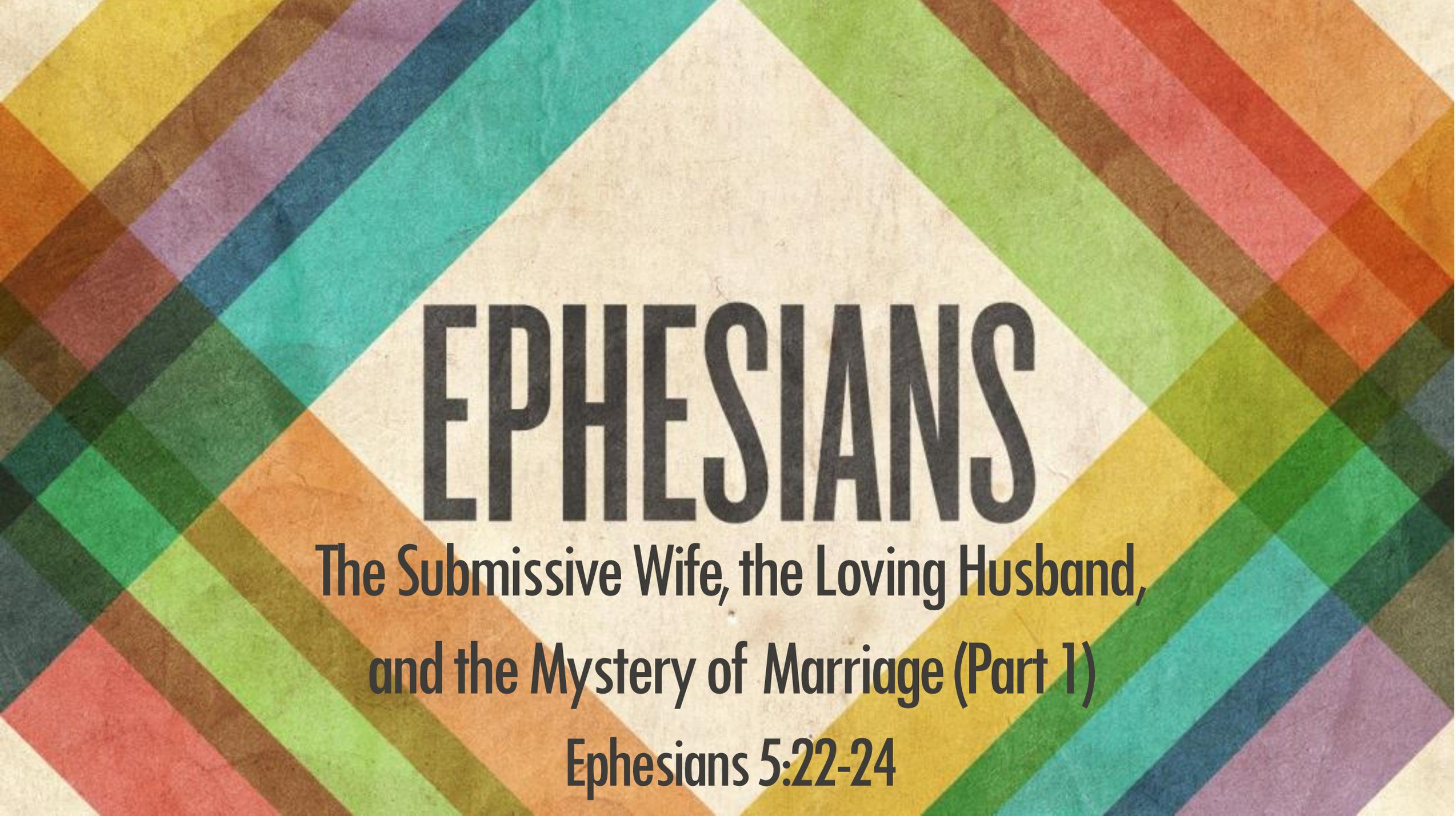




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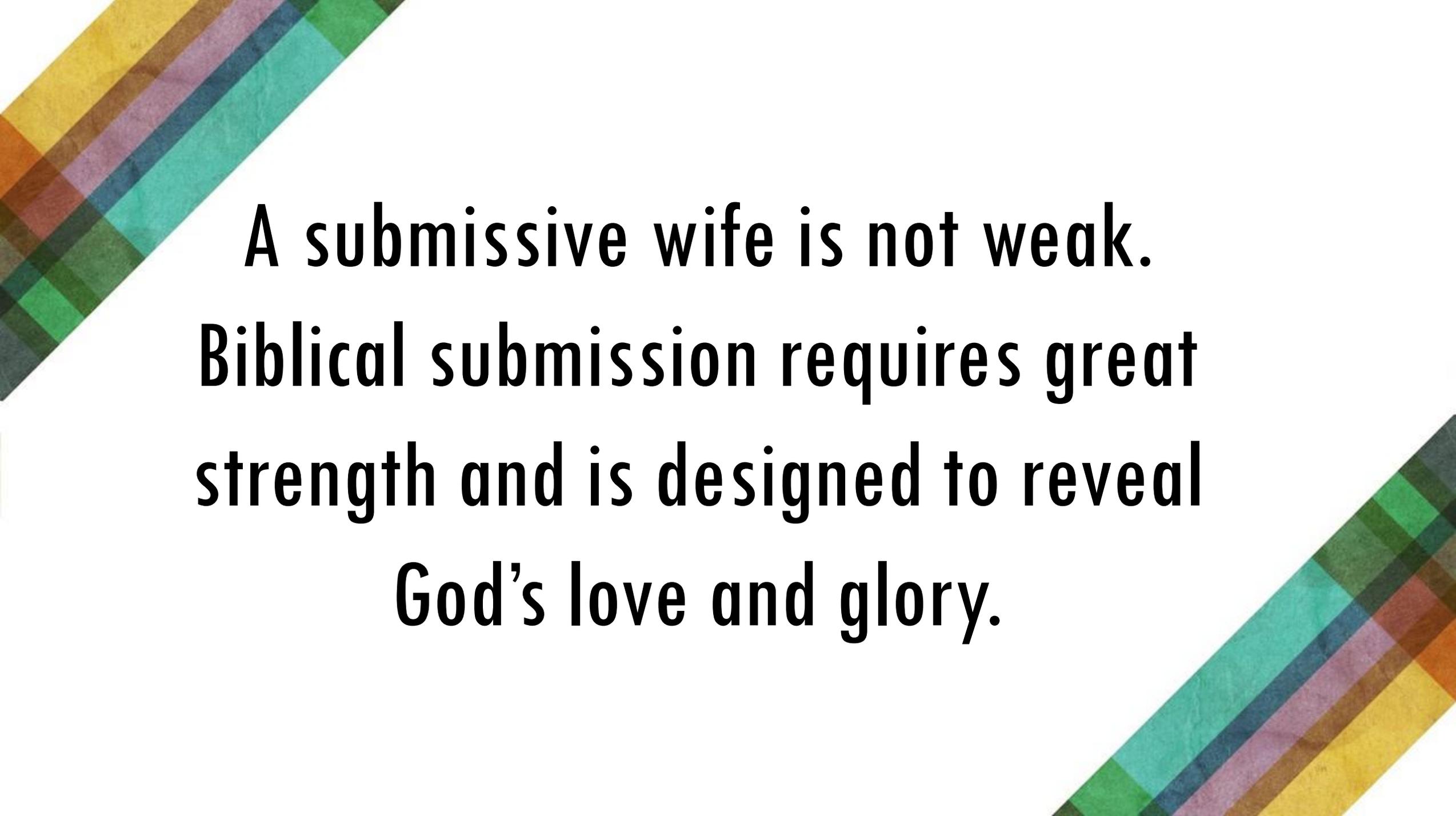
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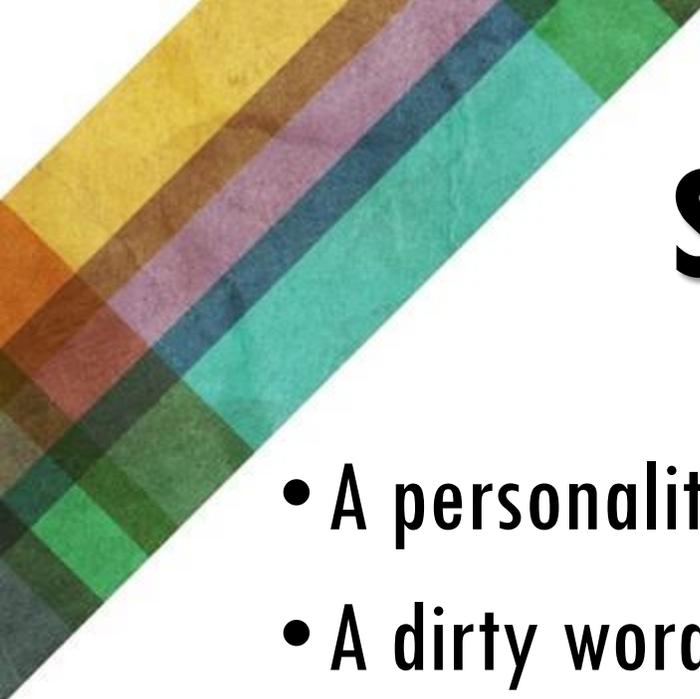
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**The Submissive Wife, the Loving Husband,  
and the *Mystery of Marriage* (Part 1)**

**Ephesians 5:22-24**

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# **Submission is not...**

- A personality trait
- A dirty word
- Based on ability to lead
- About being a housewife
- About all women to all men
- A determination of value
- An invitation for abuse
- A subservient relationship
- The responsibility of the husband to enforce
- Ultimately about your husband



# Submit in the Lord

- Wives submitting to husbands is clearly biblical
  - *Wives, submit to your own husbands, as is fitting in the Lord.*  
Colossians 3:18
  - *Wives, likewise, be submissive to your own husbands, that even if some do not obey the word, they, without a word, may be won by the conduct of their wives*  
1 Peter 3:1
- Submission to your husband is ultimately submission to Jesus
  - *And whatever you do, do it heartily, as to the Lord and not to men, knowing that from the Lord you will receive the reward of the inheritance; for you serve the Lord Christ.*  
Colossians 3:23-24



