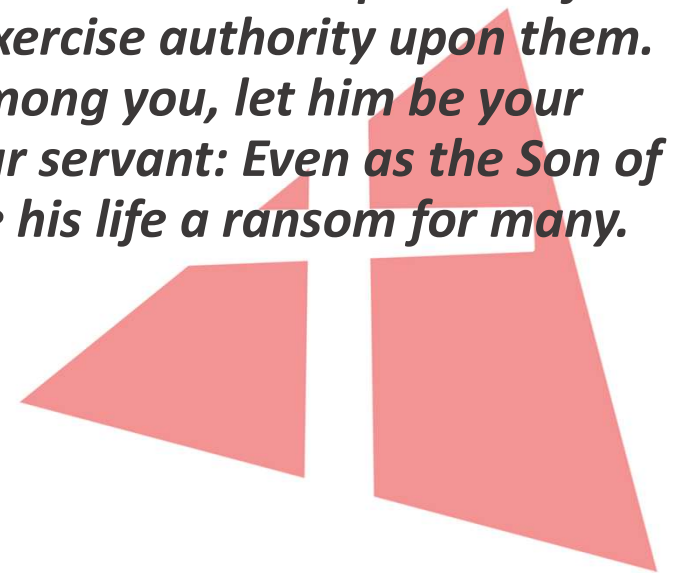
Biblical Leadership

- **Any person in Biblical Leadership will have to give an account for “how he led the people God entrusted him”**
- **Abuse of this authority is a serious sin**



Jesus' Commandment

Matthew 20:25-28 But Jesus called them unto him, and said, You know that the princes of the Gentiles exercise dominion over them, and they that are great exercise authority upon them. But it shall not be so among you: but whosoever will be great among you, let him be your minister; And whosoever will be chief among you, let him be your servant: Even as the Son of man came not to be ministered unto, but to minister, and to give his life a ransom for many.



Jesus submitted to ...

- **The Father**

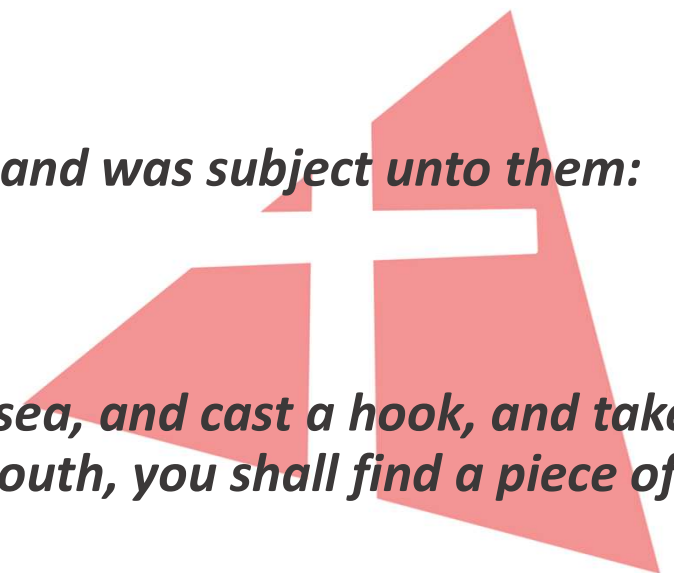
Luke 22:42 Saying, Father, if you be willing, remove this cup from me: nevertheless not my will, but yours, be done.

- **His earthly parents**

Luke 2:51 And he went down with them, and came to Nazareth, and was subject unto them: but his mother kept all these sayings in her heart.

- **Local Authorities**

Matthew 17:27 However, lest we should offend them, go to the sea, and cast a hook, and take up the fish that first comes up; and when you have opened its mouth, you shall find a piece of money: that take, and give unto them for me and you.



Jesus submitted to ...

- Spiritual leaders

Matthew 23:2-3 Saying, The scribes and the Pharisees sit in Moses' seat: All therefore whatsoever they bid you observe, that observe and do; but do not according to their works: for they say, and do not.

