



**Theme: Irreconcilable Differences**

**July 3, 2016**

**1) The battle of the sexes cannot be won.**

- a) The war between the sexes began in the Garden Eden after Adam and Eve ate the forbidden fruit.
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**2) The war between the sexes ended at Calvary.**

- a) You end the battle of the sexes in your personal relationships by:
- i) Raising the White Flag of Surrender!
- Ephesians 5:22 (NIV) **“Submit to one another out of reverence for Christ.”**
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- ii) Understanding the Terms of Surrender!
- *Submission is not being a doormat!*
  - *Submission is not being a pleaser!*
  - *Submission is not being a dependent!*
  - *Submission is not being manipulated!*
  - *Submission is an unconditional surrender!*
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- iii) Enjoying the Perks of Surrender!
- Enjoy being treated like a queen!
- (a) Ephesians 5:33a (NIV) “However, each one of you also must love his wife as he loves himself...”

- Enjoy being treated like a king!  
(a) Ephesians 5:33b (NIV) "...and the wife must respect her husband."

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iv) Submitting Your Life to Christ in Full Surrender!

*What is God saying to you through this message?*

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### **next steps**

As you take steps to understanding the differences between men and women read the following Bible passages this week.

- Day 1: Ephesians 5:21-24
- Day 2: Ephesians 5:21, 25-33
- Day 3: Genesis 3:1-7
- Day 4: Genesis 3:8-19
- Day 5: Colossians 3:12-19
- Day 6: Matthew 22:34-40
- Day 7: Galatians 5:22-36