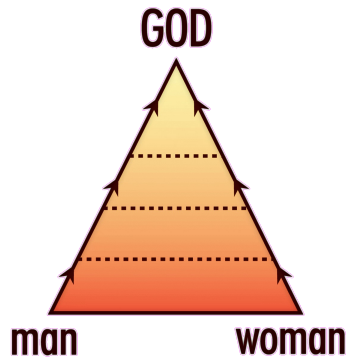


## The Holy Spirit in Marriage

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### 1. Observations from Gen 3:16b

a) Sin ---> disharmony + power struggles

- (*teshuqah*) Wife's desire to control through various means (physical, emotional, etc.)
- (*mashal*) Husband's aggressive domination (mostly physical and economical)

b) No winners.

### 2. Observations from Eph 5:18b-21

a) Holy Spirit ---> harmony + nurturing

- The word *upotasso* in v. 21 does not mean subordination/obedience/subservience, but
- It is a determination to become available to the need of the other person in a relationship (it is the work of the Holy Spirit), and
- It is a determination to give and sacrifice personal preferences for the benefit of the other person (Christ model in a marriage relationship as a result of the work of the Holy Spirit)

b) Harmony in marriage can only come with divine help.

- The Holy Spirit is the divine counselor
- He is the divine instructor

### **3. TAKE AWAY: Give control of your marriage to the Holy Spirit.**

a) If you are *not* a follower of Christ:

- Let the Holy Spirit enter into your life by accepting what God offers through Jesus Christ (You may ask one of the leaders for help with this)

b) If you *are* a follower of Christ:

- Talk to one of the leaders more about this
- Seek a mentoring relationship with couples who can help you, and
- *Seek professional marriage counseling (One of the leaders can help you find a good Christian counselor)*