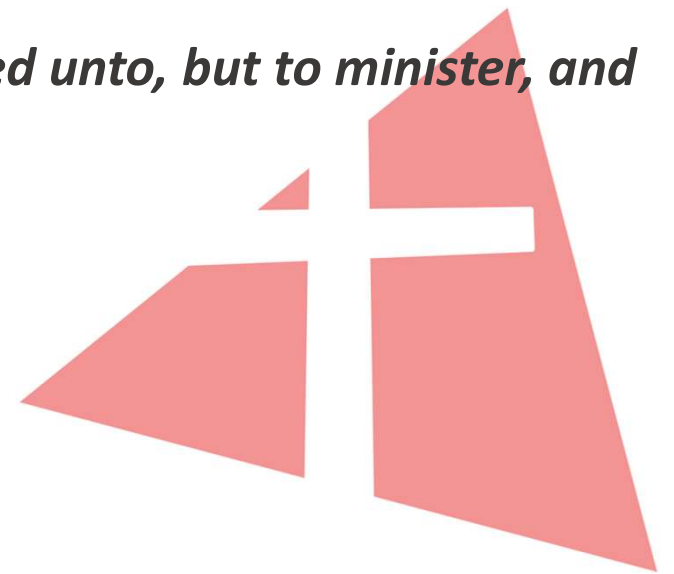
- Even his enemies

Luke 22:53 When I was daily with you in the temple, you stretched forth no hands against me: but this is your hour, and the power of darkness.



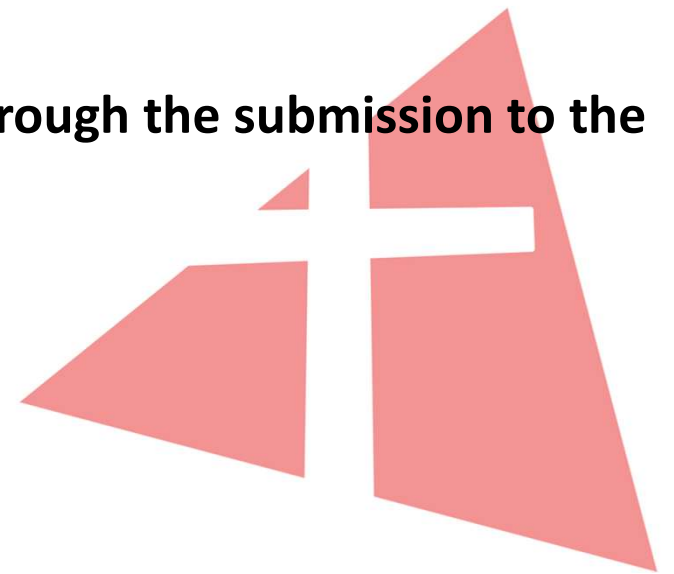
Jesus came to serve

Matthew 20:28 Even as the Son of man came not to be ministered unto, but to minister, and to give his life a ransom for many.



Submission

- **Biblical Submission is not a command to become a doormat**
- **Biblical Submission is to trust that God will meet our needs through the submission to the person who is leading us**



What if the person isn't doing well?

- God's command is not dependent on "how well the other person is leading"
- The only exception is being expected to sin



Who we should submit to?

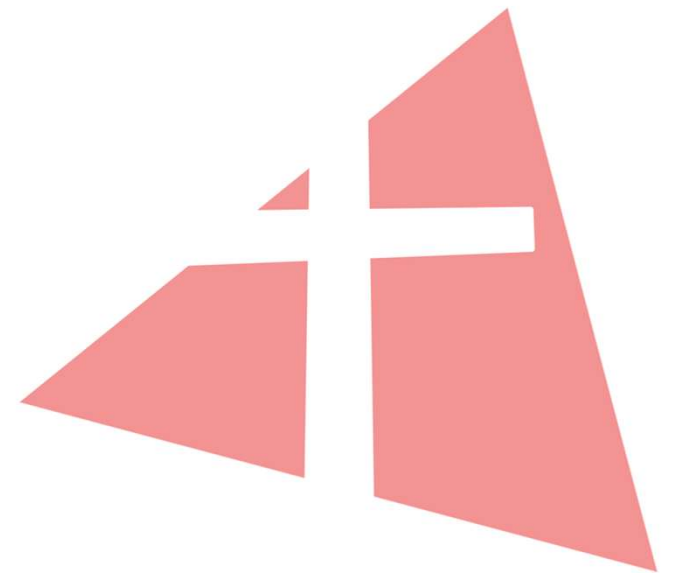
- To God

James 4:7 Submit yourselves therefore to God. Resist the devil, and he will flee from you.



Who we should submit to?

- **Husband & Wife**



Who we should submit to?

