

Experiencing God: Submission

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Discussion Questions

Listen to the song: Dance with My Father by Luther Vandross.

Reflect on what you hear. Perhaps it reminds you of your own father or mother who put you ahead of themselves. Maybe it reminded you of the type of relationship you did not have but wished to had with your own father/mother. Or perhaps what hit you was the power of submission and how influential it can be when used rightly. If you can't listen to the song then read Philippians 2:1-8 and reflect on it.

1. What are peoples' reaction to the topic: submission? How have you acted to it and why?
2. What are the benefits of submission and the cost of selfishness: A. In marriage. B. In parenting. C. In the workplace. D. In social relationships. E. In politics and global relationships.
3. How do people view submissive people? What's the difference between a person who allows others to dominate them, allow themselves to be taken advantage of, and easily acquiesce to the will and wishes of others and a person who is submissive?
4. What is submission and how has it been abused in the past both by society and within the church?
5. Read Ephesians 5:22-33. What have you heard from the pulpit about the meaning of this passage? Why did Paul tell husbands to love their wives and wives to submit to their husbands? Does that mean a husband does not have to submit to his wife and a wife does not have to love her husband? If not then why did Paul emphasize differing traits for the differing genders?
6. Respond to the level of humiliation Jesus experienced and the degree to which he submitted to the Father's wishes.
7. If we practices submission to the same degree as Jesus did, using your imagination, how would it change: Parenting, marriage, churches, social relationship between young and old, rich and poor, those with differing skin colors, the workplace, politics.
8. Have you been given an opportunity lately to offer the gift of submission to someone< if so share your story.
9. How powerful can submission be if we practiced it? Have you experienced that power?
10. Any further thoughts, insights, questions regarding submission.