



Maranatha Weekly Study Guide - 12/9/20

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An important lesson this week: Submission

What does submission mean?

- It means putting others before yourself.
- It means not always doing what you want to do.
- It means you don't always have to be right or have the last word in an argument.
- It does NOT mean to stop thinking and just always doing what someone else tells you or wants you to do.
- It does NOT mean you can't disagree or discuss things.
- It does NOT mean you should do what others want because you are afraid of them.
- Submission is a choice. It isn't being forced to do something.



Who are we supposed to submit to?

- God asks us to submit to Him because we love Him.
- To show our love for God, God also asks us to submit to people in charge - teachers, parents, police officers, and many others.
- We should submit to our family members and friends to show them we love them, too.
- *When you try to practice this, don't forget what we just read about what submission is and is NOT.*

READ & DISCUSS:

Remember Ruth? We read about her a few weeks ago. You can read her story in Ruth 1 - 4 or in the *Beginner's Bible*, "Ruth and Naomi," starting on page 152.

- Who did Ruth submit to by putting this person before herself?
- Was Ruth forced to submit?
- Was she afraid of the person she was submitting to?

Let's read about someone else who submitted - Mary. Read her story in Luke 1:26-38 or in the *Beginner's Bible*, "An Angel Visits Mary," starting on page 266.

- Who did Mary submit to?
- Why did Mary say she would submit?



MEMORIZE: Deuteronomy 10:12, "And now, Israel, what does the LORD your God ask of you but to fear the LORD your God, to walk in obedience to him, to love him, to serve the LORD your God with all your heart and with all your soul."

We'll add verse 13 soon!

If you didn't check this out last time, here is a song to go with this verse:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=hFCMxBWwQ-Q>



HAVE FUN:

Trust Walk Maze

Supplies needed: blindfolds

- Create a pathway around the room or house to follow.
- One person will be blindfolded and someone else will have to guide them along the pathway using only their voice.
- Let everyone have a turn being blindfolded! (For older participants, change the path a little each time!)
- Sometimes following God feels like walking with a blindfold on, but we can trust that God has a good plan for our lives, even when we go through difficult times. It was probably hard for Mary to trust God at times, but He never left her and He blessed her abundantly!

APPLY IT:

Submitting to others isn't easy and doesn't come naturally to us. So, let's start practicing!

- When you first wake up tomorrow, take a few seconds to pray something like this: God, please help me today to put (spouse, brother, sister, friend, etc.) before myself at least one time.
- During the day, keep looking for a way to put that person first. Can I let this person play with that first, let them decide what we should do, let them get their food first, etc.?

Life Enrichment

What about today's sermon challenged, disturbed, or encouraged you?

- Why do you think equality has been so difficult to attain?
- What factors in our present society make equality elusive for some people?
- According to Galatians 3:28, how has Christ's sacrifice changed the pursuit of equality?
- With Paul's early emphasis on equality, why do you think he demands submission of women, children, and slaves?
- Was there ever a time that Paul permitted women to teach or participate in worship gatherings? What does this tell us about his submission demands?
- What sets biblical submission apart from the type of submission most ancient women, children, and slaves experienced?
- How do Paul's instructions for submission apply to modern relationships?
- Does submission negate equality and dignity? Why or why not?
- What are the biblical boundaries of submission in healthy relationships?

Equality and Submission

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Text: 1 Timothy 2:11-15; Ephesians 5:21

Equality

- Sin's entrance changed the _____ relationship.
- Paul's statement in 1 Timothy 2:11-12 seems to _____ the removal of racial, economic, and gender barriers envisioned in Galatians 3:28.
- Paul was _____ women to teach in the Ephesian church at that specific time because they were espousing a false version of the _____.

Submission

- In Ephesians 5:21-33, Paul is outlining the " _____ " for Christian households.
- Everyone in the Christian family is now living under the _____ of the ultimate head of household – Jesus.
- Submission is a _____ to and _____ of sacrificial love and service.