- Church Leadership

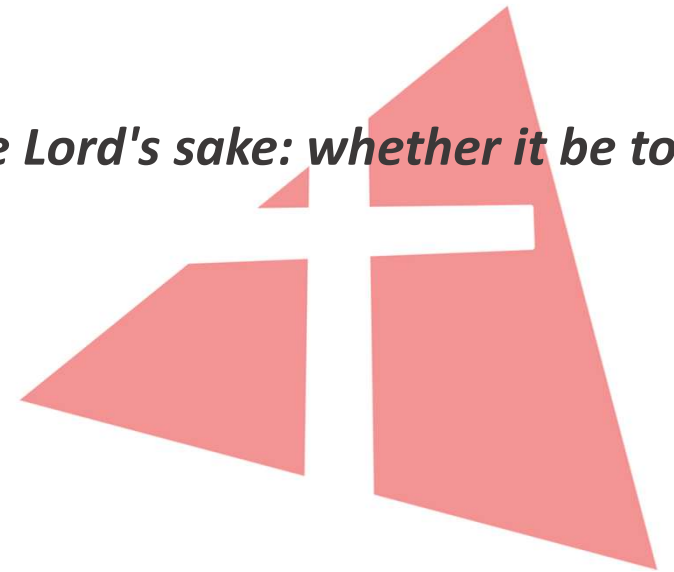
Hebrews 13:17 Obey them that have the rule over you, and submit yourselves: for they watch for your souls, as they that must give account, that they may do it with joy, and not with grief: for that is unprofitable for you.



Who we should submit to?

- **Local Authorities**

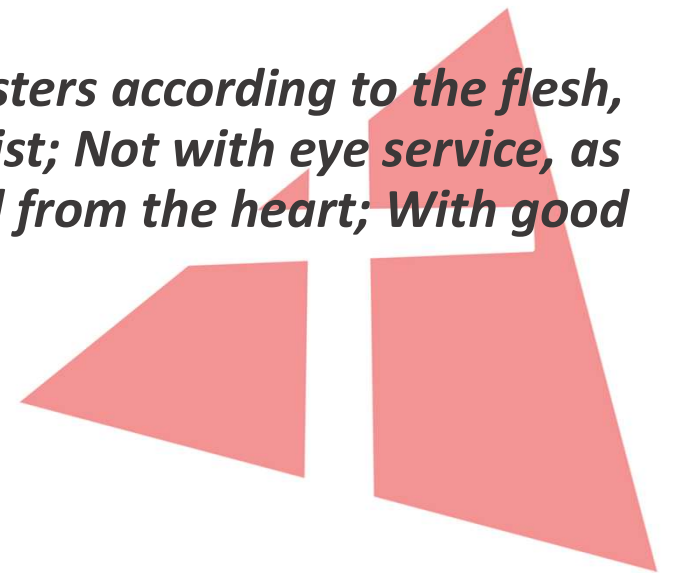
1 Peter 2:13 Submit yourselves to every ordinance of man for the Lord's sake: whether it be to the king, as supreme;



Who we should submit to?

- **Earthly masters**

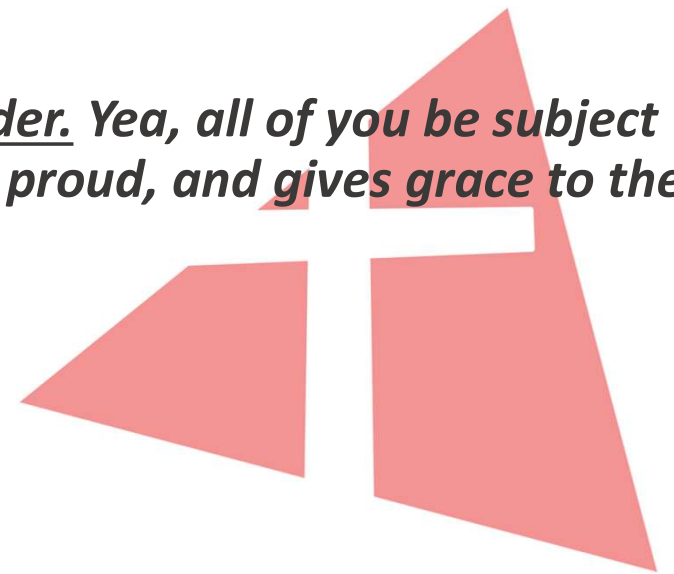
Ephesians 6:5-7 Servants, be obedient to them that are your masters according to the flesh, with fear and trembling, in singleness of your heart, as unto Christ; Not with eye service, as men pleasers; but as the servants of Christ, doing the will of God from the heart; With good will doing service, as to the Lord, and not to men:



Who we should submit to?

