

# LEADING WITH A TREASURING AFFECTION

*Ephesians 5:25-33*

I. Husbands, lead with unconditional affection.

II. Husbands, lead with sacrificial affection.

III. Husbands, lead with devotional affection.

## QUESTIONS FOR FAMILY WORSHIP

1. What does it mean for the husband to be the head of his wife?
2. What is love? Pastor Nick talked a lot about love being an *affection*. What does that mean? Why is it important for us to understand this?
3. Why is love drawn toward its object? Why should husbands be drawn toward their wives?
4. Where did Jesus demonstrate His loving affection to us the most clearly? What does that teach us about how husbands should love their wives?
5. Where do husbands get the power or ability to love like this?

## QUESTIONS FOR PRIVATE REFLECTION

1. Has my experience or my culture made God's good design of male headship less than good in my eyes? How does Paul's teaching in Eph. 5 challenge me at this point?
2. Do I believe love is an affection? Or do I think it is a bunch of emotivistic hogwash? What difference would it make in my life if I understood love as an affection, rather than a volitional act?
3. *Husbands*: Am I leading with affections that cherish my wife? What do my demeanor, words, and actions toward her say about the condition of my heart? What am I doing to cultivate this treasuring affection toward her?