



## Happy Husband, Happy Home

**Focus** A great marriage is one in which the needs of each spouse are recognized and met by the other in a biblical way.

**Open** What is your favorite action movie? Why?

**Read** God designed marriage to be a reflection of His image on earth. The Bible tells wives to respect their husbands (Ephesians 5:33), and for both spouses to submit to one another (Ephesians 5:21). The word “submission” is like the word “submarine.” It means to put your mission under the other person’s mission.

A few of a man’s greatest needs are companionship, sex and, most importantly, honor. Meeting these needs is the key to a husband’s heart. The Bible says that wives are to treat their husbands as though they were interacting with Jesus. When wives respect and honor their husbands in the same way they would treat Jesus, the result is a happy, empowered husband.

- Talk**
1. [Men] Why is it important to you for your wife to be your companion? How do you think it benefits your marriage?
  2. As a couple, have you made it a point to do fun things together? What are some fun things you enjoy as a couple?

3. *"We go 'deaf' when our spouse does not honor our primary need."* ~ Pastor Robert Morris. (A man's number one need is honor; a woman's is security.) Why are we unable to hear one another properly when we are not honoring each other's primary need?
4. [Men] Would you rather feel loved and accepted or adequate and respected? Why?  
[Women] Are you surprised by his answer? Why or why not?
5. Why is honor empowering to a man?

**Live**

1. [Women] What do you respect most about your husband? What is one area in which you are proud of him?
2. On your own, ask the Lord to show you an area concerning your marriage (or interpersonal relationships) in which you know the right thing to do but are not doing it. Write it down. Make a commitment to the Lord to obey Him this week.

**Pray**

Thank God for your spouse and your marriage. Thank Him that the Bible gives you the key to your spouse's heart. Ask Him to show both of you how to recognize and meet your spouse's needs more readily and willingly.