- To Older People

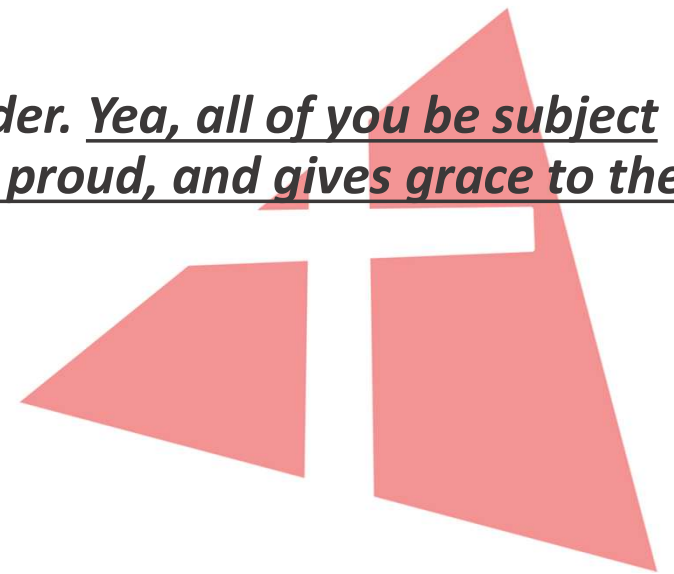
1 Peter 5:5 Likewise, you younger, submit yourselves unto the elder. Yea, all of you be subject one to another, and be clothed with humility: for God resists the proud, and gives grace to the humble.



Who we should submit to?

- To One Another

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Practically Speaking

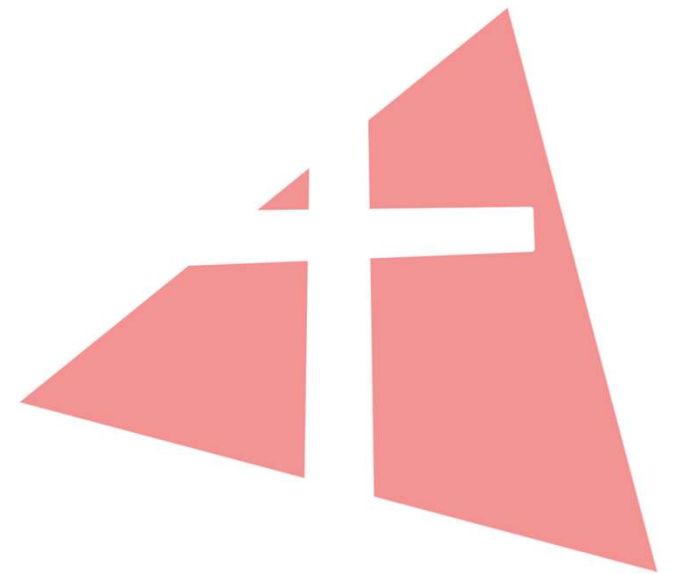
- Consider the needs of others
- Being willing to let other people have their way

Philippians 2:3 Let nothing be done through strife or vain glory; but in lowliness of mind let each esteem others better than themselves.



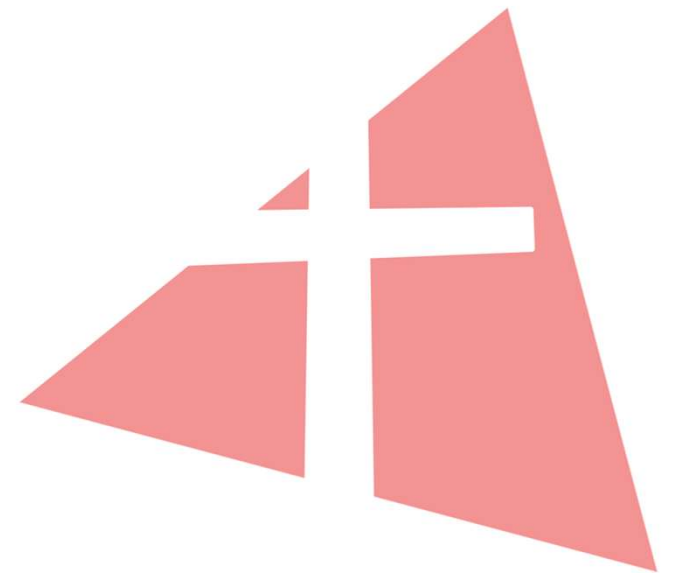
The Opposite

- **Bossing people around**
- **Nagging**
- **Manipulating**
- **Trying to get people on our side**
- **...**



An Indicator

- **Submission creates submission in others**
- **Dominance creates the desire to dominance in others**
- **The result is unity (or the lack of it)**



In Conclusion

- Being willing to “submit to each other” is a key element to being the Community God wants us to be

Ephesians 5:21 Submitting yourselves one to another in the fear of God.





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REMEMBER **HIS** SACRIFICE