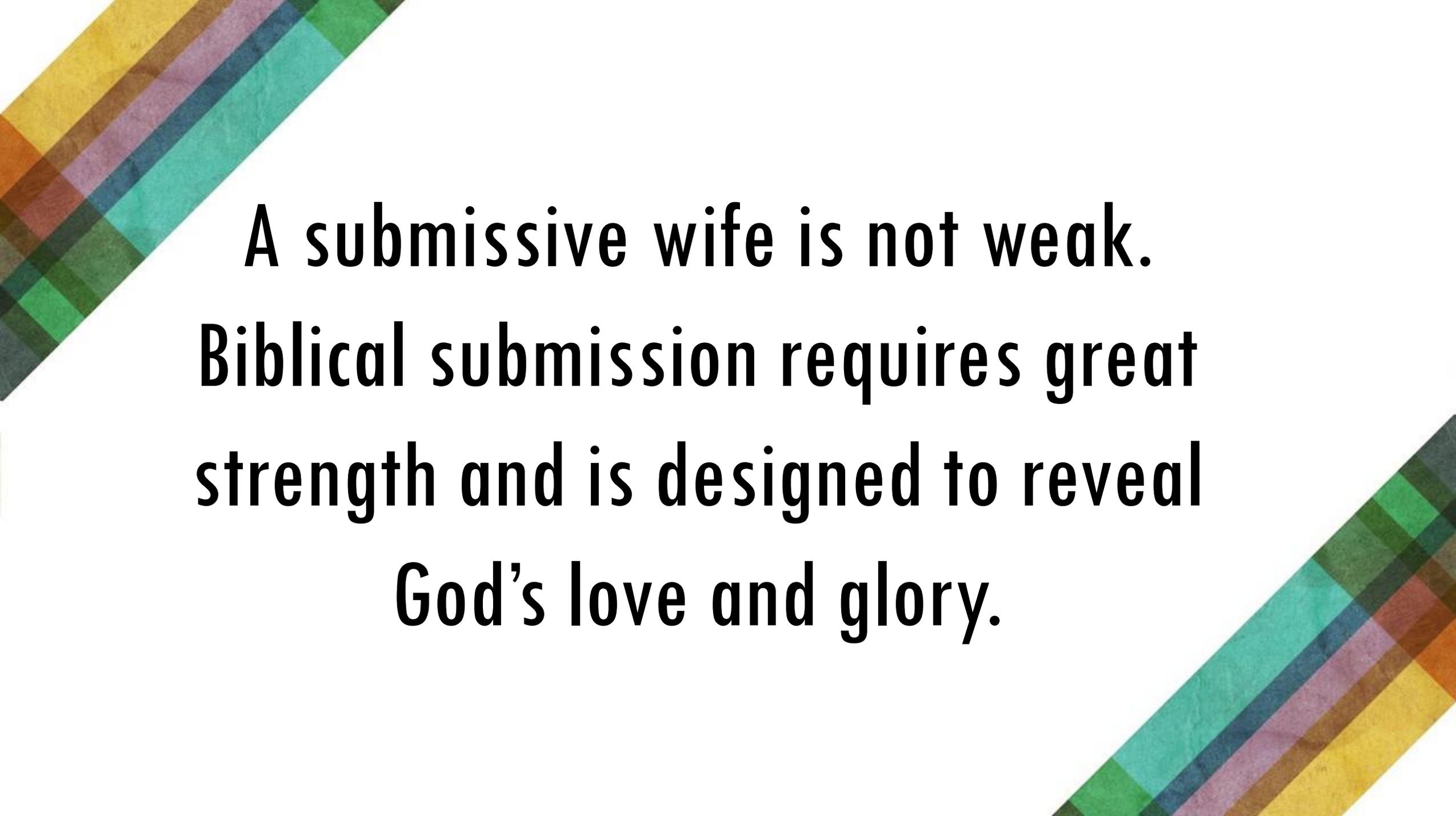
# The Husband is the Head

- Submission is part of God's design
  - *And the Lord God said, "It is not good that man should be alone; I will make him a helper comparable to him."* Genesis 2:18
  - *Therefore a man shall leave his father and mother and be joined to his wife, and they shall become one flesh.* Genesis 2:24
- Sin distorts God's design
  - *To the woman He said: "I will greatly multiply your sorrow and your conception; in pain you shall bring forth children; your desire shall be for your husband, and he shall rule over you."* Genesis 3:16



# This is Bigger Than Us

- Submission is a mark of humility
  - *Likewise you younger people, submit yourselves to your elders. Yes, all of you be submissive to one another, and be clothed with humility, for “God resists the proud, But gives grace to the humble.”* 1 Peter 5:5
- Wives, your submission to your husband is not about you
  - *“For this reason a man shall leave his father and mother and be joined to his wife, and the two shall become one flesh.” This is a great mystery, but I speak concerning Christ and the church. Nevertheless let each one of you in particular so love his own wife as himself, and let the wife see that she respects her husband.* Ephesians 5:31-33

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