

# Love, Not Violence: God's Design for Every Husband

Marriage is holy. It was God's idea — a living picture of Christ and His Church.

When a husband walks in love, heaven shines through his home.

But when he walks in anger or violence, he walks away from the heart of God Himself.

## 1. Violence Opposes God's Character

“The Lord examines the righteous, but the wicked, those who love violence, He hates with a passion.”— *Psalm 11:5 (NIV)*

God is love — not sometimes, not when it's convenient — *He is love.*

To raise your hand in anger against your wife is to raise it against the image of God.

You cannot call yourself a man of God and live in a spirit that God Himself hates.

He calls you to lay down pride, anger, and control at the foot of the Cross, where mercy triumphs over judgment.

When violence rules the heart, the Spirit of God withdraws.

But when love rules the home, the presence of God fills it.

## 2. Husbands Are Called to Love, Not Harm

“Husbands, love your wives, just as Christ loved the church and gave Himself up for her.”— *Ephesians 5:25 (NIV)*

Jesus didn't use power to dominate — He used love to redeem.

He didn't control His bride; He covered her with grace.

That's the model. That's the call.

Men, true strength is not found in control — it's found in humility.

To love your wife as Christ loved the Church is to serve, to honor, to lift her up.

It's not weakness to be gentle — it's divine power under submission to the Holy Spirit.

### **3. Abuse Is a Sin Against Both God and His Image**

“Husbands, in the same way be considerate as you live with your wives, and treat them with respect... so that nothing will hinder your prayers.”— *1 Peter 3:7 (NIV)*

Heaven closes its ears to the prayers of a man who mistreats his wife.

God will not partner with a spirit that crushes the one He calls “heir with you of the gracious gift of life.”

When you honor your wife, your prayers carry power.

When you wound her, your prayers go nowhere.

The presence of God does not dwell where there is cruelty — but He rushes in where repentance begins.

### **4. Love Never Hurts**

“Love is patient, love is kind. It does not envy, it does not boast, it is not proud...”  
— *1 Corinthians 13:4-5 (NIV)*

Love never uses fear as a weapon.

Love never crushes — it heals.

Love never breaks down — it builds up.

A husband who walks in love makes his home a place of peace.

When you love your wife with the love of Jesus, you become a living testimony to the world.

### **5. God Protects the Oppressed**

“The Lord is a refuge for the oppressed, a stronghold in times of trouble.”  
— *Psalms 9:9 (NIV)*

God is not silent about abuse.

He stands beside the wounded, He defends the broken, and He resists the proud.

To the woman who feels trapped — God sees you. You are not alone.

He calls you precious, and He fights for your freedom.

To the man who's been violent — God's mercy can still reach you, but only if you turn.

Repentance is not just saying the words, "I'm sorry." Repentance is *I'm done with that life*. I will change.

## **Summary Teaching**

The Bible's message is clear and strong:

- Violence is sin.
- Love means sacrifice, gentleness, and protection.
- Marriage reflects Christ's love — not control.
- God stands with the wounded and resists the abuser.

A husband who harms his wife sins against heaven itself.

But the grace of God can redeem even the hardest heart.

If you will fall to your knees and confess your sin, Jesus can cleanse you, restore your home, and make love your new language.

Because real men don't control — they protect.

They don't wound — they heal.

They don't dominate — they demonstrate Christ's love.

Let the love of God take over your heart, and your home will once again become a place where heaven lives.