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**Choose This Day**  
*To use my time well*

### **SERMON SUMMARY**

<sup>15</sup> **Be very careful, then, how you live—not as unwise but as wise,** <sup>16</sup> making the most of every opportunity, because the days are evil. <sup>17</sup> Therefore do not be foolish, but understand what the Lord's will is. <sup>18</sup> Do not get drunk on wine, which leads to debauchery. Instead, be filled with the Spirit, <sup>19</sup> speaking to one another with psalms, hymns, and songs from the Spirit. Sing and make music from your heart to the Lord, <sup>20</sup> always giving thanks to God the Father for everything, in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ. <sup>21</sup> **Submit to one another out of reverence for Christ.**

Ephesians 5:15-21

#### **Submit to God**

- James 4:7, Philippians 2:6-9
- We need to submit to God first to learn how to submit to others
- Jesus submitting to God the Father is the ultimate example of what it means to submit to God
- Submission is a daily, moment-by-moment decision

#### **Submit to one another**

- Ephesians 5:21, Philippians 2:3, 1 Peter 5:5
- Submitting to each other requires humility, that we look out for the best interests of others

#### **Submit to your spouse**

- Ephesians 5:22-24
- The way that husbands and wives submit to each other is to mirror how the church submits to Jesus

#### **Submit to your parents**

- Ephesians 6:1-4
- When parents are raising children, they are to be the temporary stand-in for God in their children's lives. Children are to learn how to submit to God by learning how to submit to their parents.

## **DISCUSSION**

**Reminders for small group leaders:**

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- We want everyone to interact with God's Word. Please have Bibles available for students who don't have one. We have a limited amount of Bibles available at church, so remind your people to bring theirs if they have one. **Be sure to open up your Bibles together during small group!**
  - Set aside a time to **pray** for each other during every POD. Try not to rush through this time as it's good to have people pray for each other.
  - Regularly **recap** how your POD is doing with your co-leaders. Are you meeting your goals? How can you help your people grow in relationship with God and with each other? Is there anyone in your POD who needs encouragement, prayer, or a meeting with one of you this week?
  - The teaching happened on Sunday at church. **The purpose of small groups is to ask two questions:** 1) *What is God saying to me in His Word?*, 2) *What is He asking me to do in response?*
  - Your role is to help everyone answer these two questions so that God can do His work of transforming hearts and lives.
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### **RECAP with your co-leader/REFLECT by yourself**

- *What stood out to you/encouraged you/challenged you, etc from the message?*
- *What is the learning point and/or action point you want the people in your small group to leave with?*
- *How would you summarize the sermon in one or two sentences?*

### **QUESTIONS**

*Choose (if any) questions that would be good for your group to discuss, or make up your own!*

### **Getting to know you**

- What comes to mind when you hear the word, "submit"?
- The word submit as written by Paul in the Greek generally means "*to adopt a servant lifestyle and attitude*". How does this definition differ from what our culture teaches us submission means (ex. the person you're submitting to has absolute, authoritative submission; submitting means being a doormat)?

### **Into the Bible**

- **Read Ephesians 5:15-21.** This passage is one long sentence of how to live wise lives. Walking in wisdom (vs 15) means that we mutually submit to one another (vs 21).
  - Why was it wise for God to create an order for relationships? / What would happen if we didn't submit to one another (consider others more important than ourselves)?
    - If husbands didn't submit to wives and wives didn't submit to husbands?
    - If children didn't submit to parents?
- **Read Philippians 2:3-8.** Jesus is the ultimate example of submission as He submitted to His Father.
  - How would you describe Jesus' submission?
  - How does this passage reframe what it means to submit to one another?
    - *Put one another's needs and interests ahead of my own*
    - *Treat and view others with humility*
    - *Not being bossy or controlling of others*

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### Application

- God gives us families to teach us about submission (Ephesians 5:21-6:4).
  - What does the relationship between a husband and wife teach us about submitting to others? To God?
  - What does the relationship between children and their parents teach us about submitting to God?
    - *Think back to the Honor Your Parents sermon during The Ten Commandments series. When parents are raising children, they are to be the temporary stand-in for God in their children's lives. Children are to learn how to submit to God by learning how to submit to their parents.*
- How is our ability to submit to one another related to our ability to submit to God?
- How does knowing the character of the person you're submitting to help you (or not help you) submit?
  - Do you know God and His character? Does knowing what He's like prompt you to want to submit (serve) Him?
- Jesus submitted to God, and provides an example of submission for us. **Read James 4:1-8.** Why can it be difficult for you to submit to God? What are you believing about God or yourself when you don't submit to God?
  - *I know better than God; I am in control of my life*
  - *I want what I want (vs 1-3)*
  - *I'd rather be friends with the world than with God (vs 4)*
- What's required of us to submit to God?
  - *Humility before God: acknowledging that we aren't as wise as God*
  - *Humility before God: that we're not in control*
  - *Humility before God: that He loves us and therefore we can trust and obey Him*
- What's required of us to submit to others?
  - *Humility before others: considering others' needs*
  - *Humility before others: valuing others above ourselves*
- **Read 2 Peter 1:3-4.** When we fail at submitting, or desiring to submit, God gives us grace! He enables us to grow in Godly character (humility!).

### PRAY

- Ask God to reveal any pride that's preventing you from submitting to Him. Ask Him for a humble heart.
- Ask Him help you see others the way He does so you can serve them.
- Ask God to teach you how to use your relationships to teach you how to submit to Him.

### ANNOUNCEMENTS

#### *College*

You can still attend **Sprummer** for a cost of \$139. Sign up at [osuepic.com](http://osuepic.com).

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**There is no Epic this week.** Pack your bags and get some studying done! If you haven't received an email with the packing list, send an email to Elena. David Pham will be sending out an email with ride info as well.

**Baptisms** will be happening on Sunday, June 2. If you want to get baptized, talk to Elena or Bryan asap.

**If you're graduating**, we'd like to recognize your achievement during service on June 9. Please email the following info to [andrea@grantavebc.org](mailto:andrea@grantavebc.org) to be included in a powerpoint: name, degree, school name, plan for next year, and a picture.

### *Senior Adults*

The next **Senior Adult Day Trip** will be to the Oregon Coast this Thursday, May 23. Meet at church at 10am and we'll leave for lunch at The Chalet followed by visiting the Yaquina Bay Light House. Contact Doris Dooney with any questions.

### *All church*

Children ages 4 through 5<sup>th</sup> grade are welcome to join us for **Vacation Bible School** July 8-12 at Grant! Please register your child at [grantavebc.org](http://grantavebc.org) according to the grade he/she will have completed by June 30.

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